

ST. FRANCES CABRINI PARISH

Come and See

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

325 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills, PA 19030

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Monday - Saturday: 9:30 AM

HOLY DAYS: 6:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 7:00 PM

(except January 1st which follows a Sunday Mass schedule)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAY: 4:15-5:15 PM or by appointment

DAILY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

MONDAY - SATURDAY: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

SUNDAY: 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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Rev. Msgr. Michael K. Magee
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Director of Religious Education
Director of Music

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Principal Organist

Mrs. Karen M. David
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Sr. MaryRose Mroz, SCC
Parish Secretary

Rectory Office

Hours: Monday-Friday

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 1:00 - 8:00 PM

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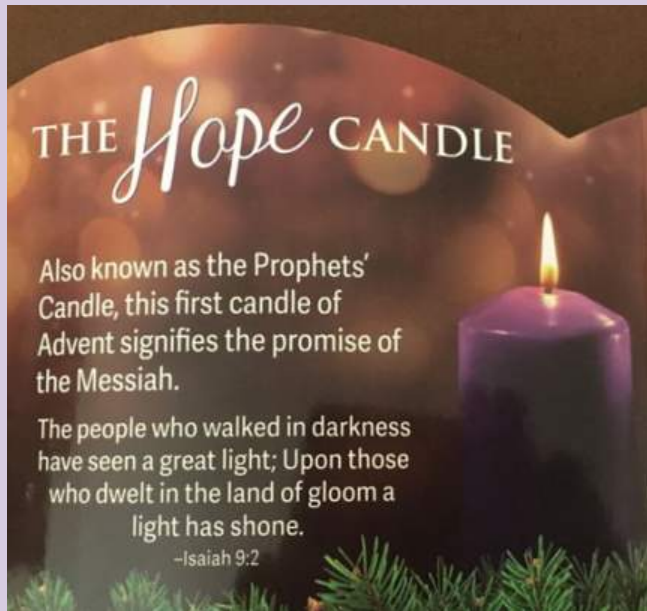
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SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Purpose of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish is to be reverently and passionately committed to the Liturgy and celebration of the Eucharist. Our Parish Community is a Catholic family ignited by the love of Christ, embracing compassion, love, and mutual respect for each other. We encourage and welcome everyone to share our life journey bearing witness to the teachings of Jesus Christ and joyfully praising God in our everyday lives.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.SAINTFRANCESCABRINI.NET



Advent Hope

Theresa Leonetti-O'Connor

“Human beings cannot live without hope. Unlike the animals, we are blessed- or cursed-with the ability to think about the future and to fear our actions to shaping it. So essential is this to human life, that human beings cannot live without hope, without something to live for, without something to look forward to.”

Taken from "The Spirit of Advent," Mark Searle, in Assembly, Volume 7:1. Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, Notre Dame, IN

I wonder how much hope a person needs to survive? Could it be like Jesus says about faith in the Gospel according to Matthew? That if one has faith the size of a tiny mustard seed then even mountains would move on command. I

wonder then if that is the same for hope? I'm not talking about "pie in the sky" hope but down and out, nitty gritty, hold on for one more day, kind of hope. The kind of hope that gets me to put my feet on the floor despite not knowing if I can do much more than that.

This hope, one of the virtues, keeps us holding on for one more day, one more year, or like all of our spiritual ancestors for generations until Christ is to come again like He had promised. Each year, as we welcome the new Church year, we prepare our hearts and make ready the way for Christ to return just as much as we prepare for His birth in Bethlehem. We don't know the day nor the hour, but hope offers us that glimmer to keep going and do the best we can to let go of any doubts.

Even in the midst of darkness and bitter cold, a glimmer of light shines through. Hope helps us to see through all of our pain, sadness and aches to believe and grow in the love and light of Christ that comes just as the darkness falls down upon us. Not today, not today. For today, Christ has me wrapped up and helps me to keep going despite not knowing much or feeling any better.

Advent Hope leads us deeper into Christ's enduring and everlasting promise to be with us until the end of time. We wait and wait. We light candles to dispel the darkness that surrounds us from all sides and huddle together offering our own glimmer of light to each other. Advent Hope helps us breathe easier and reassures that there is not only a tomorrow but so much to live, love and strive for in our own corner of the world.

Hold on to Advent Hope in your hearts and share it with those around you. I know I will!



Sunday, December 3—7:00 PM

Join us in this oasis of Scripture, song, and silence! Come, focus on the true meaning of Advent and Christmas.

Taizé Prayer is a candlelight service which includes music, scripture and time for personal reflection. It is particularly fitting to offer this special prayer experience during the first week in Advent.

December can be an extremely stressful month for many people. For some, there are so many things to do and not enough time to do it all. For others it can mean an increased struggle with loneliness, depression, or addictions. And others are confronted with financial concerns heightened by all the extra expenses of the holidays. Come, hear God's message of hope and love whispered into the silence of your heart.



We must be active in our hope for Christ's return.

Hope is a theological virtue: "We desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC 1817). Hope is an active state of being, not passive. During this Advent season we must be fully alive and fully engaged. We must be committed in our pursuit of the Lord; we must be people of hope.

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

Isaiah laments that the people have wandered from the ways of the Lord and pleads that God rend the heavens and come down. Paul gives thanks for the gifts Christ has bestowed while the Corinthians wait for the revelation of Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts his disciples to be watchful like servants waiting for the return of the lord of the house.



Martha's Cupboard

Thank you for your continued support of the Martha's Cupboard ministry!

Sixty-one dinners were distributed prior to Thanksgiving. The dinner included a turkey and a bag of miscellaneous Thanksgiving food staples.

Our parishioners and several local organizations provided additional donations to help supplement the Cupboard's inventory during the Thanksgiving season and we would like to thank the following for their kindness:

St. Frances Cabrini parishioners donated 37 turkeys

The Knights of Columbus donated 20 turkeys

Foley Cat donated 10 turkeys

Waste Management partnered with the Falls Township Fire Marshal to donate 820 pounds of non-perishable food.

The next collection will be held on December 16 & 17.

If you know of anyone needing food assistance, please have them reach out to the Cupboard at MarthasCupboard@saintfrancescabrini.net or send them to the Rectory.

The Martha's Cupboard ministry would like to thank you for your generosity in helping those in need in our community. The Cupboard couldn't provide to the needy in our community without your ongoing support.

In the spirit of Thanks and Giving, we offer a special thank you to our Holy Family Regional Catholic School community who once again donated 12 Thanksgiving Day Meals to our families. We are very grateful for their generosity and service to our parish community.



CHURCH DECORATING

As we anticipate the celebration of the birth of Christ, we will begin decorating our church for the Christmas season **Sunday, December 17th at 12:30 PM**. All parishioners are welcome to share their time and talent as we bring the joy of Christmas to St. Frances Cabrini Parish. With much work to be done, much help is needed, and your participation would be greatly appreciated.

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This Advent season, walk with Dr. Tim Gray on a journey of renewal to ready your heart for the coming of Christ. Each day of Advent, Dr. Gray will unpack the meaning of this season and its rich traditions, as well as offer practical advice for making this Advent your best yet.

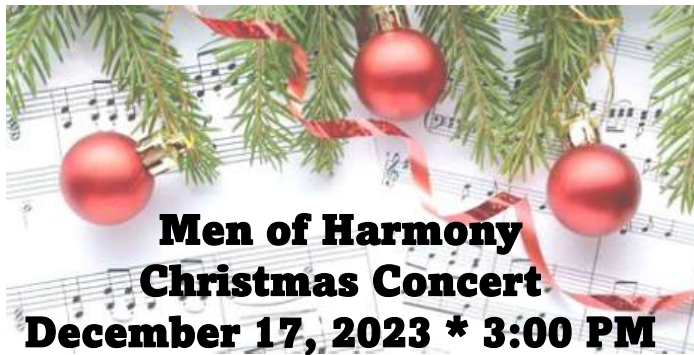
Was the Immaculate Conception Necessary? When Catholics say Mary was immaculately conceived, they mean that at the moment of her conception Mary was filled with God's sanctifying grace. God protected her from sin throughout her life, but did it have to be this way? Trent Horn explains why it was fitting for Mary to be conceived without sin for her role as Mother of God.



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**JACKPOT PRIZE WINNER
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@ \$**

WINNER

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**NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT PRIZE
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Thank you for participating in the Pot of Gold Program. For more information, contact the Rectory at 215-946-4040. We are not responsible for typographical errors.

WE ARE A TITHING COMMUNITY

Sunday Collection—October 29, 2023	\$9,399
Parish Giving EFT	\$3,701
Total	\$13,100
Prior Year's Collection	\$12,990

As always, we thank you for your generosity and support of our St. Frances Cabrini Parish Community.

Why not use Electronic Funds Transfer as a method of giving? Go to SaintFrancesCabrini.net, click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps.

Our Legacy of Life Baby Bottle Collection from October yielded a generous \$6,807. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause!



Share Christmas Joy!

Join us in Caroling
for the Homebound

Thursday, December 30th
between 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM



Help us bring Christ to our homebound parishioners as we continue our tradition of caroling to those physically unable to join our Christmas celebrations. Members of the Saint Frances Cabrini Music Ministry will take the lead in singing a variety of Christmas songs and hymns on the doorsteps of our homebound parishioners.

ALL are encouraged to participate and share in the joy of the Christmas season.

To add a name to either the list of carolers or to the list of homes on our caroling route, or for additional information, please call Jean Madden at 215-946-4040

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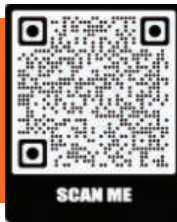
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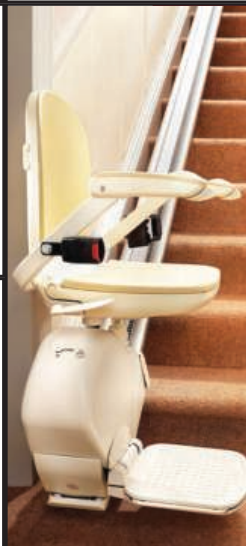
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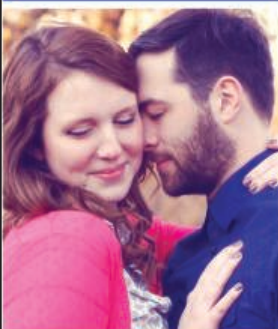
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