

# ST. FRANCES CABRINI PARISH

*Come and See*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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### 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

#### SAINTE JOSEPH CHAPEL

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

SUNDAY: 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM



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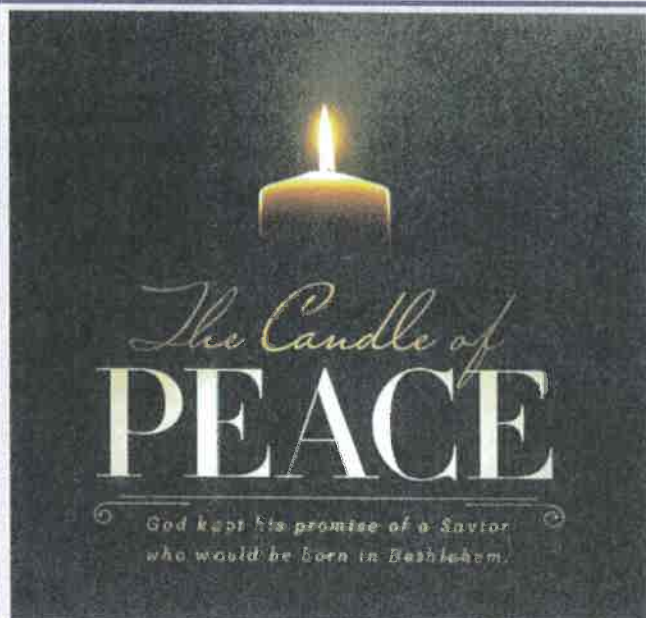
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### SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH PURPOSE STATEMENT

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](http://WWW.SAINTFRANCESCABRINI.NET)**





## Advent Peace

Theresa Leonetti-O'Connor

A voice of one crying out in the desert:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." *Mark 1:3*

There is so much crying and mourning from so much violence and war happening in and around the part of the world that gave us Isaiah, John the Baptist and Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Instead of, "Comfort, ye, Comfort Ye, My People," we have bloodshed and bombs in amidst attempts at peace. As millions of Jewish people are celebrating the eight days of Hanukkah lights, we ourselves are in the midst of our Advent waiting in hope and this coming week, peace for Christ to come again.

As I pondered what biblical peace means, I researched the Hebrew word for peace, which is "Shalom." This kind of peace doesn't mean the absence of war, although we are earnestly praying for an end to this current war! No, the type of peace as described throughout the entire Bible is more than the absence of war/conflict but rather a deeper abiding peace in all areas of life.

Biblical Shalom refers to something that is complex with lots of pieces which are in a state of completeness or wholeness. When any of the pieces are out of alignment or missing then shalom breaks down. This includes within a person as well as with and among people and nations.

The deep abiding shalom of peace in Christ can be tricky to comprehend or to feel but it is very real if we are willing to let go of any hold or control over others or even of ourselves. The deep peace can happen even when there are conflicts and war, when we align our life to God through Christ's Spirit, for us Christians, that is, we can rest in peace of Jesus Christ.

The way to say "Peace" in Arabic is "Salam," which like "Shalom" means the same, and they are used as both greetings and good-byes today. Our brothers and sisters of Abraham, share so much more in common that I wish for a lasting peaceful understanding and genuine attempts to hear and listen for Shalom/Salam/Peace in our world.

Peace of Christ be with you all, my sisters and brothers!

**Share Christmas Joy!  
Join us in Caroling  
for the Homebound**



**Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>  
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



## Prepare

Prepare for the coming of the Lord. Today's readings speak to us of preparing for the coming of the Lord through repentance. Repentance requires us to be honest about the times we have fallen short in loving God and our neighbor as the Lord commands. Knowing that we are sinners is a necessary step in recognizing our need for the forgiveness God has graciously offered us through His Son, whose coming into the world we prepare to celebrate.

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

Isaiah offers words of comfort and hope that the time of exile is coming to an end and the Lord is preparing to reveal His glory to all people. Peter exhorts his community to live in holiness and devotion in anticipation of the day of the Lord. Mark begins his Gospel describing the ministry of John the Baptist who proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and that one greater than he would come and baptize with the Holy Spirit.

## Annual Giving Tree

Pick a tag & Buy a gift



All indicated gifts & gift cards appreciated!

PLACE GIFTS UNDER TREE WRAPPED WITH TAG ATTACHED

Return by noon  
NEXT SUNDAY  
December 17

Thank you!



## Martha's Cupboard

Thank you for your continued support of the Martha's Cupboard ministry! We are truly blessed to be able to help those in need.

The next collection will be December 16 and 17. Here are the items that the Cupboard needs:

### Miscellaneous household items:

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Dish detergent   | Laundry Detergent |
| Paper Towels     | Toilet Paper      |
| Bar Soap         | Toothpaste        |
| Deodorant        | Shampoo           |
| Liquid Hand Soap |                   |

### Canned Items

- |         |                            |
|---------|----------------------------|
| Peas    | Mixed Veggies              |
| Carrots | Fruit                      |
| Beets   | Green Beans                |
| Chili   | Baked Beans/Pork and Beans |
| Spam    | Dinty Moore Beef Stew      |
| Soups   | Canned Chicken             |

### Boxed Items

- |                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Rice (instant and bagged) |                  |
| Instant Mashed Potatoes   | Hormel Compleats |

### Other:

- |  |          |
|--|----------|
| Peanut Butter, Jelly                     | Cereal   |
| Pancake Mix                              | Syrup    |
| Pasta Sauces (with and without meat)     |          |
| Small jars of condiments (mustard, mayo) |          |
| Ground Coffee                            | Tea Bags |

It is not necessary to buy every item on the list. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Our Parish Community's Martha's Cupboard Ministry thanks you for your generosity in helping those in need within our civic community.

## CHURCH DECORATING

All parishioners are welcome to share their time and talent as we bring the joy of Christmas to St. Frances Cabrini Parish. There is much to do and many hands make light work!



Join us to decorate on

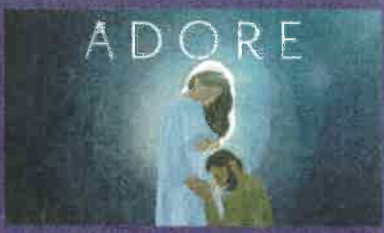
Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
12:30 PM

We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you!

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You have a choice this Advent: Get caught up in the annual rush of shopping, decorating, and parties or slow down and take a few minutes each day to remember who this season is really about—Jesus.



**ADORE**

In *Adore*, popular author and speaker Fr. John Burns and illustrator Valerie Delgado of Pax, Valerie will help you reclaim the sacred sense of longing and joyful hope at the heart of Advent, focusing on a new theme each week—vigilance, preparation, nearness, and Emmanuel—that you can relate to your own life.


Other Advent Programs include:

- [Mental Health Leading into the Holidays](#)
- [Tell me about your Advent Traditions](#)
- [Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage](#)

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An offering from the  NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION and  NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE MOST HOLY BODY OF CHRIST



**Men of Harmony  
Christmas Concert  
December 17, 2023 \* 3:00 PM**

A donation to the St. Charles Seminary Appeal supports our seminarians, candidates for the Permanent Diaconate, and lay church leaders in their formation. Most importantly, your gift provides for the future of our faith. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this year's Appeal to provide for the future generations of the Church.



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**SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH COMMUNITY  
POT OF GOLD  
WEEKLY LOTTERY PROGRAM**



December 4, 2023  
1—2—5—6—9

**JACKPOT PRIZE WINNER  
(None)**

**CONSOLATION PRIZE WINNERS  
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<b>WINNER</b>	<b>SELLER</b>
Charlotte Gillman	Veronica Gillman
Rosemary D	Ron Trojan
Celeste	Rita
Garneau	Garneau
Carol Kelly	Andrea Kelly

**NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT PRIZE  
\$10,000**

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—December 3, 2023	\$9,648
Parish Giving EFT	\$ 2,656
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,304</b>
Prior Year's Collection	\$14,859

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

**Why Online Giving?**

It's simple: Go to our parish website, click on the Parish Giving Logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

It's secure: Parish Giving is Payment Card Industry compliant and uses the strongest encryption technology available.

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Contact our Business Manager, Karen David, at 215-946-4040 with any questions.

The Sisters of Christian Charity, who were founded by Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt in 1849, will be holding a service trip in honor of the 175th anniversary of their Congregation. It is open to young women ages 18-30, and includes opportunities to visit some of the ministries of the Sisters, and follow in the footsteps of Blessed Pauline who visited the USA twice during her lifetime. For more information see the link below or contact: vocations@scceast.org.

## MOTHER PAULINE SERVICE TRIP

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## ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION THEME: THE O ANTIPHONS

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9:00 AM—3:30 PM  
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