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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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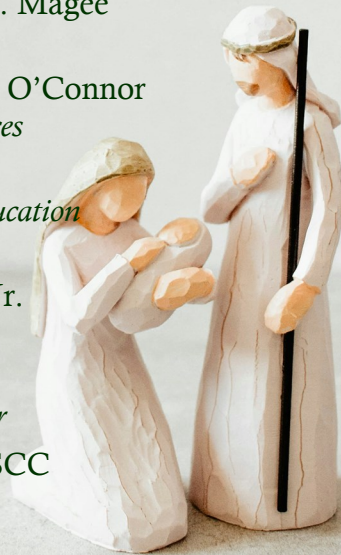
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

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

SUNDAY: 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Rectory Office

Hours: Monday-Friday

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

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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



Saturday, December 23, 2023

The 5:30 PM Mass will be celebrated for the deceased members of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish.

Week of December 24, 2023

- MONDAY Christmas Day**
- TUESDAY St. Stephen**
9:30 AM Henry J. Wajda, Sr.—Riley Pawlowski
- WEDNESDAY St. John, Evangelist and Apostle**
9:30 AM Gregory & Craig Obert—Marjorie Obert
- THURSDAY The Holy Innocents**
9:30 AM Stella Durlle—Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Sosky
- FRIDAY Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas**
9:30 AM Kelly & Giardine Families—Sharon Giardine
- SATURDAY Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas**
9:30 AM Hanny Tysko—Glen & Monica Aust

Sunday, December 31, 2023

The 7:00 AM Mass will be celebrated for the deceased members of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish.



SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Lamps are being provided this week for
Frank Koller—His wife, Carmella
Dominick Moratti, Sr.—Moratti Family

BREAD AND WINE MEMORIALS

The Bread and Wine is being provided this week for
Dominick Moratti, Sr.—Moratti Family



Please pray for all those listed in our White Intercessory Book. We also pray for the following people and those who care for them:

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| Edward Baranoski | Hailey Knorr |
| Harriet Beatrice | Barbara Milorey |
| Marie Breen | Maria Percaccia |
| Betty Brooks | Dennis Pierce |
| Mike Caine | Marie Ranniello |
| Peter Cellucci | Mimi Sabol |
| Josephine Dominick | Justin Saunders |
| Lorena Goodreau | Samantha Tomasick |
| Betty Graham | Joe Tralies |
| Marc Gravante | Jane Trout |
| George Kasperitis | Mark Whittaker, Jr. |
| Joseph Killian | Jean Wilt |

Please Note:

With regard to parishioners, relatives, and friends who are ill, we invite you to write their names in our White Intercessory Book. Your loved ones will be remembered in each of our weekend Masses.



We pray for our own families,
our Parish Family, and
all those who have lost their lives
through war and violence.

May the Lord Jesus bring all our
loved ones into His Kingdom especially

- Dolores Barats • Walter Croke • Bob Hickey
Bonnie Pfaff • Father John Scarcia
Patrick Stanton • Larry Witt

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials and Bread and Wine Memorials are available for near dates. The first Masses available in 2024 are in October. As usual, Seminary Mass enrollments and Mission Masses are available to you. Stop in or call (215-946-4040) the Rectory Office.



Merry Christmas

Monsignor McCormac

On behalf of the Parish Staff, our PREP catechists and our Holy Family Regional Catholic School faculty and staff, I wish you a Blessed and Happy Christmas! As we gather soon to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, we are reminded of our responsibility to make Him present in our lives and in our world every day! As we exchange gifts and presents with our family and friends today, and throughout the Christmas holidays, it is well to remember that God our Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit, gave to us His greatest Gift, His Son, Jesus, through the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Christians who share in the Father's gift, we are called to share the gift of Jesus with others.

Being a Welcoming Parish

Here at St. Frances Cabrini Parish, we strive to be a welcoming Parish by intentionally endeavoring to be Christ-like to everyone we encounter. What are the factors which contribute to this endeavor of our Parish Community being welcoming? First and foremost, it is you, the parishioners, and therefore we ask that you continue to offer a sign of welcome through a smile or short exchange of words when you notice a new face or a new family. We encourage our parishioners after Mass to continue the conversation outside the body of the church itself, so others who are praying in the church can enjoy the time with the Lord without noise or distractions.

Being a Caring Community

With many volunteers assisting with the distribution of food and with the generosity of our

parishioners who bring food and other needed items, and with the support of local stores and civic organizations, our Parish's Martha's Cupboard continues to provide assistance to people who are experiencing food insecurity. Over the past year, our Parish has greatly expanded our operations in order to meet the growing needs of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. In addition to the constant need for food and for monetary support, we are always looking for volunteers who will offer to pick up food at local food stores. On behalf of those whom we are serving, we are so grateful to be the recipients of these food stores generosity but we need parishioners to volunteer to make the weekly pickups. Can you offer your assistance? If so, please call the rectory at 215-946-4040.

Being a Supportive Community

During the past 16 months, our Parish Community has formed a new ministry, "Walking with Moms in Need." Our Parish Community recognized the need to assist expectant mothers during their pregnancy and also after the birth of their child. Recently, our Parish Community announced our partnership with Legacy of Life Foundation which sponsors the Community Women's Center in Bristol. The Center's goal is to provide expectant mothers with the resources needed during their pregnancy and for three years following the birth of their child, helping these moms with the skills they need to lead a productive life and provide their child with a stable and nurturing living environment. To learn more about our Parish Community's "Walking with Moms in Need," please call the rectory at 215-946-4040. To learn more about the Community Women's Center, please call 215-826-8090.

Let us continue to be the type of community which is conscious and aware of one another, especially those who are new to our community of faith and those in any type of need. It takes the whole community to emanate that sense and presence of welcome. Let us each do our part in the name of the Lord Jesus, who welcomed all. Let us keep in mind the words of Jesus, "Whoever receives you, receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives the One who sent Me." (Matthew 10:40)

Again, on behalf of our St. Frances Cabrini staff, I wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2023

The faithful are bound to observe the obligation of Holy Mass for a Sunday as usual for the Fourth Sunday of Advent with attendance at the anticipated Mass or on Sunday morning. The faithful are bound to observe the obligation of Holy Mass for Christmas at the Vigil Mass or on Christmas Day. Thus, the faithful have two obligations back to back.



Emmanuel

God is the font of all blessings and salvation. Today's readings make evident the goodness of the Lord, and that he is the source of all blessings. The Lord promises to build a house for David – one that will last forever. And from the lineage of David comes Jesus, God himself, to dwell among us. He is our shelter, our bodies are His temple, and His kingdom endures forever. We will soon celebrate the feast of His Incarnation and Nativity, while awaiting still, with joyful hope, the time when He will come again.

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

In the first reading, David ruminates on building a house for the Lord. However, the Lord reminds David how He has favored him and states that it is God who will build a house for David. In the second reading, Paul gives glory to Christ, acknowledging the prophets and wisdom through the ages that have all participated in this revelation. In the Gospel, the angel Gabriel announces that Mary will conceive a Son – the Son of God – and Mary accepts the honor, saying, may it be done to me according to Your word.

Thank you!

We want to thank all those who have contributed their time, talent and treasure to ensure a Merry Christmas.

Thanks to your generosity in providing many gifts over the past few weeks, we have been able to help many individuals and families through our Giving Tree.

We also thank all those who brought or sent other gifts directly to the rectory. Everyone's thoughtfulness and generosity are certainly allowing many people to have a more joyous Christmas.

We also thank those who have decorated our church so beautifully as well as our liturgical ministers, musicians, choir all those who enhance our worship.

Be assured that your goodness is greatly appreciated by those who have been the beneficiaries of our care and generosity.

Again, thank you, one and all!

Martha's Cupboard

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

The Cupboard will be closed on Monday December 25 for the Christmas holiday. The Cupboard will be open on Tuesday December 26 from 12:00 PM-2:00 PM and on Saturday December 30 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM and will be closed on Monday January 1 for the New Year's Day holiday. The Cupboard will be open on Tuesday January 2 from 12:00 PM-2:00 PM.

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.

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

The Ministry wishes you and your families a blessed Christmas and happy New Year!

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24

5:00 PM

7:30 PM

Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

*We look forward to celebrating
Christ's birth with you!*


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There are a plethora of Christmas movies around, many of which are similar in plot. Why not head over to Formed and check out the many entertaining videos with a good message such as the Juggler of Notre Dame or The Fourth Wiseman. Maybe you want to listen to audio such as The True Meaning of Christmas or The Story of Christmas while sitting by your favorite yule log.



There are a wide variety Christmas Programs for everyone in the family from your young children through adults.

Our parish FORMED subscription is available through the QR code or [Formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup), select our parish and check it out!



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and MAGNIFICUS PRESS


WE NEED YOU!

As you know our parish livestreams the 11:00AM Mass and various special liturgies. Our team is mighty though small and getting smaller as members' life situations change. Please consider joining the team and helping out. You will not be scheduled every week (unless you want to be). We will train you so no experience is required!

If interested contact:
Karen David at 215-946-4040.


St. Charles Seminary Appeal

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**



This week's bulletin deadline was before the drawing.

Drawing results will be published here next week. You can also see results on our parish website. For now, below are a few reminders. A full list of rules is also posted on our website. (SaintFrancesCabrini.net)

Each ticket provides two chances to win.

All five numbers (four for consolation) must match on the same line.

Completed tickets can be submitted to St. Frances Cabrini Rectory office by 6:50 on Monday evening.

A minimum of 25 tickets each week entitles you to receive a 20% commission available as tuition credit voucher, tickets or cash (keep 20% of the cash and return all tickets sold.)

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 17, 2023	\$10,838
Parish Giving EFT	\$3,131
Total	\$13,969
Prior Year's Collection	\$14,383

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.
- It's convenient: No more searching for the check book or stops at the ATM machine. You can pick the day of the month for recurring contributions.
- Contact our Business Manager, Karen David, at 215-946-4040 with any questions.

**Share Christmas Joy!
Join us in Caroling
for the Homebound
Thursday, December 28th
between 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM**



Bring Christ to our homebound parishioners who are 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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Holidays can be a difficult time emotionally and mentally for many, please do not hesitate to reach out for assistance!

Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment and flourishing

archphila.org/support

Where are the two to five-year-old children on Sundays at 9:00 AM?



Every Sunday during the 9:00 Mass. on the second floor of the St. Frances Cabrini Parish Center, children from ages two through five years old sing, play, pray, and learn about Jesus' life and his love for them. They also learn much more...the alphabet, their name, sequencing, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, sharing, and friendships. A parent of one of our 'graduates' said:

"Since Tristan started the Little Church last summer, it's been a blessing to our family so much as he is having fun there and growing his faith in our God!"



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