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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**

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

**SUNDAY:** 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM



### RECTORY OFFICE

Hours: Monday-Friday

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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)





## Mass Intentions

### Sunday September 22, 2024

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

### Week of September 22, 2024

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>St Jerome</b>	
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<i>Ed &amp; Judith Pokorny</i>	Family
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus</b>	
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<i>Doris Dolan</i>	Monsignor McCormac
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>	
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<i>Edward Rafferty</i>	St. Frances Cabrini Choir
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<i>John &amp; Kitty Conroy</i>	Mike, Maureen, and John Tasker
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>St. Francis of Assisi</b>	
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<i>James &amp; Jane Galloway</i>	Patty & Roney Williams
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<i>Gregory Sutchko</i>	Garneau Family

### Sunday September 29, 2024

The 11:00 AM Mass will be celebrated for the deceased members of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish.



**SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS**  
Both Sanctuary Lamps are being provided this week for  
*The intentions of John and his son, Janek*  
—Family

**BREAD AND WINE MEMORIALS**  
The Bread and Wine is being provided this week for  
*A Special Intention*

*Sanctuary Lamps and Bread and Wine Memorials are available for coming weeks; the first Mass intentions available are in June of 2025.*



## Pray for the Sick

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

Barbara Balasco	Joseph Killian
Edward Baranoski	Hailey Knorr
Harriet Beatrice	Carol Mazzoni
Marie Breen	Barbara Milorey
Mike Caine	Dennis Pierce
Peter Cellucci	Marie Ranniello
James Cook	April Tomasick
Josephine Dominick	Joe Tralies
Lorena Goodreau	Jane Trout
Betty Graham	Grayson Whittaker
Marc Gravante	Mark Whittaker, Jr.
Steve Harris	Jean Wilt
George Kasperitis	

### 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.



## Pray for Our Deceased

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.

Father Charles McElroy • Anthony Spagnola, Sr.  
Father Edward Windhaus

### **Invite Someone Back**

Every parish is composed of people who are but a conversation or an invitation away from returning to the practice of their Catholic faith. There are people down the street from you (or maybe even next door or in your own home) who are missing out on Catholic community—an essential part of our spiritual lives. They may not even realize their soul is aching to be nourished by the Bread of Life. Try inviting them to attend Mass with you that they may return to a community that desires to welcome them.

## Increased Offertory Appeal

Monsignor McCormac

Most, if not all, pastors find it is very difficult to speak about money; however, as Pastor, I have the responsibility to do so. I am very grateful to our parishioners for their continued financial support and I recognize the need to be a good steward of the funds entrusted to the Parish. To that end, in August I provided our parishioners with a Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2024. I also provided an overview of our current financial situation, noting that, like everyone else, our Parish has been feeling the effects of severe inflation and our Sunday collections continue to fall short in meeting our annual expenses. For the past year, our Sunday collections covered only 61% of our operating expenses. This percentage of Sunday collections versus operating expenses has been decreasing for many years. In 2017-2018, it was 74%. To support our ministries, to continue providing for the spiritual needs of our community, and to maintain our facilities, we must take a proactive step forward.

Recognizing the need to do something to reverse this downward trend, we are undertaking an initiative to increase our Sunday collections. After consultation with our Parish Finance Council and our Parish Pastoral Council and working closely with the Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia, we are initiating an Increased Offertory Appeal. I recognize that for many people, if not most people, the subject of money is an overly sensitive issue, but it is a very necessary topic for our Parish Community. Our last Increased Offertory Appeal was conducted in October 2015, one year after the merging of St. Frances Cabrini and St. Joseph the Worker Parishes. Although professional consultants recommend that an Increased Offertory Appeal should be conducted every three to five years, as pastor, I have been reluctant to undertake an appeal until now. Ideally, October 2020 would have been the time to conduct the Program, but due to COVID, and because of the state of our economy and feeling the financial hardship being faced by our parishioners, I postponed the

Increased Offertory Appeal for the past four years. But now, I believe that it is necessary to do so.

During the month of October, our parishioners will be receiving a letter asking that they prayerfully consider increasing their weekly/monthly Sunday contributions to the Parish. It is the experience of many people that they routinely give a set amount for their Sunday contribution, but rarely do they change the amount unless they are requested to do so.

Here at St. Frances Cabrini Parish, we desire to create a “culture of giving” within our Parish Community. Recognizing that we are so very gifted by our loving and generous God, we are called to cheerfully share our gifts with our Parish family. Specifically, God calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and treasure. Although there are so many examples of our parishioners sharing their time, talent, and treasure, the most recent example is our parishioners’ support of our very expanded Martha’s Cupboard. Our Parish Community is providing more food than ever and, as pastor, I am so very proud of our Parish’s response to our brothers and sisters who are experiencing food insecurity. Also, as our parishioners know, we are once again conducting our Faith Enrichment Series and as we do so, we are relying on many parishioners giving their time to help facilitate the Series.

As the Increased Offertory Appeal soon begins, I thank everyone for taking the time to prayerfully reflect on their current level of financial support for the Parish, and if possible, to consider increasing their weekly contribution.

Thank you again for all you do for the Parish and please pray for a very successful Increased Offertory Appeal.

**THANK YOU**  
for your consideration.

**If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.** Jesus' words in today's Gospel about being a servant to all are a reminder that the ways of the Lord are not the ways of the world. If we wish to be his disciples, we must have the courage to seek to understand God's ways and strive to love him with all our heart, and to love one another with humility and compassion.

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20  
James 3:16-4:3  
Mark 9:30-37

The author of Wisdom recounts how the wicked plot to test the just to the point of torture and death. In the second reading, James contrasts the human passions that lead to conflicts and other problems in the community with the fruits of the wisdom from above – from God. Jesus teaches His disciples about His upcoming fate and the importance of being a servant to all.

## Martha's Cupboard

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE MARTHA'S CUPBOARD MINISTRY!

THE NEXT COLLECTION WEEKEND WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 19 AND 20. THIS COLLECTION WILL FOCUS ON NEEDED ITEMS FOR THE THANKSGIVING BAGS.

IN PREPARATION FOR THIS COLLECTION, MANNA BAGS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AFTER MASSES ON OCTOBER 12 AND 13. THE MANNA BAG WILL INCLUDE THE LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY'S MARTHA'S CUPBOARD MINISTRY THANKS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN HELPING THOSE IN NEED WITHIN OUR CIVIC COMMUNITY.

### Children's Faith

Planting the seeds of faith in our children is important for their mental and spiritual growth. Saint Frances Cabrini offers multiple opportunities to help you do this for the children in your life. First and foremost is education in the faith either in Holy Family Regional Catholic School or in our PREP program. We offer Children's Liturgy of the Word, Little Church, and Children's Worship Bulletins each Sunday. As you likely know, we also offer access to a wide variety of resources through FORMED.org including series like Lukas Storyteller, Littlest Saints, Christine in Action (which teaches our faith through song), and much more.

### FAITH ENRICHMENT SERIES ON THE EUCHARIST



All are encouraged come and join us as we present and reflect on the Communion Rite of the Mass. Register on our parish website [SaintFrancesCabrini.net](http://SaintFrancesCabrini.net), use the QR code below or call the parish office (215) 946-4040



Wednesday, 7:00 PM—8:30 PM  
October 9                      February 5  
October 23                     February 19

Saturday, 10:30 AM—12:00 Noon  
October 12                     February 1  
October 26                     February 22

Sunday, 6:30 PM—8:00 PM  
October 13                     February 2  
October 27                     February 23

### Jesus, the Center & Joy of Our Lives

November 17-19, 2024  
7:00 PM

I  
WILL  
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Habakkuk 2:18





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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22

**St. Vincent de Paul | Catholic Saints**

Join Dr. Christopher Blum and Mary McGeehan as they share about the life of St. Vincent de Paul on this episode of Catholic Saints.



**First Martyrs of the Church of Rome | Catholic Saints**

Join Dr. John Sehorn and Mary McGeehan to discuss the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Killed under Emperor Nero in AD 64, the First Martyrs offer us a powerful witness of fidelity to Christ.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and Ignatius Press

**REGIONAL CYO BASKETBALL  
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

**When?** Practice start November. Season runs Dec-Jan  
**How much?** \$115 for all kids (down from \$125 last year)  
**Where?** Practices at Cabrini gym (Fairless Hills)  
**Who?** Boys and girls - Grades 3-12  
**How?** Click the registration link below.

Registration Closes Oct 6th  
[go.teamsnap.com/forms/450805](http://go.teamsnap.com/forms/450805)

**Catholic Charities Appeal 2024**

We are very pleased to report that our St. Frances Cabrini Parish Community has contributed \$19,852 toward our 2024 goal of \$21,600. Thus far, we have reached 92% of our Catholic Charities Appeal for 2024. We thank you for your sacrificial gift to assist those in need.

Last year, our Parish Community contributed \$21,674 for which we are most grateful. If you have not yet made your donation for 2024, please send your gift directly to the Catholic Charities Appeal at the following address:

Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
 Catholic Charities Appeal  
 CL #4710  
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**SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH COMMUNITY**

**POT OF GOLD**



September 16, 2024  
 7 - 18 - 21 - 30 - 34

**Jackpot Prize Winner  
(NONE)**

**CONSOLATION PRIZE WINNERS  
4 @ \$250**

**WINNER**  
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 BRIGITTE DENT  
 JC  
 NICK KUROWSKI

**SELLER**  
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 MIA KUROWSKI

**NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT PRIZE  
\$39,000**

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—September 15, 2024	\$7,432.00
Parish Giving EFT	\$5,444.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,876.00</b>
Prior Year's Collection	\$15,459.00



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### Fall Scholarship Exam

8<sup>th</sup> Graders in Archdiocesan Schools:  
September 23 in their school

For 8<sup>th</sup> Graders in Public, Private, or Charter Schools:  
October 5 at CEC from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m

### Open House

10/8 & 10/24 at 5:30 p.m. Registration required.

### Homecoming Alumni Golf Outing 2024

Thursday, October 10: 9:30 a.m.- Registration 11 a.m.

### Open House

10/8 & 10/24 at 5:30 p.m. Registration required.

For more information on any of the above  
see: [www.conwell-egan.org](http://www.conwell-egan.org)



### REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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Info on virtual pre-event orientation session to follow

For more information contact:  
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