

ST. FRANCES CABRINI PARISH

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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



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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



Mass Intentions

Sunday December 15, 2024

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

Week of December 15, 2024

MONDAY

9:30 AM *Paul & Rose Schmidt*
Rose Schmidt

TUESDAY

9:30 AM *Edward Stefanik*
Tom Stefanik & Family

WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM *Monsignor Ignatius Murray*
Monsignor McCormac

THURSDAY

9:30 AM *David Lieb*
Cathy Galloway

FRIDAY

9:30 AM *Jack Tierney*
Wife, Laura

SATURDAY

9:30 AM *Tiffany Abate*
Her parents, Bill & Darlene

Sunday December 22, 2024

The 11:00 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

Michael Leary—Cleo Edwards
Special Intention

BREAD AND WINE MEMORIALS

The Bread and Wine is being provided this week for
Special Intentions

**You have chosen this house
to bear your name, to be a house of prayer
and supplication for your people.**

Maccabees 7:37



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	Michael Page
Peter Cellucci	Dennis Pierce
James Cook	Marie Ranniello
Josephine Dominick	Joe Tralies
Lorena Goodreau	Jane Trout
Betty Graham	Grayson Whittaker
Steve Harris	Mark Whittaker, Jr.
George Kasperitis	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.



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 especially
Fr. Joseph Glatts • Gerald Gravante
Kenneth Lutz • Jason Miloszar
Ellen Stubbs



Please return any gifts to the tree with the tag attached by noon **December 15.**

Thank you.

All indicated gifts and gift cards are appreciated.

Christmas Caroling for the Homebound

Jean E. Madden

Since December 2017, parishioners and friends of Saint Frances Cabrini Church have gathered on the Thursday after Christmas to spread the joy and cheer of Christmas through the gift of song. Christmas Caroling for the Homebound is a heartfelt tradition where groups of people visit the homes of those who find it challenging or impossible to leave their home during the holiday season. These visits are often made to elderly individuals, people with disabilities, people preparing for major surgery, people doing rehabilitation post-surgery, or those facing a chronic illness. The short visit by the carolers provides them with a sense of connection and warmth during the holidays. Caroling for the homebound is more than just singing Christmas songs—it's an opportunity to remind these individuals that they are remembered, valued, and loved by their Parish community.

Family members and caretakers of homebound individuals often find great joy in a visit by Christmas carolers because it offers a moment of festive cheer, provides a welcome break from the daily routine of caregiving, and fills their hearts with the holiday spirit. For those caring for loved ones, the carolers' songs can evoke cherished memories, enhance their emotional well-being, and create a shared experience that strengthens the sense of community. The simple act of welcoming carolers to sing on their doorstep can provide a sense of renewal and joy, making the holiday season feel more special and inclusive for everyone involved.

Participating as a caroler for Christmas Caroling for the Homebound is a powerful way to share the true meaning of Christmas, which goes beyond gift-giving, decorations, and parties. Christmas is a time to celebrate God's love for us and to spread that love throughout our local communities. Members of the Saint Frances Cabrini Music Ministry will take the lead in singing the various hymns and songs, so you don't have to worry about how well you sing. When we all add our voices together, we make a joyful noise! Caroling is a fun way to bring people together to celebrate the joy and spirit of the holiday season through music. Singing familiar songs that everyone knows creates a sense of unity and nostalgia, while the festive atmosphere of caroling outdoors in the crisp winter air adds to the excitement. Visiting various homes or locations, seeing the smiles and reactions of those you sing for, and sharing laughter with fellow carolers all contribute to the fun. Caroling is also a chance to dress up in festive attire, embrace the holiday cheer, and spread happiness, making it a joyful and lighthearted tradition that fosters a sense of community and goodwill.

On **Thursday, December 26th**, our carolers will gather in the **Parish Center at 6:00 PM**. Song sheets and maps of the caroling route will be distributed. Those who offer to drive will be paired with carolers who prefer not to drive. The caravan will line up on Gobel Court and will head out to our first home at **6:30 PM**. As we move from home to home, we call the next home on the list to let them know we are on our way. Our goal is to visit every home on the list by **8:30 PM**. The carolers end the evening with light refreshments in the Parish Center., taking a few minutes to savor the profound joy of the evening over a cup of hot chocolate, coffee or tea. To add a name to either the list of carolers or to the list of homes on our caroling route, please call the rectory at 215-946-4040 or visit our Parish website at saintfrancescabrini.net. You can also visit our Facebook page to see the details and to sign up to participate.

This festive tradition is a beautiful way to share the true spirit of Christmas: love, compassion, and generosity. By joining in this meaningful activity, you are helping to brighten someone's holiday and offering them a sense of inclusion, joy, and hope. Whether you're a seasoned caroler or someone new to the practice, your participation will bring a much-needed smile and moment of peace to someone's life. We invite everyone to come together, spread holiday cheer, and make this season extra special for those who need it most. Your voice and kindness can make all the difference this Christmas! I hope to see you in the **Parish Center at 6:00 PM on Thursday, December 26th**, for our annual Christmas Caroling for the Homebound.



Let's



go



caroling!



This Advent, receive the gift of Reconciliation, opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance include:

December 16, 7:00 PM
St. John the Evangelist
752 Big Oak Rd,
Morrisville

December 17, 7:00 PM
St. Ignatius
999 Reading Ave,
Yardley

December 18, 7:00 PM
Our Lady of Grace
225 Bellevue Ave,
Pennel

The Lord rejoices over us.

According to the prophet Zephaniah, the Lord rejoices – yes rejoices – over us in gladness, and Saint Paul says to have no anxiety at all. If we trust in the unconditional love God has for us, our hearts and minds will know the true peace that only he can give.

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

In the first reading, Zephaniah foretells the restoration of Jerusalem when the King of Israel, the Lord, will be in their midst. Paul instructs the Philippians to rejoice in the Lord always, for *the Lord is near*. In the Gospel, John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus by baptizing and preaching the Good News.

Little Church is open on Christmas!

Your little ones from ages 2 to 5 are welcome to attend Little Church on Christmas Day, December 25 during 9:00 a.m. Mass. Little



Church is located upstairs in the Parish Center. Follow the music! While family members celebrate Christmas at Mass, your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. will celebrate Jesus' Birthday with joyous activities, prayer, snacks, and songs! Reservations are not required. Little Church is available every Sunday. Beginning February 2, 2025, Little Church will change from 9:00 a.m. Mass to 11:00 a.m. Mass. Children two to five years old can be dropped off any Sunday to participate at Little Church.

Men of Harmony
Christmas Concert
December 22
3:00 PM

Martha's Cupboard

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

The Cupboard needs hams for the Christmas holiday season. If you are not using the free ham that you earned from the grocery store, please consider donating it to the Cupboard.

Christmas bags will be distributed on Monday December 16 and Saturday December 21. The Cupboard is open on Saturdays from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM and on Mondays from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM.

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

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Catholic Church has many rich traditions providing the faithful around the world with opportunities to renew their faith and strengthen their relationship with Christ. One of those special traditions is the celebration of a Jubilee Year every quarter of a century.



On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, marking the beginning of the Catholic Church's celebration of the Jubilee Year in 2025. To begin the local observance of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez will celebrate an opening Mass on Holy Family Sunday, Dec. 29, at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul.

The goal of the Jubilee Year 2025 is to offer pilgrims opportunities for reconciliation, prayer, and reception of the sacraments in their local communities. The fruits of these activities include strengthened personal relationships with Jesus Christ and enriched faith journeys.

For information and ideas of how you can use this opportunity to grow in faith, see The Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope – Archdiocese of Philadelphia at: <https://archphila.org/hollyear/>

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2024 Catholic Charities Appeal

On behalf of the Archdiocese and the Catholic Charities Appeal, we are very pleased to thank and congratulate our parishioners for their support of the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal. Although we are only at week 47 for this year's Appeal, we have now exceeded last year's donations of \$21,674 and also our 2024 goal of \$21,591. For 2024, thus far, our parishioners have contributed \$21,707. Again, thank you for supporting our less fortunate brothers and sisters in their time of need.



On behalf of the women and babies we serve, thank you for your continued efforts and support by holding our annual Baby Bottle Drive. Gifts from St. Frances Cabrini Parish to the 2024 Baby Bottle Drive now total \$17,402.88. In addition, there is a \$5,000 matching

donation that will be credited to your parish!

We are grateful for those who generously gave their time, talent, and treasure during the drive! We extend our gratitude to everyone who helped make ministering to these women and babies possible and let them know that their caring donation will help many women receive the compassion they long for when the crisis of an unplanned pregnancy strikes.

We humbly ask that you keep the women we serve in your prayers as their circumstances change daily, leading them back to abortion, which requires intense counseling until their baby is born!

I am thankful that we were given the opportunity to be part of the parish activities as this allows us the opportunity to share the stories of hope that only your parish's generosity can bring. Again, thank you, and may God bless you.

In Christ,
Marie Joseph
Chief Executive Officer

SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH COMMUNITY POT OF GOLD

WEEKLY LOTTERY PROGRAM



December 9, 2024

13 - 14 - 27 - 32 - 34

Jackpot Prize Winner
(NONE)

CONSOLATION PRIZE WINNERS
5 @ \$200

WINNER

PAM SUTHERLAND

JACKIE BALDWIN

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J. LABRE

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NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT PRIZE

\$51,000

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.

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Sunday Collection—December 8, 2024	\$9,449.00
Parish Giving EFT	\$2,986.00
Total	\$12,435.00
Prior Year's Collection	\$13,798.00

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER 20
6:30—8:00 PM

A night of Christmas music featuring the CEC Chorus and Band.



CHURCH DECORATING

Sunday December 22
12:30 pm

Help prepare the way of the Lord!
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