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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.SAINTRFRANCESCABRINI.NET



Mass Intentions

Saturday December 28, 2024

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

Week of December 29, 2024

MONDAY

9:30 AM *Lewis Powell*
Monsignor McCormac

TUESDAY

9:30 AM *Betty Ann Brooks*
The Beier Family

5:30 PM *Carol Murray*
Mary Ann Murray

WEDNESDAY Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

7:00 AM *Sophie & James Bullaro*
Their Family

9:00 AM *Ann Wilson*
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Bentivogli

11:00 AM *Suzanne Phinn*
Joanne Gratten

THURSDAY St. Basil & St. Gregoroy

9:30 AM *Frank Beatty*
Monsignor McCormac

FRIDAY

9:30 AM *Randall Ivey*
The Groom Family

SATURDAY St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:30 AM *Tony Ligato*
Jean Porter & Kathy Johnson

Sunday January 5, 2025

The 9:00 PM Mass will be celebrated for the deceased members of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish.



SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Lamps are being provided this week for
Special Intentions

BREAD AND WINE MEMORIALS

The Bread and Wine is being provided this week for
Margie McClure—John McClure



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:

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| 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
Dolores Suskey • James Walker

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of the Church
Mass Schedule

Tuesday
5:30 PM

Wednesday
7:00 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

MERRY CHRISTMAS

MONSIGNOR McCORMAC

On behalf of the Parish Staff, our PREP catechists and our Holy Family Regional Catholic School faculty and staff, I hope you had a Blessed and Happy Christmas! As we move along in the Christmas Season and continue 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 during 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 Worshipping Community

We desire that our parishioners and visitors to our Parish be fully engaged physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually to experience the liturgy in such a way as to be changed by the grace that come to us through the Mass. We should find in the Mass the strength, the guidance and the support we need each day. As Catholics, we believe that Eucharist helps us to discover that God is an integral and essential presence in our daily lives. Through the proclamation of the word of God during the Liturgy of the Word, and through our being fully engaged in the prayers and ritual of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we want our parishioners to know the love of Jesus for them personally, rejoicing to be part of God's family and part of our St. Frances Cabrini Parish Community.

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 to church on the third weekend of each month, and with the support of local stores, civic organizations and local businesses, our Parish Community's Martha's Cupboard provides assistance to people who are experiencing food insecurity. Over the past three years, our Parish has greatly expanded our operations 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 food donations and other items, and we are so very grateful for all our volunteers who are ministering in the name of Jesus.

Let us continue to be a Parish Community which worships together, welcomes everyone and is conscious and aware of one another's needs, especially those who are new to our community of faith and those with needs. It takes the whole community to emanate a loving response to those in need and to express a heartfelt welcome to strangers. 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)

I wish everyone enjoyable Christmas holidays with family and friends.

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts. Our readings today point to the importance of reverencing one another with respect and charity. We are to honor our parents and let the peace of Christ control our hearts. We are to put on love and strive always to live with gratitude.

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:41-52

In today's first reading, Sirach writes of the proper relationship between parents and children. In the second reading, Paul instructs the community on how to conduct themselves *as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved*. In the Gospel, Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem as Mary and Joseph made their way home. They found him in the temple, and he said: *Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?*

Knowing You

We're happy to have you worship with us! The question is, are you a registered parishioner? There are a number of people in our pews who may not realize the importance of becoming a registered member. Then when they need something like a sponsor eligibility form, they wonder why we can't just give it to them. Below are a number of reasons why it's a good idea to register with the parish.

- A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community.
- A commitment to practice your faith.
- Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you.
- Registered active members may be eligible for sponsor/godparent validation.
- Joining a parish lends support and encouragement to become a better Catholic and to build each other up.
- Catholics attend their local church so they might have opportunities to serve others and thus to serve God.
- Registration enables the pastor and staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you.

If you consider yourself part of our community and haven't gotten around to registering yet, contact us soon and let's make it official. Email Audrey at: awilson@saintfrancescabrini.net or contact the parish office to get started.

Martha's Cupboard



Dear St. Frances Cabrini Parish Family,

On behalf of the Ministry of Martha's Cupboard, we offer our most grateful appreciation for the tremendous generosity of all who in any way provided the blessed bounty for our Christmas meals.

You have enabled 115 households to celebrate this season with a ham, turkey, occasionally a roaster chicken, and the many sides that accompany this festive dinner.

We thank the children of Holy Family Regional Catholic School, the students of Bishop Conwell-Egan High School, Waste Management, Falls Township Fire Marshals, and the Giant Food Store in Fairless Hills for food drives which they held for Martha's Cupboard. Our shelves were filled.

Many anonymous donors have provided financial assistance, along with the Knights of Columbus Council #4215, which allowed us to fully complete our Mission of providing a generous Christmas meal for many.

We thank you for the opportunity you have given us and the volunteers to bear witness to the Spirit of "Love Thy Neighbor" in the joyful giving of the Christmas meal bags, laden with extra food that our "guests" may not have been able to provide for their families. Please know that without your "helping hands" and all your prayers, our Ministry could not have been as successful this Christmas Season.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, we go forward in 2025 with a renewed ability to serve those who have come to rely on Martha's Cupboard Ministry.

We ask that the Lord continue to bless us all as He does today. Thank you for continuing the work of our patroness, Saint Frances Cabrini.

Peace and Love,

Kathy and Al Madeley

FORMED NOW

Formed Now! features special guests and insider looks at unique topics.

In the New Year's Resolution episode, Dr. Christopher O. Blum sits down to reflect on the importance of making our New Year's resolutions spiritual and centered on the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

In The Twelve Days of Christmas episode, Dr. Elizabeth Klein sits down to reflect on the 12 days of Christmas.

As you know, our parish provides a subscription for you to have the opportunity to learn more about and deepen your faith. We hope you'll take advantage of it by scanning the QR to the right of simply going to Formed.org and selecting our parish.



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.



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SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH COMMUNITY POT OF GOLD WEEKLY LOTTERY PROGRAM



Due to an early bulletin deadline, we are unable to post the December 23rd winners here. Please see our Parish website or Facebook page for results and this week's Jackpot prize amount.

The drawing for the weekly lottery is held Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room behind the gym. Tickets received after 7:00 PM on Monday will be entered in the following week's drawing.

We have thousands of tickets to check each Monday evening. In order to make this process smooth and efficient, please:

- Write name and phone number clearly.
- Rubber band your tickets with each ticket facing in the same direction.
- If using name stickers, please be sure the sticker does not go over the edge of the ticket.

Thank you for participating in the Pot of Gold Program. For more information, contact the Rectory at 215-946-4040.

Due to the early bulletin deadline, the collection for December 23 will be printed in the January 5th bulletin.

*Thank you for
your financial support!*



The beauty of Christmas is not in the presents but in His Presence.
Matthew 1:23

To enroll in the St. Frances Cabrini online giving program, please log into: SaintFrancesCabrini.net & click on the Parish Giving Logo.

For fee free electronic giving use your banking institution's Bill Pay option to setup recurring or one-time contributions.

For more information about electronic giving, contact Karen David at 215-946-4040 or Parish@SaintFrancesCabrini.net



Renew and Breathe
Retreats for Mothers of all Ages and Phases

Saturday, January 11, 2025 "Mothers, Be Still and Know That I Am God"
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The cost for this program is \$55.
Expenditure of breakfast and lunch included.
Register at mshf.org/mshf/retreats-and-workshops/




Are you looking for fulfillment in your career?

The Legacy of Life Foundation, a organization dedicated to helping women and strengthening families has fulfilling career opportunities. If you are interested in making an impact to help women and families, we would love to hear from you. We have the following full-time opportunities available:

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Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center,

Stone Harbor, NJ, has posted its schedule of programs for the winter and spring of 2025. For more information or to register, visit www.VMbytheSea.com.

Below are our January offerings.

Wednesday, January 22
10:00 am—4:00 pm \$25

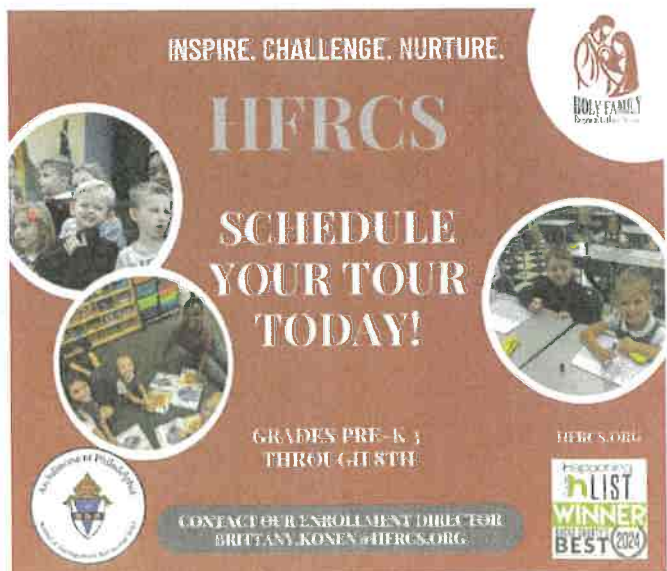
Private Day of Prayer—On the Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn, spend a quiet day praying for the intention of the right to life from conception until natural death. Throughout the day, there will be periods of communal prayer for this very special intention. Lunch and Mass is provided.

Friday, January 31
8:45 am—2:15 pm \$60*

Arise and Call her Blessed
Presented by Sr. Sheila Galligan, IHM

Come to celebrate God’s gift of his Mother – whom we usually refer to as the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let’s “push pause” and take some time to slowly squeeze the juice out of the descriptive “Blessed” as well as our everyday “go to” prayer: the Hail Mary. Let’s come to appreciate the role the Blessed Mother plays in keeping us close to Jesus. Coffee and check-in begins at 8:45 am. The day includes Mass and lunch.

*You may opt to stay overnight the evening before this event for an additional \$95.



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