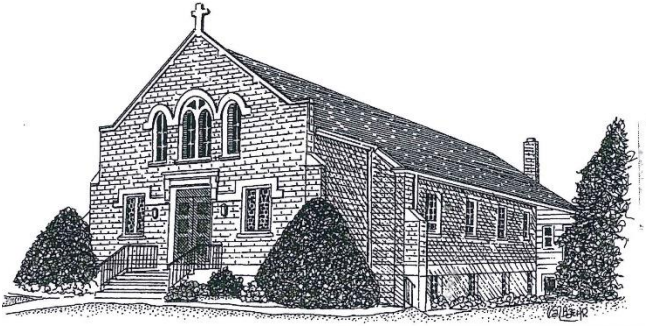


# ST. FRANCES CABRINI CHURCH



Parish Website: [www.stfrancab.com](http://www.stfrancab.com)

*Piscataway, New Jersey 08854 December 22, 2024*

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## Parish Office

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## Parish Registration

New parishioners are asked to register at the Parish Office as soon as possible after moving into the area. Newly married couples have to re-register as a new family. Parishioners are asked to notify the Parish Office immediately upon a change of address, telephone number or impending moves out of the parish.

## Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated communally on the First Sunday of each month at 1:00 P.M. immediately following the Sunday 11:30 AM Mass. Parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to any date being set for Baptism. These classes are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Church. Please call 732-885-5313, to register for the class. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend the class before the birth of their child. Parents and godparents are asked to attend the Sunday 11:30 AM Mass on the date of Baptism.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays before Vigil Mass: 3:45 - 4:15PM

## Pastoral Care of the Sick

Arrangements for Communion calls to the sick at home can be made by contacting the Parish Office. Notify the office when a parishioner is in the hospital or otherwise confined. Emergency sick call anytime.

## Mass Schedule:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 12:10 PM

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 AM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM

## Religious Education Program

The Religious Education Program takes place on

Tuesdays: Grades 1-8 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Registration of new students and continuing students may be arranged by calling the Religious Ed phone.

## Marriage

The Policy for Dioceses of New Jersey requires a period of preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage. This includes sessions with the parish priest, participation at Pre-Cana Conference, God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage Conference, and F.O.C.C.U.S. (A Values Indicator). Therefore, arrangements are made at the Parish Office at least one year in advance, and before any social plans are finalized.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 22, 2024



## Monday, December 23, 2024

12:10 PM + Connie Lufrano  
r/o Suzanne DiVencenzo

## Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:00 PM + Deacon Michael Gleason  
r/o Gleason family  
7:00 PM + People of the Parish  
9:00 PM + Blanca Toro  
r/o Paula & Nelson Zumbana

## Wednesday, December 25, 2024

7:30 AM + Joseph Greco  
r/o Marissa & Bob Greco  
9:30 AM + Benito F. Fuertes  
r/o Medenilla family  
11:30 AM + Jante family  
r/o Bautista family

## Thursday, December 26, 2024

7:00 AM + Steve Johnson  
r/o Passero family

## Friday, December 27, 2024

12:10 PM + John DeCapio  
r/o Regina DeCapio

## Saturday, December 28, 2024

8:00 AM + John Haffer  
r/o Family  
4:30 PM + Lillian & Jacqueline Vesce  
r/o Jamby & Vince Vesce

## Sunday, December 29, 2024

7:30 AM + Zozima Llacuna  
r/o Roger Ng  
9:30 AM + Michael Wanzie  
r/o Wanzie family  
11:30 AM + People of the Parish

## SANCTURY FLOWERS:

Deceased members of the Madolid & Saylo families

THANK YOU TO OUR ADULT & CHILDRENS CHOIRS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MARY HORVATH, OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR, FOR BRINGING US A WONDERFUL NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC. AND ALSO TO OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & THE COLUMBIETTES, WHO COOKED AND SERVED A FEAST FOR US AFTER THE CONCERT & ALSO COOKED & SERVED AT THE SANTA BREAKFAST.

The Parish office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and will re-open on Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation on Wednesday, January 1, 2025. Masses are 12:10 & 7:00 PM

The Children's Liturgy of the Word (C.L.O.W.) will not be held on December 29<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 Mass

Requests for Altar Candles (\$10), Tabernacle Candle (\$10) and Sanctuary Flowers (\$30) are to be given in memory of a loved one or a special intention and may be made at the parish office. The request will be printed in the bulletin.

**Pray for the Sick:** Chris Aleo, Victoria Austria, Most Rev. Bishop Paul Bootkoski, Damaris Camacho, Frank Camacho, Belen B. Carluen, Celia Riego deDios, Carolyn Field, Rosalito Lim, German Mercado, David Rivera, Dennis Thomas, Eden Thompson

Please call the Parish Office at ext. 2 with any person you want added to our list of prayer for the sick. Note that requests should come from a family member or with permission of the person.

Weekly Collection

Stewardship – December 15th

Weekly Collection: \$ 4304.00

Improvement Collection: \$ 1332.00

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We meet every Sunday at the 9:30 AM Mass. All children are dismissed after the Introductory Rites and return during the Offertory. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering to help with this program.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 22, 2024

**"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leapt in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?'"**

As we complete our advent preparation, take a minute to see and hear the family reunion of the two cousins. The question of Elizabeth can fall from our lips. Not only 'how is it that the mother of my Lord should come to me', but for us, how is it that our loving God should become one with us today? The marvelous question for us 'can it indeed be that God dwells on earth?' These final days before Christmas urges us to consider and be serious about His coming and our need to find Him among us.

The biblical words of the greeting above, which we recite so frequently, invite us to discover the real meaning of our Christmas celebration this week.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through his sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.

### Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.



### Sunday

Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

### Monday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

### Tuesday

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

### Wednesday

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

### Thursday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

### Friday

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### Saturday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

