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Immaculate Mary, pray for us! — December 8, 2020

Weekly Offering:

Week of November 17-23 2020:

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| Weekly Online: | 5,354.00 |
| Weekly Mail & Mass: | <u>9,239.00</u> |
| Weekly Total: | 14,593.00 |
| Budget: | 14,187.48 |
| Variance: | 405.52 |

Week of November 24-30 2020:

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| Weekly Online: | 5,103.00 |
| Weekly Mail & Mass: | <u>10,603.00</u> |
| Weekly Total: | 15,706.00 |
| Budget: | 14,187.48 |
| Variance: | 1,518.52 |



From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

The season of Advent continues, as do our preparations for Christmas and Christ's eventual return. As we go about our preparations, it's not hard to experience periods of anxiety, sadness, and loss about the impact the pandemic is having on our daily lives and the effects it will have on our holiday celebrations and plans. As I plan for Christmas personally and on behalf of the parish, I feel these things, too. I worry about the safety of in-person gatherings and the effects the pandemic will have on our parish and lives long after it is brought under control.

In times like these, we must remember the awesome power of God. He is not limited by distance or time. He draws straight with crooked lines. No matter the situation or how we gather, He is always with us and will join us together in communion with Himself and each other. His presence will console our isolation and sustain us through these temporary but necessary periods of social distancing.

When I think of this, my heart fills with joy. My hope is that yours will, too. Join me this week as we prepare and pray, Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

Fr. Gary

Mass Schedule:

All Masses are open to the public. Daily Masses and the Sunday 8:30 am Mass are also live-streamed on the parish Facebook page.

Saturday: 4:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am
11:00 am

Daily (M-F): 8:45 am

Holy Days: 8:45 am

Parish Programs:

Spiritual Book Club - Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 9:30 am via Zoom.

Parents of Special Needs Children - Meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:00 pm via Zoom.

Adult Faith Opportunities:

RCIA - For those thinking about becoming a Catholic.

These programs are available for parishioners who are 18 years old or older. Please contact Jim King at dre@stbasils.org and 610-935-1261 for information and to register.

Please pray for:

A complete list of everyone on our parish prayer list is on our website.

Rest in Peace: Ann Coccia, Mary Lou Shoop (mother of Amber Bailey), Patricia Bakay, and all of our faithful departed.

To Add People to Our Parish Prayer List:

If you have a loved one in need of special prayers for any reason, please contact the Parish Office to have them added to our Prayer List and to remove them once they are no longer in need of such prayers. Thank you in advance for your help with this and for praying for those in our parish who need special prayers.

Mass Intentions:

Fr. Gary continues to honor all current Mass intentions, even if the Mass is not a public one due to the COVID-19 situation.

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Vigil – Emil Sabol, 35th Anniv. (Susan Puleo)
8:30 am – Andrew Tomcho Family (Carol Cooper)
11:00 am – For the People of St. Basil the Great

Monday, December 7, 2020

8:45 am – Eugene Coccia (John & Rosemary Angeloni)

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

8:45 am – For the People of St. Basil the Great

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

8:45 am – Beatrice & Joseph Savulis (M/M Robert Shemonsky)

Thursday, December 10, 2020

8:45 am – Annamay Porchik (Tony & Ann Storti)

Friday, December 11, 2020

8:45 am – Richard Taney (Tony & Ann Storti)

Saturday, December 12, 2020

5:00 pm – Andy Viscuso, 4th Anniv. (Helen Viscuso)

Next Sunday, December 13, 2020

8:30 am – Joseph & Dorothy Kane (Darlene Kane)
11:00 am – For the People of St. Basil the Great



Parents, check out our YouTube page for weekly Children's Liturgy of the Word videos! You can access our YouTube page from the parish website homepage. Children's Liturgy of the Word is an age-

appropriate Liturgy of the Word geared toward children ages 5 through 8.



Join us Sundays in Advent at 9:30 am via Zoom for this Advent program, which consists of weekly videos, featuring talks by Fr. Mike Schmitz, Matthew Kelly & Bishop Robert Barron, followed by discussion. Open to parishioners who are 18 years old or older. Please contact Jim King at dre@stbasils.org and 610-935-1261 for information and to register.

Please help with our Virtual Giving Tree!

2020 Holiday Mass Schedule*



Christmas Masses:

Thursday, December 24, 2020

2 pm

4:30 pm**

7:00 pm

No Midnight Mass

Friday, December 25, 2020

8:30 am**

11:00 am

New Year's/Mary, Mother of God:

Thursday, December 31, 2020

5:00 pm

Friday, January 1, 2021

10:00 am**

No 8:45 am Mass

All Masses are open to the public. Seating is very limited.
Check website for details. *Plans are subject to change.
**Masses live-streamed via parish Facebook page.



St. Basil the Great Parish Virtual Giving Tree

This holiday season, we can still help those in our community in need

Through our Virtual Giving Tree!

The Giving Tree is a time honored tradition at St. Basil the Great. Each year our parishioners generously donate items needed by non-profits in our area who are serving others. These groups especially need our help this year. To keep everyone safe, we are asking our parishioners to make donations directly to the following organizations, each of whom we have supported via our Giving Tree in the past:

- ▶ **The Clinic**
- ▶ **Mom's House**
- ▶ **Phoenixville Area Early Learning Center**
- ▶ **St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter for Homeless Families**

On our parish website we have posted links to the websites of each of the locations and/or to the Amazon Wish List pages of the organizations. On those Amazon Wish List pages, the organizations have listed items (and the amounts of each) they need. Orders made

through those pages will be sent directly to the organization, keeping everyone safe. If you aren't comfortable making donations online, we will also include each organization's address so you can mail monetary donations, which are always welcome.

To get things rolling, the parish has donated the items requested by the **Assisi House**, which is the retirement home for the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia. We thank everyone whose generosity to the parish made this donation possible this year!

When: **Now through December 4, 2020** – to allow for distribution of items prior to the holidays

Time: Anytime – it's virtual!!

Thank you in advance for any help you can provide with this effort. We will be praying for you all and wish you a very blessed Advent and Christmas!!

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