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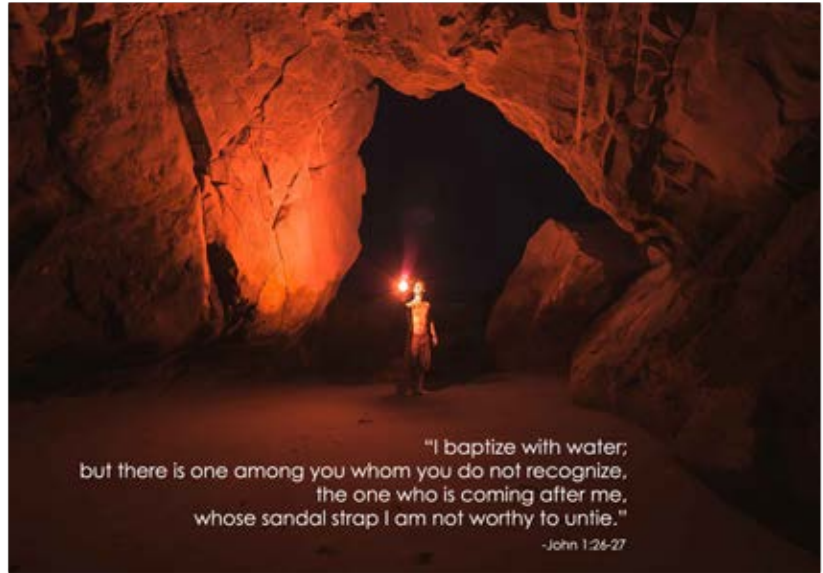


## A prayer for you this Advent:

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Let your light shine in my heart and mind that I may know your truth and will for my life and find freedom and joy in living according to it. Amen.

## Weekly Offering:

Weekly Online:	7,856.00
Weekly Mail & Mass:	11,212.00
<b>Weekly Total:</b>	<b>19,068.00</b>
Budget:	14,187.48
Variance:	4,880.52



## From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

As we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent, preparations for Christmas are well underway. I have been busily preparing for our parish Christmas celebrations and holiday bulletins. Our submission dates to our bulletin publisher compress before the holidays. This year it's especially hard to publish Christmas plans so far in advance when the pandemic worsens each day and changes happen quickly.

As I sit here writing, my heart is heavy. The news regarding the pandemic is grim and worsening. The number of people suffering grows and grows. While I long for a return to Christmases of old, where our beautiful church overflows with joyful Christmas worshippers, the simple truth is that it is just not safe this year. The obligation to attend Mass is still suspended in the Archdiocese and it is for a reason. My hope is that everyone who is older or at risk, or is in contact with someone who is, stays home and joins us on Facebook for a live-streamed Mass -- that we make smart decisions now so we are all here to celebrate in person together when it is safe to do so.

Please continue to stay informed. Please visit our website and Facebook page closer to Christmas for any changes to the holiday Mass schedule, since last minute changes won't be in the bulletin. Please stay safe and follow safety protocols to keep others safe. May God continue to bless you and those you love.

*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](mailto: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:** John Szuchan, 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 13, 2020

Vigil – Andy Viscuso, 6th Anniv. (Helen Viscuso)  
8:30 am – Joseph & Dorothy Kane (Darlene Kane)  
11:00 am – For the People of St. Basil the Great

### Monday, December 14, 2020

8:45 am – Mary Marlyn Meoli (Dolores Mastrangelo)

### Tuesday, December 15, 2020

8:45 am – Catherine MacFarland (John & Rosemary Angeloni)

### Wednesday, December 16, 2020

8:45 am – Vincent Marinello (Joan Marinello McNamara)

### Thursday, December 17, 2020

8:45 am – Angie Jaworski (M/M Anthony Raucci)

### Friday, December 18, 2020

8:45 am – Ann Marie Pelosi, 5th Anniv. (The Pelosi Family)

### Saturday, December 19, 2020

5:00 pm – Angie & Paul Jaworski and Wanda & Thomas Piscatelli (M/M Anthony Raucci)

### Next Sunday, December 20, 2020

8:30 am – Joseph Kane, Jr. (M/M Joe 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](mailto:dre@stbasils.org) and 610-935-1261 for information and to register.

# 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.

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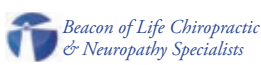
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