

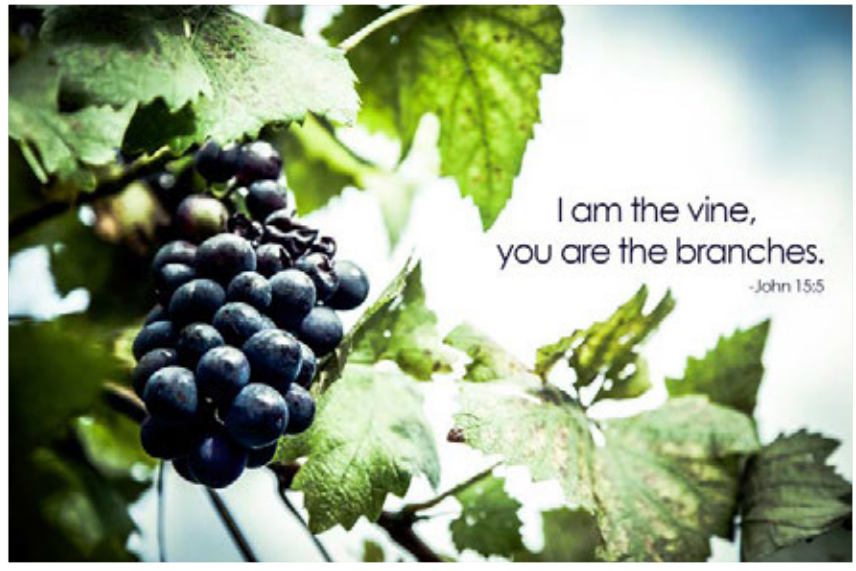
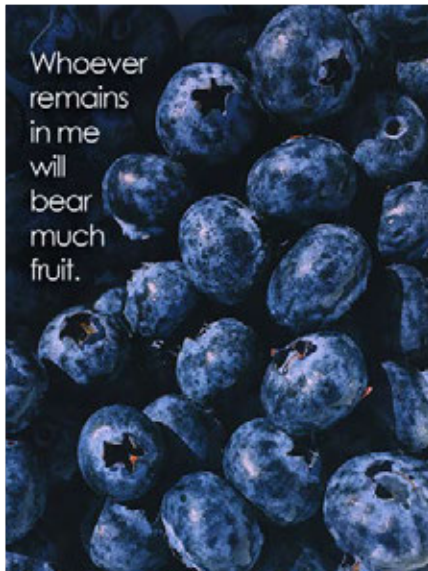
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Weekly Offering:

Week of April 20-26, 2021:

Weekly Online:	4,224.00
Weekly Mail & Mass:	<u>7,427.00</u>
Weekly Total:	11,651.00
Budget (last year):	14,187.48
Variance:	(2,536.48)

The Palm Sunday and Easter collections will be reported separately once we stop receiving donations for them. Thank you for your generosity!



From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

This week's Gospel reading continues our review of how Jesus describes himself in the series of "I am statements" recounted in John's Gospel. This week we explore Jesus as the vine. Again, as with the image of the good shepherd, Jesus picked a metaphor that would be familiar to and easily understood by the people of his day. Since I am not knowledgeable about grapevines and their care, I looked into how to prune and care for them to get a better understanding of what Jesus was trying to communicate to his followers then and now. A simple Google search immediately turned up the following advice:

Don't be timid when pruning grapes.

Grape growers don't usually prune their vines enough.

To ensure a good harvest, gardeners should remove the majority of wood produced during the previous season until about 90% is pruned off.

Wow. As the people then would have known from this example, the changes Jesus and his Father, the vine grower, hope to work in us are profound, radical, and life altering. We are given an example of just how radical and life altering in the story of Saul/Paul. Paul's encounter with God left him radically changed – God set him on a course completely opposite from the one he had been on before his road to Damascus encounter with

Mass Schedule:

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

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.

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: Robert Finn, Frank Wetty, III, 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.

the Lord. Paul was asked to make a near total transformation. God kept the good 10% – the zealotness, intelligence, communication skills, and leadership – and changed pretty much everything else. Through the pruning of Paul, God was able to change the world. Much fruit was indeed produced.

My wish for you this week, is that you remain open to the pruning God wishes to do in your life and that once pruned, remaining connected to him, you also change our world. The world certainly needs that kind of change.

Fr. Gary

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, May 2, 2021

Vigil – James E. Butler, 17th Anniv., & Mildred H. Butler, 3rd Anniv. (Butler Children)

8:30 am – Our Loving Mother Agnes Baranoski (Loving Children)

11:00 am – For the People of St. Basil the Great

Monday, May 3, 2021

8:45 am – Jean Everly, 4th Anniv. (Tom Everly, Mindy Everly, & Darla Arrison)

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

8:45 am – Giulio Odorisio (Jerry & Carol Trecroce)

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

8:45 am – Ann Tomon Cacace, 5th Anniv. (Terry Tomon & Family)

Thursday, May 6, 2021

8:45 am – Mary Marlyn Meoli (Dominick & Dee Aquilante)

Friday, May 7, 2021

8:45 am – Donald Pacitti (The Pacitti Family)

Saturday, May 8, 2021

5:00 pm – Michael J. Vogt, 86 BD (Jo Anne Vogt)

Next Sunday, May 9, 2021

8:30 am – Annette Winters Dzyurachko, 6th Anniv. (Paul & Diane Winters)

11:00 am – For the People of St. Basil the Great



Congratulations to our Confirmandi!

Please join us in congratulating all of our parish children who were sealed with the Holy Spirit during the sacrament of Confirmation this past weekend. We thank Bishop McIntyre, the students' families, and all those who worked so hard to prepare the children and the church for this important day. What a truly joyous event for us all. Please join us in praying for our Confirmandi and their families! Come, Holy Spirit, come!

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