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## The Ascension of the Lord - May 13th:

Lord, after your Resurrection, you ascended to Heaven and sent an advocate to live within and among us so we would never be alone. May the Holy Spirit continue to abide in and guide us today and forever. Amen.

## Weekly Offering:

### Week of April 27 - May 3, 2021:

Weekly Online:	5,790.00
Weekly Mail & Mass:	<u>7,036.00</u>
<b>Weekly Total:</b>	<b>12,826.00</b>
Budget (last year):	14,187.48
Variance:	(1,361.48)

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:

In today's world, the search for happiness has become a multi-trillion dollar industry. There are legions of happiness consultants and coaches who give happiness seminars promoting books and programs that promise the secret to obtaining happiness. A quick search of TED talks on how to achieve happiness brings up a long list of experts who claim to know the secret: happiness is something you can buy; it's something you can't buy; it results from more choices; it results from less choices; it comes from having more stuff; nope, it comes from having less stuff; it can be achieved through forming certain habits; it only comes from spontaneity and flexibility. Yet despite all of this advice, people today are increasingly unhappy and too often, actively sad and even despairing. In the Gospel this week, Jesus tells us what we need to do to not just attain happiness, but outright joy. We need to love (God and each other), we need to obey (the commandments), and we need to remain connected to God in loving obedience. Jesus says if we do that, our joy will be complete. Is that path easy? No. But will it work? Absolutely. Once we start fully loving God and living to share that love with others, we can find the purpose and happiness we so desperately seek.

My wish for you this week, is that you pray for and receive the grace

## 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](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:** Joseph Colella (Marlene Smith's brother) 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.

needed to take the next steps in your journey to love God and bear the only fruit that will truly bring joy, not just to you but to those around you.

*Fr. Gary*

## Mass Intentions:

### Sunday, May 9, 2021

- Vigil – Michael J. Vogt, 86 BD (Jo Anne Vogt)
- 8:30 am – Annette Winters Dzyurachko, 6th Anniv. (Paul & Diane Winters)
- 11:00 am – For the People of St. Basil the Great

### Monday, May 10, 2021

- 8:45 am – Msgr. Joseph A. Shields, Anniv. (People of St. Basil the Great)

### Tuesday, May 11, 2021

- 8:45 am – Giulio Odorisio (Sandra & Robert Shemonsky)

### Wednesday, May 12, 2021

- 8:45 am – Denise Narducci (The Narducci Family)

### Thursday, May 13, 2021

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

### Friday, May 14, 2021

- 8:45 am – Giulio Odorisio (Doug & Kathy Beck)

### Saturday, May 15, 2021

- 5:00 pm – Thanksgiving for Our 50th Wedding Anniversary (John & Rosemary Angeloni)

### Next Sunday, May 9, 2021

- 8:30 am – Rosaria Badalamenti (Husband & Sons)
- 11:00 am – For the People of St. Basil the Great



## Congratulations First Communicants!

Please join us in congratulating all of our parish children who received Communion for the first time last weekend. We thank the students' families and all who worked so hard to

prepare the children and the church for this very special day. Please join us in praying for these children and their families!

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