

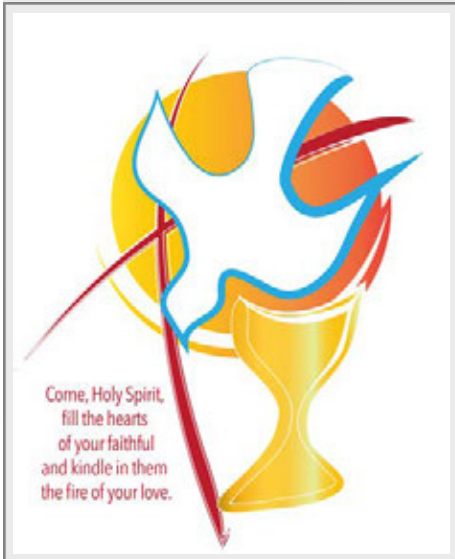
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Weekly Offering:

Week of May 11-17, 2021:

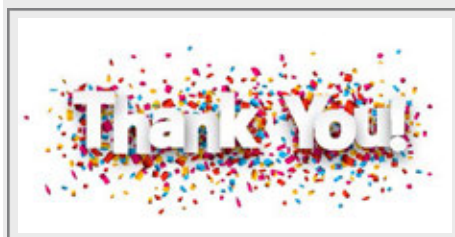
Weekly Online:	4,517.00
Weekly Mail & Mass:	10,685.00
Weekly Total:	15,202.00
Budget (last year):	14,187.48
Variance:	1,014.52

Palm Sunday Collection:

Last Fiscal Year	1,272.00
This Fiscal Year	2,915.00

Easter Collection:

Last Fiscal Year	20,548.00
This Fiscal Year	21,775.00



From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

One of the possible readings for this weekend's vigil Mass recounts the story of the tower of Babel. That story is often used as a counterpoint to the story of Pentecost, which we celebrate this weekend. Most of you are probably familiar with the Babel story – it tells a tale about a group of guys who banded together to do something. The Gospel also tells a story about a group of guys who banded together to do something. The first group's efforts failed while the second group's succeeded. You don't need to be a theologian to see why – the first group's goal was to achieve glory for themselves rather than God, and that misguided and potentially damage-causing goal prompted God to act against them to foil their success. The second group, however, was focused on the right goal – the forgiveness of sins and the salvation of people and God's glory essentially – and those righteous goals garnered God's assistance and support.

That support came in the form of the mighty help of the Holy Spirit, the somewhat mysterious third person of the Holy Trinity. With the Holy Spirit's help, the second group was able to overcome divisions that had separated humans since the beginning – even before the first group started to build their towering paragon of human vanity, selfishness, and godless self-aggrandizement. The second group, through the help and guidance of the

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: 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.

Holy Spirit, was able to restore unity and proper focus on God to a world that was fractured by disobedience and sin, as evidenced by the actions of those building the tower.

On this weekend where we celebrate the birthday of the Church, my wish for you is that you welcome the Holy Spirit into your heart and follow its promptings to continue God's work of unifying and healing our broken world to make it more like the one God originally envisioned for us – his beloved children.

Fr. Gary

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Vigil – Daniel Matalavage (Brian & Susan Bodick)
8:30 am – Arthur Geoghean (M/M Kirk Coats)
11:00 am – For the People of St. Basil the Great

Monday, May 24, 2021

8:45 am – Eleanor Hirko (Mary Ann Burcin)

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

8:45 am – Joan Solick (The Bodick Family)

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

8:45 am – Giulio Odorisio (Paul & Diane Winters)

Thursday, May 27, 2021

8:45 am – Rev. Robert A. McLaughlin Anniversary (People of St. Basil the Great)

Friday, May 28, 2021

8:45 am – Frank Wetty (Dr. Maria Regina Coccia)

Saturday, May 29, 2021

5:00 pm – Eleanor Hirko (Alicia & Robert Fox)

Next Sunday, May 30, 2021

8:30 am – William J. McHale, Sr. (Kip & Maryann McHale)
11:00 am – For the People of St. Basil the Great



Holy Spirit,
overflow in me
until rivers of living water
pour out of me.
Amen.

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