

# ST. BASIL THE GREAT

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## New email addresses:

Our parish server crashed. All prior email addresses for the parish and staff are not working. For now, please send all parish email to basilchurchpa@gmail.com and email Jim King at jimkingdre@gmail.com

## Weekly Offering:

### Week of August 31- Sept. 6, 2021:

Weekly Online:	5,363.00
Weekly Mail & Mass:	<u>7,007.00</u>
<b>Weekly Total:</b>	<b>12,370.00</b>
Weekly Offering Budget:	12,757.00
Variance:	(387.00)

The Weekly Offering amount includes only: regular collections at Mass, online, and mail donations to be retained by the parish and Building & Maintenance donations. Christmas and Easter collections will be reported separately. Other parish income is not included above. **Please note:** The lower budget number above does not mean that it costs less to run the parish well. It is simply a result of decreases in Mass attendance and parish donations and is a number we very much hope to exceed so we can continue our work and ministries.



## From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

To prepare for the Pastor's Desk and homily each week, I read the Sunday readings and look ahead to any special days to be celebrated in the week to come. In doing so this week, I was struck by the power and uniformity of their message - it seemed to illustrate what I like to think of as the consequences of discipleship.

In the Gospel, we hear Jesus ask his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" and then after hearing a litany of wrong answers, Jesus asks them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter, as we all know, answers correctly that Jesus is the Christ, the long awaited for Messiah. It's clear from this Gospel that knowing and believing who Jesus is is very important. It is also clear from Jesus' next words that knowing and believing (i.e., faith), however, are not enough. In telling his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me," he lets them, and us, know that in addition to faith, action is required. In case there was any doubt about this, James in the 2nd reading makes it crystal clear - "So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

For us to be disciples then, we must not only have faith, but put that faith into action - we must not just believe and grow in that belief, but act and in so doing, bear fruit. We must strive to go beyond just knowing God's truths and commandments to actually seeking and encountering him in

## 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.

**Discovery Discipleship Faith Study** - Rediscover your faith and a personal relationship with God.

These programs are available for parishioners who are 18 years old or older. Please contact Jim King, DRE at jimkingdre@gmail.com 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 Reifsnnyder 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.

our lives and putting them into practice in the world and for the people around us. As we see repeatedly throughout the Bible, in both the Old Testament and New, once a person encounters God, he or she faces a choice – to let it change them or to remain unchanged. What Jesus wants is for us to let it change us – to move from knowledge to witness, from faith to action.

We also know that in doing so, our path may well be difficult. Mary's faith and witness led to her heart being pierced with seven deep sorrows, earning her the moniker, Our Lady of Sorrows, which we remember this week (9/15). We also celebrate the Exultation of the Holy Cross this week (9/14) - remembering how Jesus turned an instrument of terror, violence, and death into a means of eternal joy and salvation. We know that no matter what we encounter along our faith journey, no matter how hard the road, our loving Savior will be walking with us to provide us with strength, love, courage, and grace all along our way. Let that comfort and guide you.

*Fr. Gary*

## Mass Intentions:

### Sunday, September 12, 2021

- Vigil – Steven Cannuli (Mary Ann Burcin)
- 8:30 am – Jack Markley (Tony & Chris Odorisio)
- 11:00 am – For the People of St. Basil the Great

### Monday, September 13, 2021

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

### Tuesday, September 14, 2021

- 8:45 am – Jean Spizzirri (The Pacitti Family)

### Wednesday, September 15, 2021

- 8:45 am – Jean Spizzirri (The Murphy Family)

### Thursday, September 16, 2021

- 8:45 am – Richard Edward Bednarek (His daughter, Martha Naivar)

### Friday, September 17, 2021

- 8:45 am – Jack Markley (JoAnne M. Vogt)

### Saturday, September 18, 2021

- 5:00 pm – Walt Grohoski & John Grohoski (Christine & Lewis Gatz)

### Next Sunday, September 19, 2021

- 8:30 am – M/M David Savidge (M/M Kevin Savidge)
- 11:00 am – For the People of St. Basil the Great



## There is still time to register for PREP 2021-22!

Please see the website for details and registration materials and turn them in ASAP. Contact Jim King, DRE at jimkingdre@gmail.com or 610-935-1261 with any questions.

## 2021 Mass Intentions are still available!

Please visit our website for information on how to request one. Thank you!