March 20, 2016

SAINT BASIL THE GREAT
Catholic Church

Rev. Gary T. Pacitti, M.Div. - Pastor
Rev. Geza Pazmany, Sch.P.
Sunday Helper
Deacon Patrick M. Stokely
Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 AM; 5:00 PM
Weekday: 8:45 AM
Holy Days: Vigil - 7:00 PM
Day of - 8:45 AM & 7:00 PM

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Children’s Liturgy:
During the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass, September through June.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays in the Chapel from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)
Sundays 9:30 to 10:45 AM in the school (September - May)
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) September - May
Thursdays - 7 PM in the School

Holy Family Regional Catholic School
www.MyHolyFamilySchool.org  610-933-7562

SACRAMENTS
Sacrament of Penance - In the Chapel on Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 PM, or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism - Congratulations! In co-operation with God’s creative love, you have given your child breath and now you wish to give them Real Life through the sacrament of Baptism. You will be your child’s first teacher in the ways of the Faith. To help you prepare for this responsibility, you are expected to participate in:
Pre-Jordan Baptismal Preparation Classes, held monthly on Sundays at 12:15 PM in the Rectory – Prior registration required. Please call or visit the website.

Baptisms are the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month by prior arrangement. Contact the Parish Office or visit the Parish website. 

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick - Please notify the Parish Office when a relative is sick or hospitalized, or going to the hospital for surgery, and Fr. Gary can arrange an Anointing.

Sacrament of Marriage - To assist couples to enter this sacrament, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia requires at least six months of formation prior to the reception of the sacrament. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment to see Fr. Gary to begin your sacramental preparation. Congratulations for responding to God’s call to Love.

Sacrament of Holy Orders - Jesus said that we are to pray to the Lord of the harvest, that workers will be sent at harvest time. If you feel the Lord might be asking you to be a priest or deacon, Fr. Gary will always be available to answer your questions and give direction.

REGISTRATION FOR NEW FAMILIES
St. Basil’s Parish welcomes those families within our Parish neighborhood who wish to register. Registration forms are available on our Parish website, www.StBasils.org, or in the back of the Church.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS
Email to Bulletin@StBasils.org 10 days before the Sunday you would like it to appear. Information received after this deadline may/may not be included as space allows.

MUSIC MINISTRY
Director: Jack W. Markley  Music@StBasils.org

Choir Practices:
Tues: 7:00 PM - Parish Choir
Thurs: 5:15 - 5:45 PM - Kids Choir (Grades 1-6)
5:45 - 6:30 PM - Youth Choir (Grades 7-12)
7:00 PM - Handbell Choir

Instrumentalists and new members for our choirs are always welcome! Contact Jack Markley.

ORGANIZATIONS
Golden Greats (Seniors Club) - 3rd Friday of the Month
10:00 AM in the Garden Room at Woodbridge Place

Knights of Columbus - 3rd Wednesday of the Month
7:00 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room
Contact John Blake for details: JBlake@vsscc.com

Legion of Mary: Wednesdays
10:00 AM in the Bride’s Room in the Church

Women’s Fellowship: 2nd Tuesday of the Month (Sept.-June)
7:00 PM in the Church Hall
Email SallyHallman@verizon.net for information

YOUTH
For Archdiocesan Youth events visit www.archphila.org/YYA

Knights of Columbus Squires: 3rd Sunday of the Month
For info - email Chris Mitchell at cmitchell@stbasils.org

CYO Athletic Director: Jim Foster
AthleticDirector@StBasils.org

Rental of the Hall: Email StBasilsGym@gmail.com

Low gluten hosts are available to our parishioners who need them. Please contact our DRE for more info: 610-935-1261, dre@stbasils.org.
Wednesday - 8:45 AM: Michael Mastrangelo & Family
Requested by: Andy Olearsek

Tuesday - 8:45 AM: St. Basil's Women's Fellowship
Requested by: Helen McGray (4th Anniv.)

Friday - 7:00 PM: Recently dec'd parishioners & their families
Requested by: The Koegel Family

Monday - 8:45 AM: Kathryn Deray
Requested by: Robert & Susan Malonoski

Thursday - 7:00 PM: Joseph Zawislack
Angie Spitz; Dick (Richard) Stevens; Steven Tufillaro; Rebecca Ulmer; Schwab, Jr.; Francis Seeberger; Lorraine Sisto; C. Daniel Skelton; Radliff; Robert Roehner; Richard Rosmos; Patricia Russo; Joseph Schwab, Jr.; Francis Seeberger; Lorraine Sisto; C. Daniel Skelton; Angie Spitz; Dick (Richard) Stevens; Steven Tufillaro; Rebecca Ulmer; Joseph Zawislack

Pray For

2nd Lt. Daniel Martin, LCP Bryan Walters, and all those serving our country, both at home and abroad and their families.

Our benefactors and all who are ill, especially: Regina Anderson; Ray Andrea; Dominick Aquilante; Jonni Bamberger; Andrew Benner; Glenn Berish; Gary W. Bogle; Anthony Bonanni; Richard Brown; Jennifer Brown; Christopher Valerie Burde; Bob Burke; Mike Burns; Lily Butterfield; Dana Byrne; Mary Jo Byrne; Chiponis Family; Bernadette Clark; Carol Cooper; Michele Coyle; Edwin Dahl; Mary Ellen Davey; Gert Dawson; Glen Douglas; Jane Dukovic; Virginia Etriss; Victor Ferrera; Terry Fiffick; Dorothy Jean Fiffick; Gabrielle Fiffick; Michele Francis; Martha Francis; Jim Frizzell; Dianna Gattone; Carol Gazzillo; Linda Gazzillo; Beverly S. Getbehead; Florence Grzybowski; Jim Guido; Michael Gwynn; Norman Hahn; John Hawkins; Jim Horn; Barbara Hritz; Shirley Jelliffe; Michael Jimenez; Robert Jonik; Patricia Kahl; Brian Kalbacher; Alice M. Kelly; Timothy Kiscaden; Jane & Bob Kline; Kovac twins; Kathleen Kulpe; Michael Landis; Joanne Loch; Nancy Logan; Jacob McCue; Mercedes McHale; Jean McHugh; Bill McHugh; Angela McShane; Matthew James Meadows; Pat Meyers; Jim Moran; Adelina Musumeci; Tina Nguyen; Jerry Pellegrino; Kaia Pence; Barbara Petriile; Lee R. Raden; Christine Radliff; Robert Roehner; Richard Rosmos; Patricia Russo; Joseph Schwab, Jr.; Francis Seeberger; Lorraine Sisto; C. Daniel Skelton; Angie Spitz; Dick (Richard) Stevens; Steven Tufillaro; Rebecca Ulmer; Joseph Zawislack

REST IN PEACE
Helen Beard, Fr. Michael Mondik, Richard Saunders, and all our faithful departed.

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Palm Sunday

“The Lord turned and looked at Peter.” Though we know of Peter’s cowardly denials from the other Gospels, only Luke recounts Jesus’ breathtakingly merciful response: “the Lord turned and looked at Peter” (Luke 22:61). On his first Palm Sunday as pope, Francis declared that by bending down to heal our bodies and souls, by understanding our human sufferings and sins, Jesus has shown us the face of God’s mercy. By taking the initiative to look at Peter, Jesus demonstrates the mercy that embraces us, who have also denied Jesus.

“Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). Similarly appropriate to this Jubilee Year of Mercy, only Luke recounts Jesus’ forgiving “them.” Who? Gentile soldiers, hammering nails into innocent flesh? Forgiven! Pilate, caving to the crowd, despite knowing Jesus’ innocence? Forgiven! Crowd turned mob, previously acclaiming Jesus, but now demanding crucifixion? Forgiven! Religious authorities, “who like to go around in long robes and love greetings in marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers” (Luke 20:46–47)! Forgiven! So Jesus forgives us, who are so often like all the others.

“Today you will be with me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43). Jesus welcomes a criminal as first citizen of creation reconciled and restored. Requesting not deliverance, salvation, or even forgiveness, the thief’s “Remember me” (23:42) should make us sinners remember this Jubilee Year of Mercy’s challenge: to go forth and welcome all others with the same unconditional, unfailing mercy with which Jesus welcomes us.

Question of the Week

As I look at the blessed palms that declare Jesus’ mercy, whom must I take the initiative to forgive from the heart, sharing this unconditional mercy?

Three times the cock crowed and by the third the whole world knew that Peter had denied his Lord. The echo of that moment can still be heard today each time we hide our faces, afraid not of death but a mild rebuke, or at the worst a little ridicule. The world may never know our silent denial, for as yet, Lord, it has not known our silent faith. We know of Peter’s cowardly denials from the other Gospels, only Luke recounts Jesus’ breathtakingly merciful response: “the Lord turned and looked at Peter” (Luke 22:61). On his first Palm Sunday as pope, Francis declared that by bending down to heal our bodies and souls, by understanding our human sufferings and sins, Jesus has shown us the face of God’s mercy. By taking the initiative to look at Peter, Jesus demonstrates the mercy that embraces us, who have also denied Jesus.

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This Week

TODAY
Knights of Columbus Palm Sunday Breakfast
Easter Egg hunt - 1:15 PM - Toddlers through 3rd Grade
Organ Concert - 3:00 PM in the Church

MONDAY
Tenebrae - 7:00 PM in the Church

TUESDAY
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9 AM - 4 PM in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY
Lenten Devotions - Confessions: 6:00 PM, Mass: 7:00 PM
Last chance for confessions before Easter

HOLY THURSDAY
Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7:00 PM
Adoration following Mass until 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
Devotions in the Church - 12:00 - 3:00 PM
Stations of the Cross - 3:00 PM
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion - 7:00 PM
Collection for the Holy Land
Day of Fasting - Ages 18-59  Abstinence from meat - Ages 14 and up

HOLY SATURDAY
Easter Vigil - 7:30 PM
No Confessions

EASTER SUNDAY
Masses at 8:30 and 11:00 AM
No 5:00 PM Sunday Mass

Our Weekly Offering
March 13, 2016
OFFERTORY
Envelopes $ 7,811.00
Loose $ 847.91
Mail $ 1,390.00
Online Giving $ 1,791.00
Total $ 11,839.91

INTEREST & MAINTENANCE FUND
Envelopes $ 4,829.00
Loose $ 196.00
Online Giving $ 505.00
Total $ 5,530.00

Thank you to all you parishioners who support us so faithfully!

We pray for ourselves
that we may be ready to follow Christ wherever he leads us,
even if the direction is unexpected or demanding.

PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT
Sunday March 20 at 1:15 PM
For toddlers through 3rd grade on the lawns around
the parish hall and convent. All are welcome!

Join us for
TENEBRAE
Monday, March 21 at 7:00 PM in the Church
God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

HOLY WEEK 2016
Holy Thursday - March 24
Mass of the Lord's Supper & Procession - 7:00 PM
Adoration following Mass until 10:00 PM (Chapel)

Good Friday - March 25
Devotions - 12:00-3:00 PM
Stations of the Cross - 3:00 PM
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00 PM
Day of Fasting - Ages 18-59
Abstinence from meat - Ages 14 and up

Holy Saturday - March 26
Easter Vigil - 7:30 PM
(No Confessions while Jesus is in the Tomb)

Easter Sunday - March 27
Masses: 8:30 and 11:00 AM
(No 5:00 PM Sunday Mass)

Next Weekend

MASS  ALTAR SERVERS (White)  LECTORS
Saturday, March 26, 2016  Sunday, March 27, 2016
7:30 PM  J. & C. Bailey  Marie Olearsek
P. Dinh  Ken Varane

8:30 AM  A. & C. Ewing  Paul Barry
C. Murphy

11:00 AM  C. & T. Brashear; N. Dato  Andrew Kosiak

*Your MSP schedule takes precedence over this printed schedule

CHURCH CLEANING COMMITTEE
GRAY TEAM - Charlie Lodge
CHURCH - Friday, March 25 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Beth Briglia  Keith Gallagher  Chris Mitchell
Tom Cauley  Marianne Holmes  John Tower
Sr. Mary Coll  Ronnie Howard  Bill Wisely
Paul Frizzell  Jean Katkowski
CONFIRMATION RETREAT
April 2nd
Beginning at 9:00 AM in the Church for all Candidates.

Presentation of all Confirmation Candidates
April 2nd at the 5:00 PM Mass
All parents and candidates are asked to attend this Mass.

Prep News:
There will be no Sunday Prep classes on Palm Sunday, March 20th, or on Easter Sunday, March 27th. Happy Easter!

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION
Support Christians in the Holy Land
Through the Good Friday Collection, we join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to this collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land.

Christians, along with all the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious, and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest, and instability have been especially hard on Christians.

Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land. For more information, visit www.MyFranciscan.org/Good-Friday

EASTER SECOND COLLECTIONS
On Easter Sunday, there will be two collections. The first is the usual Sunday collection; the second will be both the Easter envelope and Church in Latin America envelope. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Collection for the Church in Latin America
Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. In Peru, the 14 villages of Chazuta, in Moyobamba, are all located away from the city center, with the most remote only accessible by boat. The faithful in these communities do not have access to catechetical formation, and members often feel separated from the life of the universal Church.

Through a grant from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the religious congregation of the Missionaries of Jesus was able to provide faith formation, spiritual retreats, and workshops to nearly 250 people. Upon completion, participants were better equipped to help others deepen their faith and answer questions. The program also renewed their sense of commitment to their parishes and created stronger bonds within their own families. Through this program, members of the Chazuta villages felt the love and support of the universal Church.

Please support programs like these and give generously in next week’s collection. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Mass for Healing at St. Eleanor’s, Collegeville
Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel
We warmly invite everyone to this Mass, family members, friends and neighbors. For more info: 610-489-1647 or www.steleanor.com

Phoenixville Area High School presents
Les Misérables (School Edition)
April 7, 8 & 9 at 7:00 PM
At the District Auditorium (Phoenixville Middle School). Tickets are $12 each, $8 for students at the door or online. For more info, visit www.pahstheatreguild.com
Come out to see a fantastic show and support your fellow parishioners and former St. Basil students: Catherine Riggins (Junior), Kayleigh Horan (Junior), and Ashlyn Duda (Sophomore)!

Holy Family School
Did you know our kindergarten program is staffed by certified teachers all day? We offer half-day, full-day or a hybrid. Our afternoon program is run by the same certified teachers who teach our students in the morning. In addition, our kindergarten students are taught by the same specialists our older students see in art, music, Spanish, library, physical education, and technology! Our students experience all this in a faith-filled environment. Come check us out and see why we are a great choice. Registration is now open. Visit our website or stop in to see us anytime during the day! For more information or to schedule a personalized tour, email us at office@my-holyfamilyschool.org or call 610-933-7562

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED
Host families are needed for several international students who would like to attend Pope John Paul II High School for the upcoming school year. These F-1 visa students speak English, have medical insurance, and have their own pocket money for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board and receive a generous, monthly hosting stipend. If you have room in your heart and your home for one of our students, or for more information, please contact Hope Egolf of Nacel Open Door at 610-850-1398. Thank You!

Music Notes
For more info, contact Music Director Jack W. Markley (Music@StBasils.org) or stop by after Mass.

ORGAN CONCERT
Sunday, March 20 at 3:00 PM
Please join us for an hour of organ music by our Director of Music, Jack Markley. Jack will play works of Bach, Lang, Franck & Vierne. This concert will open the Holy Week Liturgies. All are invited and the concert is free.

PARISH CHOIR - Tues. 7:00 PM
HANDBELL CHOIR - Thurs. 7:00 PM
KIDS CHOIR (Gr. 1-6) - Thurs. 5:15 - 5:45 PM
YOUTH CHOIR (Gr. 7-12) - Thurs. 5:45 - 6:30 PM
HOW TO MAKE A PALM CROSS

STEP 1: Fold the palm leaf down about 5-6 cm from the bottom.

STEP 2: Fold the bottom point of the leaf up over itself.

STEP 3: Pull the top point of the leaf through the bottom point.

STEP 4: Tuck the top point of the leaf into the bottom point.

STEP 5: Turn the cross over.\textit{This is the front view.}\n
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Bishop Shanahan High School
7th Grade Visitation Day
April 14 - 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Spring Open House - All Families and Friends welcome!
April 21 – 7:00 PM
Visit www.shanahan.org under Admissions - Upcoming Events to register for each event or call Sister Jane at 610-343-6231. Questions? Email cdale@shanahan.org or call 610-343-6206.

All Engaged Couples Planning to Marry
PRE-CANA PROGRAM
St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Phoenixville
Saturday, April 23, 2016
Program begins at 8:00 AM and ends after the 4:00 PM Mass. Includes lunch, snacks and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This one-day program meets all the requirements of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A certificate is provided upon completion. Call the Parish Office for an application: 610-933-2526 or visit our website www.StMaryAssumption.org - click on Parish Information and then Sacraments/PREP.

Prayer for Holy Week
Jesus my Lord, let me strengthen my courage by taking on the courage of all those people who have been “centurions” for me. Many have faced disasters and hard times with great constancy. The upper hand of evil never turned them against you. They kept going. Let me be like them, Lord. No matter what the cross, let me never stop declaring you to be “truly the Son of God, the source of my hope, the reason why I will never quit on life. Amen.

Legion of Mary - Ministry of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue
“Mother of the Sorrowful Heart Pray for Us”
“God has placed peace in her hands, and it is from the Immaculate Heart that men must ask it.” If you would like Our Lady to visit your home and further her mission of daily prayer and the rosary: contact Janet Lee Malpeli: 717-648-9530 or Janet Lauletta: 610-639-4490

Bethesda Project Collection
Dear Parishioners,
The St. Basil’s Columbian Squires would like to THANK YOU for your generous support in making the Bethesda Project donations a success. There were over 1600 items collected ranging from small toiletries to new collared dress shirts to coats etc. We dropped off the donations on Friday, March 11, 2016.
In addition, there were over 50 women’s’ clothes donated that we dropped off at the People to People Charity in Phoenixville, PA. The clothes, shoes and other accessories are then distributed to various organizations like the Phoenixville’s Women’s Outreach.
We are so blessed and grateful for the wonderful support our Parishioners demonstrated to make this a wonderful Squires Service Activity.
Sincere Thanks,
Christopher Mitchell
St. Basil’s Columbian Squires Circle
Chief Counselor

St. Basil the Great
Council 13800
Come be part of the “Experience of a Lifetime!” For info, contact Grand Knight John Blake at JBlake@vsscc.com
The Knights meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month
7:00 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room