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Weekly Offering:

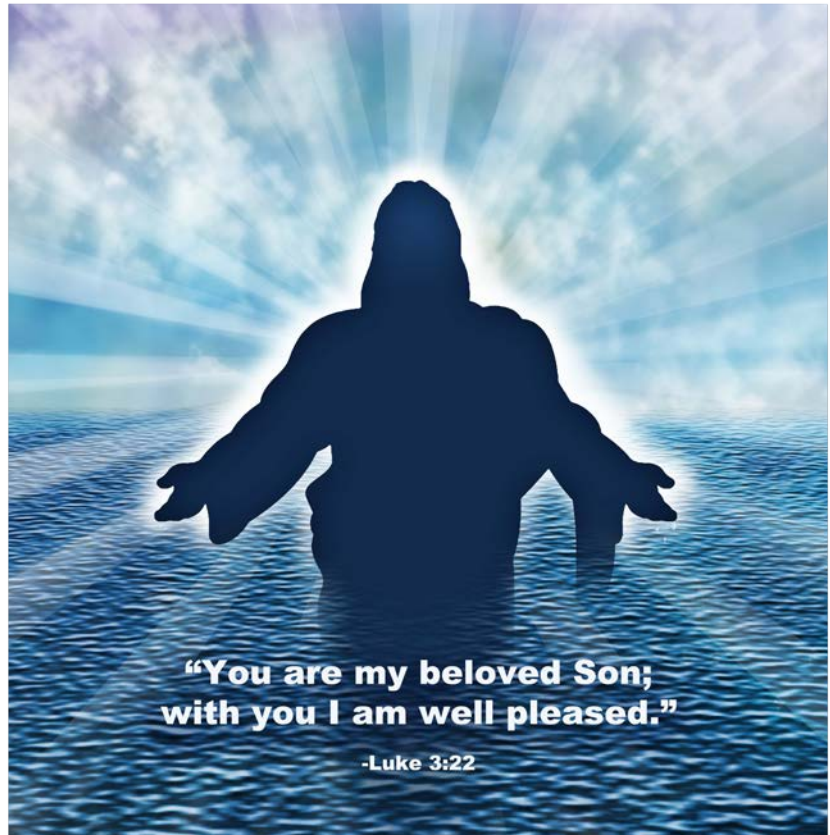
Week of December 21-27, 2021:

Weekly Online:	4,763.00
Weekly Mail & Mass:	7,635.00
Weekly Total:	12,398.00
Weekly Offering Budget:	12,757.00
Variance:	(359.00)

Week of Dec. 28 - Jan. 3, 2022:

Weekly Online:	7,764.00
Weekly Mail & Mass:	16,186.00
Weekly Total:	23,950.00
Weekly Offering Budget:	12,757.00
Variance:	11,193.00

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.



The Pastor's Corner:

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

If I say “the Baptism of Jesus”, I bet almost all of you will immediately picture two grown men standing in or near a river. If I say “Baptism” alone, however, my guess is that most of you will picture a baby dressed in white and held by an adult in a church next to a baptismal font. While there are many benefits to the modern practice of baptizing infants, there is one significant downside – the amount of time that passes between the occurrence of the sacrament and the ability of the baptized to embark on the mission that comes with it.

As the Catechism so eloquently states, “Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments.” Baptism frees us from sin and in so

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:	7:00 pm Vigil 8:45 am 7:00 pm

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: Russell Amalong (husband of Betsy Amalong), Julian W. McCracken, Sr. (father of Julian McCracken), Rosemary Blum, and all of our faithful departed.

To Add People to Parish Prayer List:

If you have a loved one in need of special prayers for any reason, please contact the Parish Office to add them to our Prayer List and to remove them once they are no longer in need of such prayers. Thank you for your help with this and for praying for those in our parish who need special prayers.

doing, makes us children of God, members of the Church, and part of the Body of Christ. Jesus' public life and work began at his Baptism – a life of love, service, and sacrifice in which he was the light for, and the salvation of, the world.

Jesus's public life and mission commenced with his Baptism. Ours does too – despite the intervening years which seemingly obscure and attenuate that obligation in our hearts and minds. My wish for us, as we embark upon this new year, is that we recognize the gift we all received at Baptism and joyfully and gratefully recommit ourselves to fulfilling the holy mission that being beloved children of God entails. What a world that will bring if we do!

Fr. Gary

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Vigil – Scott Dillin (Jon & Amanda Kandrick)

8:30 am – Mike Vogt (JoAnne Vogt)

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

Monday, January 10, 2022

8:45 am – Jean Fiffick (John & Rosemary Angeloni)

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

8:45 am – Gregg Viscuso (Betsy Amalong)

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

8:45 am – Joseph Bodick (Bodick & Nicolas Family)

Thursday, January 13, 2022

8:45 am – Richard & Mildred Pontzer (Betsy Amalong)

Friday, January 14, 2022

8:45 am – Ronnie Bahn (Tai & Karen Bahn)

Saturday, January 15, 2022

5:00 pm – Leonard Baranoski, 35th Anniv. (His Children & Their Families)

Next Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:30 am – Gregg Viscuso (Dolores Mastrangelo)

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

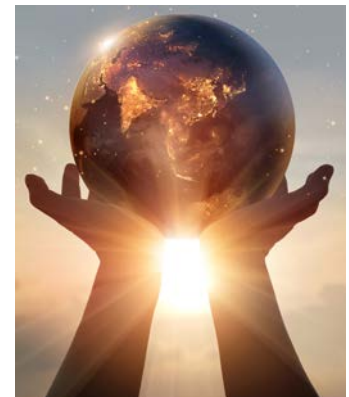
The Work of Christmas Begins

When the carols have been stilled,
When the star-topped tree is taken down,
When family and friends are gone home,
When we are back to our schedules

The work of Christmas begins:

To welcome the refugee,
To heal a broken planet,
To feed the hungry,
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,
To share our gifts,
To seek justice and peace for all people,
To bring Christ's light to the world.

- by Michael Dougherty, a variation on [Howard Thurman's](#) 'When the Song of the Angels is Stilled'



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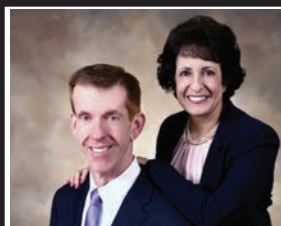
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