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Come after me  
and I will make you fishers of men.

## Weekly Offering:

### Week of January 25-31, 2022:

Weekly Online:	4,008.00
Weekly Mail & Mass:	<u>6,813.00</u>
<b>Weekly Total:</b>	<b>10,821.00</b>
Weekly Offering Budget:	12,757.00
Variance:	(1,936.00)

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.



When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said,  
"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Luke 5:8

## The Pastor's Corner:

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Our Gospel reading for this week features this searingly honest and powerful statement from Simon Peter once he sees the miracle catch and realizes that he is talking to the Lord. This statement really struck me as I reviewed the readings for this week. The Bible provides a mirror for us to see ourselves in the words and actions of the people in it, but this statement in particular resonates with me and should resonate with us all.

Because of original sin and the resultant brokenness of ourselves and the world, we are all sinners. Pope Francis, when asked to describe himself early in his papacy stated, "I am a sinner." It is an inescapable fact that, despite our best efforts and intentions, each and every one of us is the same – a sinner. This fact can often be wildly discouraging. In confession, I hear often from people who are frustrated and disillusioned by the fact that they keep committing the same sins over and over. There is a power,

## 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:** Marie Olearsek 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.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

however, in being able to call our sin spade a sin spade and to admit, honestly and humbly, that we fall short of the behavior and thoughts the Lord wants from us and that we want from ourselves, for it is only this admission that sets us free. Only once we truly see and acknowledge our sinfulness and spiritual poverty, can we understand that we need Jesus to help us and open ourselves to his grace, allowing him to act in and through us. Once he does, there is nothing we cannot do! The readings this week are full of examples of those who did just that - Isaiah, Peter, and Paul, who each did astounding things through the power of God - a God, who despite our sinfulness, never leaves those who love him and whom he loves.

My wish for us this week is that we all try to follow the example of the saints and prophets in acknowledging our shortcomings and allowing God to provide the grace we need to overcome them and follow his plan for us. Only then can we be who we were meant to be and set the world on fire as God intended.

*Fr. Gary*

## Mass Intentions:

### Sunday, February 6, 2022

Vigil – Edward A. Bursich, 20th Anniv. (Mary Ann Bursich)  
8:30 am – Bill & Jean Stephenson (Barbara Shepsko)  
11:00 am – People of St. Basil the Great

### Monday, February 7, 2022

8:45 am – Russell Amalong (John & Rosemary Angeloni)

### Tuesday, February 8, 2022

8:45 am – Barbara Jean Moore (Beth Krizmanich)

### Wednesday, February 9, 2022

8:45 am – Gregg Viscuso (Carol & Jerry Trecroce)

### Thursday, February 10, 2022

8:45 am – Julian McCracken, Sr. (M/M James King)

### Friday, February 11, 2022

8:45 am – Emil Fiffick (Alicia Fox)

### Saturday, February 12, 2022

5:00 pm – Russell Amalong (M/M James King)

### Next Sunday, February 13, 2022

8:30 am – Josephine & Peter Malonoski, Sr. (M/M Robert Malonoski)  
11:00 am – People of St. Basil the Great



## Collection of Old Palm to Make Ashes:

Ashes for Ash Wednesday services are made from palms from previous Palm Sundays. We will be collecting old palm in the Narthex until February 20, 2022. Thank you for bringing in your old palm to dispose of these sacramentals reverently and properly and to help us make ashes this year!



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