

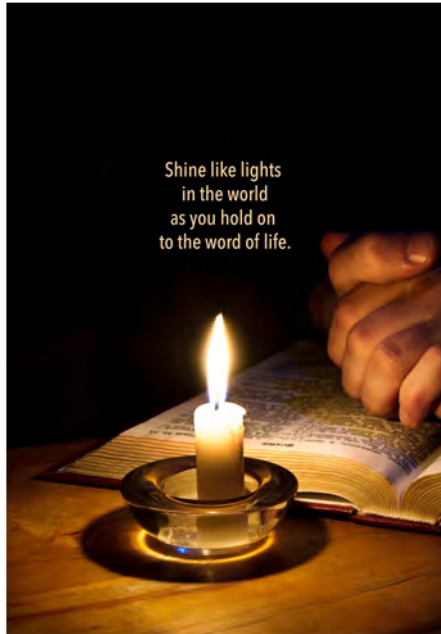
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Weekly Offering:

Week of February 15-21, 2022:

Weekly Online:	5,144.00
Weekly Mail & Mass:	<u>5,553.00</u>
Weekly Total:	10,697.00
Weekly Offering Budget:	12,757.00
Variance:	(2,060.00)

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.



As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace,
so in tribulation is the test of the just.

-Sirach 27:5

The Pastor's Corner:

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

As I was reviewing the readings for this week, I was struck by how each references the manner in which we, who were created in God's image and likeness, have been marred by sin and the great lengths to which God goes to sanctify, purify, and restore us, including sending his son to teach, guide, and die for us. One method in particular, however, jumped out at me – tribulation. In the first reading we hear, "*As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just.*"

I know very little about pottery but was surprised, nonetheless, by the use of furnace rather than kiln in this verse. I Googled whether there is a

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: Susanne Taney, James Jonik (son of Robert & Janine Jonik), 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.

difference between the two and learned that indeed there is. Kilns get hot, but furnaces get even hotter. One article I found reported that kilns are typically used to dehydrate and harden, while furnaces are often used to purify and refine. Cook something too hot or long in a kiln and it often gets brittle and easily breaks. Cooking something long and hot in a furnace usually makes it better, purer, stronger. It would seem then, that the use of furnace rather than kiln was both purposeful and enlightening. During times of tribulation (our time in the metaphorical furnace), God is not punishing us. Rather, he uses such times and experiences to purify, refine, and reshape us – not to break us or make us dry and brittle, but to make us *better*. All of this occurs while we remain in the expert hands of a loving potter who never leaves or takes his eyes off us and supplies us with grace and endurance sufficient to enable our transformation.

We will all face trials and tribulations in life. My prayer this week is that we always feel God's love and care as we endure them and that we allow them to cleanse and perfect us, bringing us ever closer to our loving Father.

Fr. Gary

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Vigil – Denise Krisko Lee (Caroline Krisko)
8:30 am – Helen Purcell, 14th Anniv. (Lorraine & Jack Purcell)
11:00 am – People of St. Basil the Great

Monday, February 28, 2022

8:45 am – Julian McCracken, Sr. (The Murphy Family)

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

8:45 am – Giulio Odorisio (Tony & Chris Odorisio)

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

7:00 am – People of St. Basil the Great
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Thursday, March 3, 2022

8:45 am – Michael J. Vogt (JoAnne Vogt)

Friday, March 4, 2022

8:45 am – Russell M. Amalong (Dolores Mastrangelo)

Saturday, March 5, 2022

5:00 pm – Joe & Nell Yusko (Mike & Helen Shane)

Next Sunday, March 6, 2022

8:30 am – Julian McCracken, Sr. (Tony & Chris Odorisio)
11:00 am – People of St. Basil the Great



Ash Wednesday is March 2, 2022:

Please see the attached flyer which contains our 2022 Lenten Devotions Schedule. We hope you join us for some or all of them!

We also hope you join us for our Adult Education - Discovery Discipleship Faith Study Program. Please see the attached flyer for more information about the program and how to register!

St. Basil the Great

2022 Lenten Devotions Schedule



Ash Wednesday:

March 2, 2022

- 7:00 am Mass
- 8:45 am Mass *
- Noon Service (not a Mass)
- 7:00 pm Mass

Wednesday Mass & Confessions:

Confessions: 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Mass: 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays in Lent at 7:00 pm
(except March 25, 2022)

24 Hours for the Lord:

Friday, March 25, 2022:

- Adoration: begins at 9:15 am
- Midday Prayer: Noon
- Evening Prayer: 6:00 pm (in lieu of Stations of the Cross)
- Night Prayer & Reposition: 9:00 pm

Saturday, March 26, 2022:

- Adoration: begins at 9:00 am
- Midday Prayer: Noon
- Reposition: 4:30 pm

Adult Education - Discovery Discipleship Faith Study**

*Live-streamed on Parish Facebook page.

**See website for details. Contact Jim King to register – jimkingdre@gmail.com or 610-935-1261.

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity!



Discovery Discipleship Faith Study:

Experience your faith in a new and exciting way by participating in the Discovery Discipleship Faith Study.

Small groups are forming for men's and women's faith studies starting the week of **March 6, 2022**.

The **six (6) one hour sessions** will be held at St. Basil the Great (meeting room to be announced). COVID protocols may be in place.

Rediscover your faith and a personal relationship with God.

Learn simple but powerful tools to help you share your faith with others.

Parishioners will be available after Masses on February 19/20 & 26/27, 2022 to answer questions and help you with registration forms. Open to 18 years old or older only.

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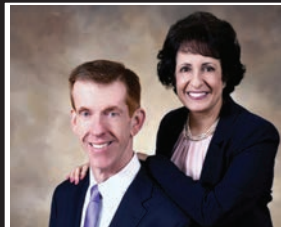
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