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Weekly Offering:

Week of May 24-30, 2022:

Weekly Online:	3,898.00
Weekly Mail & Mass:	6,873.00
Weekly Total:	**10,771.00**
Budget:	12,757.00
Variance:	(1,986.00)

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:

Today is Pentecost Sunday. There is simply no better time to talk about the Holy Spirit. As we know, our faith is full of mysteries and profound truths which are often very hard to describe. There is perhaps none more mysterious and hard to describe than the Holy Spirit – the third person of the Holy Trinity (itself a beautiful mystery). The Holy Spirit goes by many names - the Spirit (of truth, of glory, of the Lord, of the promise, of Christ, of God), the Advocate, the Paraclete. In an attempt to describe the indescribable, St. Luke in the 1st reading gives it his best shot - a noise like a driving wind and tongues as of fire. Others depict it using even more symbols - water (baptism), oil (anointing), cloud and light, a dove, and the seal, hand, and finger of God. Additional attempts are made to describe it by detailing what it gives (the fruits of the Holy Spirit) and what it does. We hear about these in today's readings.

The Holy Spirit is love in action. We see it at work on Pentecost Sunday, as it empowers the creation of the Church. It prepares disciples. It manifests the risen Lord to them. It recalls Christ's words to them and enables understanding of their meaning. It makes present the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist, to bring believers into communion with God. And it is poured out by Christ on the members of his Body (us and fellow

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 9:30 am 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: Edward F. Glynn, John F. O'Brien III, Ronnie Bahn, 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.

Pray for peace in Ukraine.

believers throughout the world) to nourish, heal, organize, and send them out into the world to bear witness and spread the Good News. It is the Holy Spirit which brings about the unity we hear about in the 2nd reading. It is the Holy Spirit which both enables the differences needed to accomplish this work and acts as both glue and oil to keep everything working together as one toward that goal.

My wish is for us to pray for and accept the grace needed to open our hearts and minds utterly to the Spirit. That we allow it to work in and through and even despite us, opening our eyes so that we may not only see, value, and accept our place and function in Christ's body, but see, value, and accept the differences and functions of the other members so we may work productively in God's vineyard as one.

Fr. Gary

Mass Intentions:

Sunday, June 5, 2022
Vigil – Arden L. O'Brien (Jon, Amanda & Sophia Kandrick)
8:30 am – Sue Taney (Mary Ann Burcin)
11:00 am – People of St. Basil the Great

Monday, June 6, 2022
8:45 am – Theresa Scarcella (The Cates Family)

Tuesday, June 7, 2022
8:45 am – Kathleen & James Watson (Tom & Monica Watson)

Wednesday, June 8, 2022
8:45 am – Russell Amalong (Bill & Paula Jennings)

Thursday, June 9, 2022
8:45 am – Elizabeth Quinn (Helen Howlett)

Friday, June 10, 2022
8:45 am – Denise Krisko Lee, 2nd Anniv. (Ron & Shirl Krisko)

Saturday, June 11, 2022
5:00 pm – Frances Catania (Daughter, Lillian)

Next Sunday, June 12, 2022
8:30 am – Stan Conover (St. Basil's Knights of Columbus)
11:00 am – People of St. Basil the Great

Consecrate Yourself to Mary in a Do-It-Yourself Retreat Starting July 13, 2022:

St. Basil's Legion of Mary invites you to deepen your understanding of total consecration to Jesus through Mary (Marian consecration) by participating in a retreat from July 13 through August 15, 2022. Retreat participants are encouraged to conclude the retreat by joining the Legion of Mary in the Rosary Garden on August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption, at 7:00 pm to pray the rosary and consecrate themselves to Mary, Our Mother.

This retreat is based on the book ***33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration*** by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, which uses the Marian teachings and experiences of St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and St. John Paul II to lead us on a pilgrimage to the Heart of Jesus through Our Lady.

There will be a sign-up board in the Narthex for all who want to participate. We hope you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

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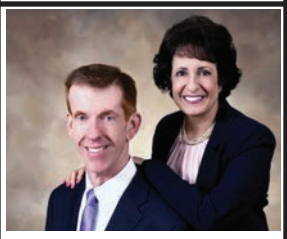
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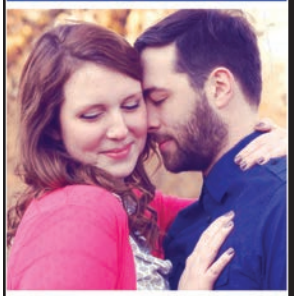
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