# ST. BASIL THE GREAT

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Mass Schedule Saturday: 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

**Confessions** Available Saturdays at 4 pm

#### Weekly Offering: February 2-3, 2024

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 Weekly Online:
 \$4,590.00

 Weekly Mail & Mass:
 \$8,762.00

 Weekly Total:
 \$13,352.00

#### Interested in Joining Our Parish?

We would love that! Please see our website for instructions or call the Parish at 610-933-2110.

If you have been coming regularly and haven't yet, please register so we can communicate better with you! Thank you for your support of our parishwqd



#### **Parish Programs**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Tuesdays following the 8:45 am Daily Mass until 4 pm.

**Bereavement Group** - The Bereavement Group will meet every first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Parish Life Center. *No Feb 2024 meeting.* 

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Tuesdays following the 8:45 am Daily Mass until 4 pm.

**Discovery Discipleship Faith Study** - Rediscover your faith and a personal relationship with God.

Legion of Mary - Meets weekly on Weds at 10:00 am in the Parish Life Center.

Men's Gospel Reflection Group - Meets Thursdays at 7 pm in the Parish Life Center.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults - For those thinking about becoming Catholic.

Parents of Special Needs Children - Meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 9:30 am via Zoom.

**Scripture Study** - Meets Thursdays at 7 pm in the Parish Life Center.

**Spiritual Book Club** - Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 9:30 am via Zoom.

Walking with Purpose - Meets Mondays at 7 pm in the Parish Life Center.

Programs are for parishioners who are 18 years old or older. Contact the parish for details and to register.

#### **Music Ministry**

Adult Choir - Meets Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Church.

**Bell Choir** - Meets Thursdays at 7 pm in the Church.

#### **Please Pray For:**

All those listed on the Sick List on the parish website.

*To add people to Parish Prayer List*: Please contact the parish office. Thank you for praying for those in our parish who need special prayers.

# Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 9 5:00pm: Judy Ikena

Sunday, March 10 8:30am: Frank Mastrangelo 11:00am: For Our Parishioners

Monday, March 11 8:45am: Jack Purcell

Tuesday, March 12 8:45am: Eleanor Hirko

Wednesday, March 13 8:45am: Stanley & Mary Wroblewski

Thursday, March 14 8:45am: Stephen Kosiak

Friday, March 15 8:45am: Rev. Steven Wetzel, OSFS

Saturday, March 16 5:00pm: Stephen Kosiak

Sunday, March 17 8:30am: Frank Mastrangelo 11:00am: For Our Parishioners

Mass cards are available in person. Please stop by the Parish Life Center (PLC) Tuesday through Thursday from 9: 30 am to 1:30 pm to get your Mass card.



### Stations of the Cross

St. Basil Parish will be praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7pm. As we seek to increase our prayer, fasting and acts of charity this Lent, all are encouraged to join in this beautiful prayer of remembrance of the suffering that Jesus endured for our sake.

Please remember in your prayers this week the souls of the faithful departed.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may Perpetual Light shine upon them.



## Dear Friends,

With joy, I greet you this Sunday having been appointed recently as the temporary parochial administrator of Saint Basil the Great Parish! I have enjoyed getting to know many of you throughout the past few months as I celebrated Mass here regularly. Please know that I am ready and available to serve you and that I consider it a privilege to be your priest! Although my ministry here at Saint Basil the Great is in addition to my other assignment as President of Bishop Shanahan High School, I will make every effort to serve you to the best of my ability.

#### **Unconditional Love**

The holy season of Lent continues this week with the famous words of Saint John, "for God so loved the world, He gave His only Son..."

Many people have a problem with the concept of unconditional love. They think that everything must have a price. "You don't get something for nothing," goes the old saying. Some people think that God only loves us because He wants something from us. That is not true. God's love is unconditional. He doesn't want something for Himself. He doesn't need anything. He is God. He wants everything for us. To understand God's love, I would ask you to think about the love parents have for their children. Good parents don't love their children for a price. They love their children because their children are lovable. That's how God loves us. He doesn't love us because He needs our love. He loves us because He wants to share His love.

We are loved for who we are instead of what we do. No matter what our intellectual capacity is, no matter what our wealth is, no matter what our athletic prowess or artistic development is, we are loved. Sick or healthy, young or old, God loves us. He loves us for who we are, not for what we do. God so loved the world that He sent his only Son so that whoever believes in Him may not die but may have eternal life. We need to believe in God's love for us. We have to believe in ourselves as being good right here and right now. We are lovable because God loves us first!

#### **Sacramental Candidates**

Please continue to pray for those from our parish who will receive Confirmation on March 19 and for those who are preparing to receive the sacraments at Easter.

#### Looking Ahead

We are excited that Bishop John McIntyre has asked to be the celebrant and homilist for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. Bishop McIntyre is the auxiliary bishop who has responsibility for our region. Please plan to be with us as we extend a warm welcome to and celebrate with Bishop McIntyre.

Have a great week! May God bless you and yours!

## Fr. John Donia

### This Tuesday: St. Basil's Lenten Prayer Service

St. Basil the Great's Faith Formation Ministry invites you to join us for a Lenten Prayer Service on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30 PM in the Chapel. Father William Chiriaco, School Minister at Bishop Shanahan High School, will provide a reflection on the three traditional pillars of Lent- prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the Prayer Service. All are welcome to attend !

### **Local Penance Services**

#### Parish Penance Services at 7pm

- March 19-SS. Peter and Paul (West Chester)
- March 20-St. Elizabeth (Upper Uwchlan)
- March 26-St. Joseph (Downingtown)
- March 27-SS. Philip and James (Exton)

#### Penance is also offered at the following times in area parishes:

- St. Ann (Phoenixville) Tuesdays from 8:30am to 9:00am
- St. Mary of the Assumption (Phoenixville) Saturdays from 3:00pm to 3:30pm
- St. Thomas More (South Coventry) Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.



Cost: Adults \$15 Children 12 and under FREE!

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Tickets will be on sale after all Masses or email Council13800@gmail.com JOIN US FOR A





Saturday, March 16th, 7 pm

With Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Inspiring words from Father Cregan, Benediction, & more!

With St. Teresa's Music Ministry performing popular contemporary music by Kari Jobe, Lauren Daigle, Matt Maher, Elevation Worship, & MORE!

> St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish 256 Swamp Pike, Schwenksville, PA 19473

In preparation for Holy Week, the Fifth Grade Students at Holy Family School will be performing the Living Stations of The Cross for both the School and Parish Community.

As we work together each year to depict this important pilgrimage of faith we are always struck by, and full of heartfelt thanks, for the support we receive from all of you- our extended family and friends of Holy Family School.

Please keep us in your daily thoughts and prayers as we begin our Journey of The Cross.

**It's not too late to join Holy Family School!** Openings still exist in every grade level for the 2024-2025 school year. Ours is a program rich in tradition, adapted to the present, and wrapped in faith. Come and see what sets us apart! For more informatio, contact us at 610-933-7562 or office@myholyfamilyschool.org.

Living Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 1:15pm and 7:00pm St Ann Chapel 604 Main Street Phoenixville

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# OPERATION EASTER OUTFIT

Looking for a way to enrich your Lent? Consider helping Partners in Outreach with Operation Easter Outfit 2024

## HOW TO DONATE

- Let the volunteers at Partners in Outreach to do the shopping for you. Just mail your donation to Partners in Outreach, P.O. Box 21, Chester Springs, PA 19425 or donate online at www.partnersinoutreach.org
- Use Sign-Up Genius. Scan the QR code below to go to a sign-up genius where you can select a child to purchase an outfit for.



Once on the site you will find the clothing needs of the children. If you would like to purchase an outfit for a child this year, please use the "Sign-Up" button to select the child (or children), then click on "Submit and Sign-Up" and provide your contact information (Name, e-mail address and phone number) to complete the registration. You will receive an e-mail to confirm your selection.

## DROP-OFF

Please return the clothes to St. Basil the Great's "Brides Room" in the Church by March 17, 2024. Please include the name of the child along with the ID code with the clothing. We suggest dresses for girls and khaki style pants and collared button-down or polo shirts for boys. Accessories are not recommended.

Thank you for your continued support of Operation Easter Outfit. Please contact Beth Briglia at briglia208@comcast.net or 610-331-0670 if you have any questions. Thank you as always for your generosity!