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Mass

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 8:00AM  
**SATURDAY VIGIL:** 5:00PM  
**SUNDAY:** 7:30AM, 9:00AM,  
11:00AM, 5:30PM



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**MONDAYS &  
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**SATURDAY:** 8AM - 12PM  
**SUNDAY:** CLOSED



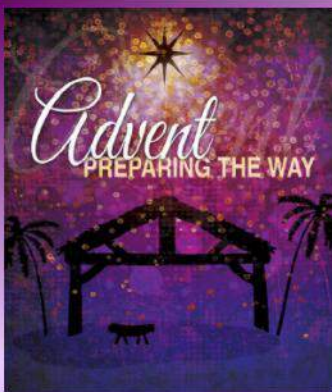
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
*December 22, 2024*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Micah 5: 1-4a

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrews 10: 5-10

**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path."*



Offertory December 8, 2024

Regular weekly collection \$37,669.25

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**Monday, December 16, 2024**

**8am** Guiseppe Mileti (*Biagio Mileti*)

*6:30pm Advent Evening Prayer*

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024**

**8:00am** Hannah Smith (*Parents, Bob & Lisa*)

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024**

**8:00am** The Deceased Members of the Dodd & Starr Families (*Family*)

**Thursday, December 19, 2024**

**8am** John Tupa (*Colleen Bagnoln*)

**Friday, December 20, 2024**

**8am** Dr. & Mrs. Wade Harris, Jr. (*Family*)

**Saturday, December 21, 2024**

*8:30-9:30am Confession*

*3:30-4:30pm Confession*

**5:00pm** Eileen & Joseph Skiba  
(*Colleen Ballachino*) (*Fr. Mann*)

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

**7:30am** Vince Strazzo (*Lou & Joan Perry*)  
(*Fr. Liptak*)

**9:00am** Evett Moynihan & Edwin Kowalski  
(*Fr. Liptak*)

**11:00am** John, Margaret, and Patrick Henderson  
(*The Henderson Family*) (*Fr. Mann*)

**5:30pm** Parishioners of St. Basil (*Fr. Mann*)



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"Men go abroad to wonder at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motions of the stars, and they pass by themselves without wondering." - St Augustine

"From the moment the Word became flesh and commenced to dwell among us, the springs of wonder underwent the most radical and unexpected renewal. By the mere fact of God showing himself among men, by his sudden and unforeseen appearance as man, the eternal entered time, the radiant grace and beauty of God reached right down to us." - Dr. Regis Martin

"If the Incarnation is real, we encounter God not by fleeing the physical world, but by entering its inmost depths." - Christopher West

"If we believe in the Christmas story-not just as some vague invitation to "peace on earth" but as the story of God himself taking on flesh and being born of a woman-then this is what we believe about our own bodies...they tell the story of Christmas; they tell the story of the marriage between heaven and earth; they tell the story that God was humanized so we humans could be divinized." - Christopher West

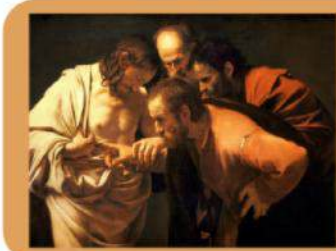
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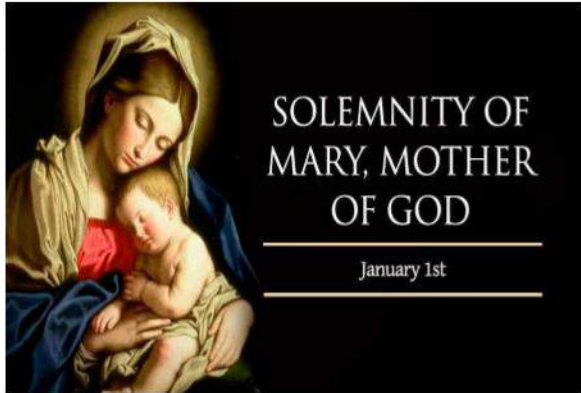
Key Points From Beauty Weekend 3:

- Whether it's a kid growing up, a vacation ending or a loved one dying, all beauty in this world ends and that makes us sad.
- But if we sit with the sadness we can hear a call and desire for a beauty that never ends, and in this way the cross of Jesus invites us to share with him our longings for endless beauty so he can take to the place of fulfillment: heaven.



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The Incredulity of Saint Thomas  
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Share with us where you notice beauty using #BIMBY Beauty in my Backyard on social media!



SOLEMNITY OF  
MARY, MOTHER  
OF GOD

January 1st

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, and will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 31st: Vigil Mass 5pm (Fr. Liptak)

The masses on January 1st, 2025 for Mary the Mother of God will be at 8am (Fr. Ryan) and 7pm (Fr. Ryan)

Join us the Mondays of Advent for  
*Advent Evening Prayer*

**Monday:**  
**December 16th**  
**@ 6:30 p.m.**  
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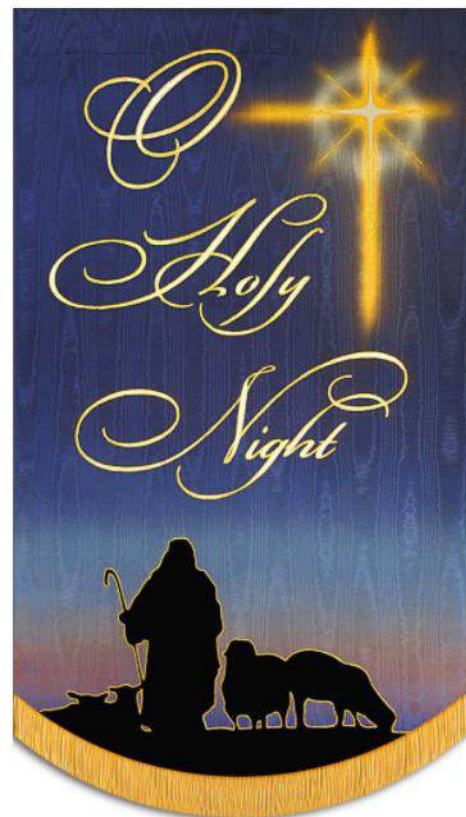


**OPLATKI IS AVAILABLE**  
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Please stop by the parish office for Oplatki, a Christmas Eve tradition of many families.

A free-will offering of \$2.00 is suggested. There will be Oplatki available in the Rectory Lobby. Please put donation in the drop slot.

People are often unreasonable and self-centered  
**FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY**  
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives  
**BE KIND ANYWAY**  
If you are honest, people may cheat you  
**BE HONEST ANYWAY**  
If you find happiness, people may be jealous  
**BE HAPPY ANYWAY**  
The good you do today may be forgotten  
**DO GOOD ANYWAY**  
Give the world your best and may never be enough  
**GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY**  
for you see, in the end it is between  
**YOU AND GOD**  
It was never between you and them anyway

*Mother Teresa*





# I Trust in You

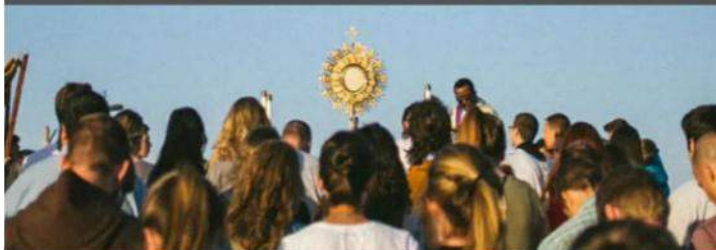
*A Retreat for College Students*

*What: An all day retreat about placing our trust in the Lord*

*Sign up and get more info here:*

*When: December 28th, 10:00- 9:00*

*Where: St. Basil The Great Parish*



# Save the Date



# Radiant Grace

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*February 15 & 16th, 2025*

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## **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:**

Our Cancer Support Group welcomes all who have been touched by cancer in some way. Patients, survivors, loved ones, caregivers-whatever your journey. This group is formed to give those in need the support, strength, faith and hope to move forward together, rather than on your own.

**What:** Cancer Support Group

**When:** Third Thursday of each month 6:30 pm—

**Next meeting:** December 19, 2024

**Where:** Parish Office—Pieta Room

For additional info please contact:

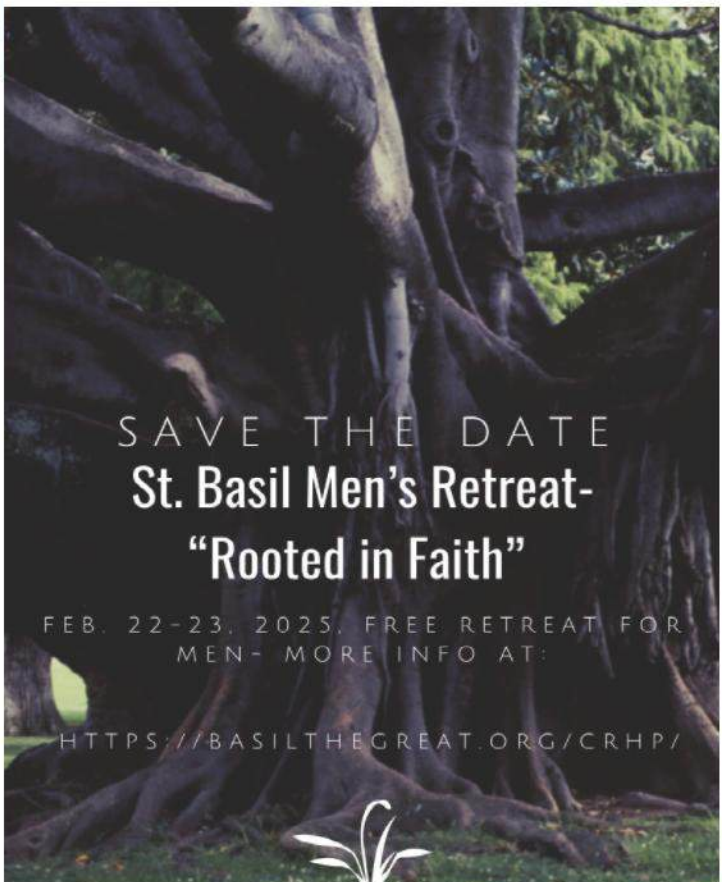
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# SAVE THE DATE St. Basil Men's Retreat- "Rooted in Faith"

FEB. 22-23, 2025. FREE RETREAT FOR MEN- MORE INFO AT:

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You can also support St. Basil with a grant from your donor-advised fund (DAF). This is a tax-efficient way to give since contributions to a DAF are tax-deductible in the year they are made, and you can recommend grants to the parish at a later time.



# St. Basil Homeschoolers

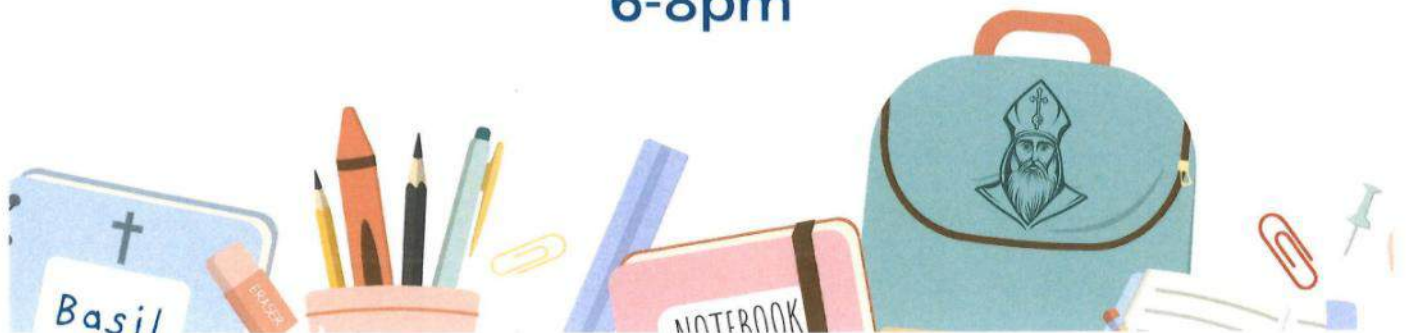
St. Basil Homeschoolers, and those considering homeschooling, please join us for a  
**Family Potluck Dinner!**



**Saturday, Jan 18, 2025 from 6-8pm  
in the St. Basil's Parish Center**

Please RSVP at: [BasiltheGreat.org/forms/](https://BasiltheGreat.org/forms/)

Also, please save the date for our next  
potluck on Saturday, March 1st  
6-8pm



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# Advent 2024 Schedule

## Advent Evening Prayer with Adoration and Confession

Begins at 6:30pm and ends at 8pm in the Church

December 16, Monday

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

### Schedule for Advent:

Monday 6:30-8pm with Eucharistic Adoration and Confession  
December 16

Saturdays: 8:30-9:30am

And 3:30-4:30pm

December 21

## Throughout the Advent and Christmas Season our Weekend Mass Schedule remains the same:

Weekdays, 8am

Saturday Vigil, 5pm

Sunday, 7:30, 9, & 11am & 5:30pm

*Prepare the way of the Lord*





# Merry Christmas

## Christmas 2024 Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24th:

4pm in Church (Children's Mass)

4:15pm in the Family Life Center

6pm in Church

Midnight Mass in Church (*Livestreamed*)

Christmas Day:

Wednesday, December 25th in Church:

8, 10am & 12 Noon

December 28-29, 2024- Feast of the Holy Family:

Normal Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9, 11am & 5:30pm

Mary, Mother of God- Holy Day of Obligation,

Tuesday, December 31: Vigil Mass 5pm (Fr. Liptak)

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 Masses:

8am (Fr. Ryan)

7pm (Fr. Ryan)

Office Closed December 24, 2024 thru  
December 26, 2024

For more information, call 440-526-1686 or visit  
[www.basilthegreat.org](http://www.basilthegreat.org)

# And Happy New Year



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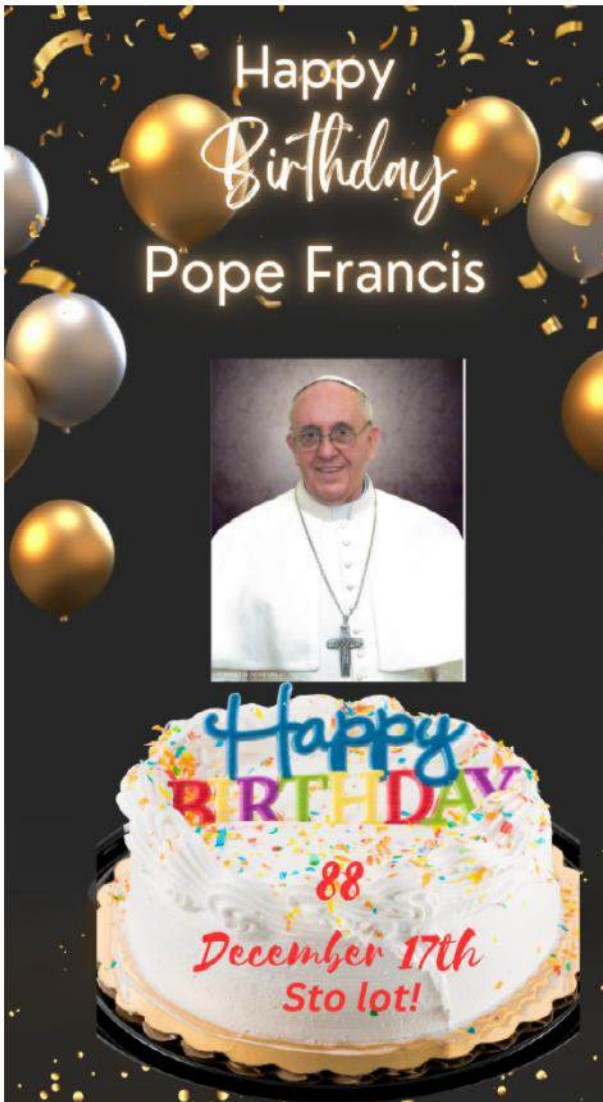
St. Basil Pre-Cana Day  
Saturday, March 8  
8:30 am - 6:00 pm  
Parish Center

Register online at [basilthegreat.org](http://basilthegreat.org)  
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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### Separated and Divorce Educational Support Group

The Diocese of Cleveland will be offering a 9 week Thursday divorce recovery support group to be held at St. Hilary Parish 2750 W. Market St. Fairlawn, OH 44333, beginning

January 16 through March 13, 2025 from 7-9pm. These sessions will be facilitated by Marlene Maruna, retired Social Worker. The group will be limited to 10-12 participants with the focus on dealing with the complex feelings that accompany a divorce to help group members feel less isolated and to find coping strategies throughout and after the divorce process.

For initial inquiries, contact St. Hilary secretary, Joan Heegan at 330-867-1055 Ext.200.



“Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.”

**Pope Francis**

This weekend's Gospel always reminds me of the need to take notice of what we have to be grateful for. When it comes to wanting more, I am very guilty of discontentment with the things I have. Most of us are guilty of this. We see cars we want, vacations we wish we could take, and jobs we think we would be happier in, sometimes on a daily basis. Usually, this only serves to make us sad, jealous, and self-focused. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is challenging us to give things away or, at the very least, to not gain more through extortion or manipulation. The deeper call that I see is not only to be content and grateful for what we have, but to use our time and energy to focus on serving others more than ourselves. It is good to grow, want more for ourselves, and have goals for our lives! However, if this is not balanced, it can lead to discouragement. If you have not heard of "The Allegory of the Long Spoons," the parable explains that Hell is a long banquet table of all the best food that you could ever want. The only problem is that you are forced to eat the food with spoons that are too long and unwieldy to get the food into your own mouth, and so you starve. Heaven is the same thing, but everyone is feeding the people around them and, consequently, everyone is nourished. Sometimes, our mental health suffers because of a hyperfocus on ourselves, the deficits in our lives, and the things we want but do not have. Our mental health tends to benefit when we can shift that focus to serving and loving others. If this message resonates with you, consider reflecting on ways that you can balance serving others and yourself to find the peace that John the Baptist is calling us to. **-Luke Brown**



## Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at: 216-334-2999 or via email at: [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org).



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### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.  
*Amen*

### In Loving Memory



**CONSTANCE (CONNIE) GAVALEK**  
Wife of Raymond  
November 29, 2024



**AUDREY L. REM**  
Mother of Lynne Eiben  
December 2, 2024



**ALVARO ALVAREZ, JR.**  
Father of Roger  
December 3, 2024



**DEACON NEAL J. NOVAK**  
*Retired Deacon of the Diocese of Cleveland*  
Husband of Diana  
December 4, 2024

*We remember all of our deceased loved ones. May they rest in peace.*



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