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**SATURDAYS:**  
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Mass

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



Eucharistic  
Adoration

**MONDAYS &  
WEDNESDAYS:**  
8:30AM - 9:00PM

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**PARISH OFFICE:** 440-526-1686  
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**SATURDAY:** 8AM - 12PM  
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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Monday, January 6, 2025**  
8am Parishioners of St. Basil

**Tuesday, January 7, 2025**  
8am George A. Hajek (*The Hajek Family*)

**Wednesday, January 8, 2025**  
8am Parishioners of St. Basil

**Thursday, January 9, 2025**  
8am Angelo & Rosemary Farace (*Family*)

**Friday, January 10, 2025**  
8am Helen Nichols (*Dan Nichols & Family*)

**Saturday, January 11, 2025**  
5:00pm Thomas & Bridget McKenna  
(*Catherine Drennan, Daughter*)

**Sunday, January 12, 2025**  
7:30am Leonard & Bernadette Moore (*Family*)  
9:00am Drs. Domingo & Gloria Apolonio  
(*Son, Dr. Ferdinand Apolonio*)  
11:00am Parishioners of St. Basil  
**(No 5:30pm Mass today)**

Welcome



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### Offertory December 22, 2024

Regular weekly collection \$33,253.80

Monthly maintenance \$3,066.00

Figures for December 29th were not available because of early deadlines from the publisher. Thank you for your understanding.



### Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

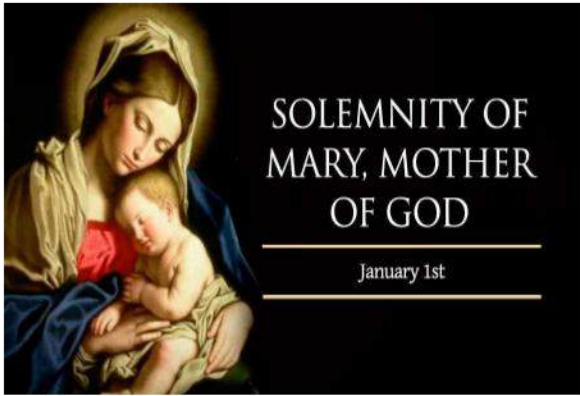
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

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



## THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD



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

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



Food Pantry: End of the month food and household supplies for the Food Pantry is:

**January 25-26, 2025.**


**\*\*\***Don't forget to pick



up a green grocery bag  
**January 18-19th, 2025**  
in the Church vestibules.

**\*\*\*Checks should be made out to St. Basil the Great**

Don't forget our fur babies! Dog and cat food is also needed and appreciated. Please place dog/cat food in separate bags.



**They set out;  
and there,  
ahead of them,  
went the star  
that they had seen  
at its rising,  
until it stopped  
over the place  
where the child was.**

**Matthew 2.9**



Begin 2025-

*Coffee & Donuts*

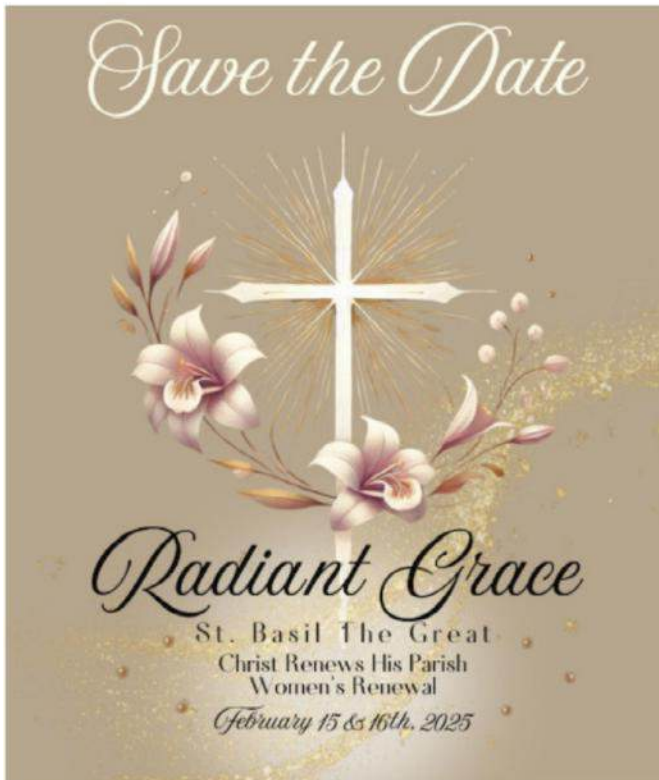
Join us for Coffee & Donuts  
Sunday, January 12th

in the Parish Center after the 7:30,  
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday masses.

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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.



**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:** *January 16, 2025*
- Where:** *Parish Office—Pieta Room*

*For additional info please contact:  
Betsy Glosik-440-476-6269*

**THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST  
For Adults 40 & Over**

**Westside Irish American Club**  
8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp.  
**Monday, January 13, 2025**



***Our First Ever – Night of Reflection Nunc Coepi & Ho’oponopono (the Hawaiian Blessing) Retreat***

*A look at the New Year. A time to start over, a time to begin. Tom Pussel, Dir. of Evangelization/ St. Raphael’s Parish & Ginny Pippin, Cert. Lay Ecclesial Minister & Spiritual Dir. will provide talks, time for reflection & group discussion to draw us closer to God & God’s plan for us.*

Cost is \$15.00 per person. Includes all materials, light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. **Advance tickets highly recommended** for catering purposes. **Register in advance:**  
[www.theologyontherockswest.com](http://www.theologyontherockswest.com) **Doors open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm.**





January 11, 2025

6:30-8:45 pm | Parish Center

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## Join Fr. Ryan on a Pilgrimage to Portugal - October 1-9, 2025.



If you're interested, please attend the trip information  
night on Monday, January 27 at 7:00 pm in the Annex  
or email [ryoungs@basilthegreat.org](mailto:ryoungs@basilthegreat.org).







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**SAVE *the* DATE**  
2025 ANGEL GALA

*Masquerade Ball*

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025  
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*Formal invitation to follow*

## 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



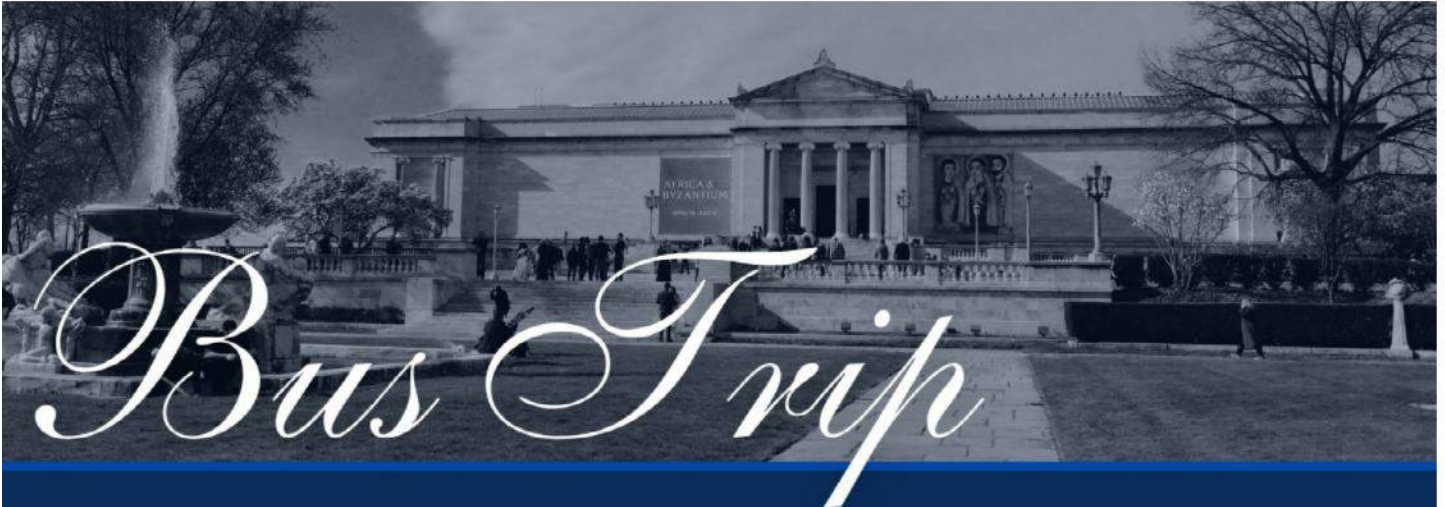
*Smiles Volunteers Needed*

St. Michael School is looking for volunteers to read with our First Grade Class. The SMILES program is a long-standing program that pairs an adult with a first-grade student at St. Michael's School. During the scheduled time the adult will work with their 1st-grade partner in reading. The meetings will be held bi-weekly at St. Michael School. Training in VIRTUS and fingerprinting/background checks are required.

For more details, please contact St. Michael School at [communications@stmichaelschoolinfo.com](mailto:communications@stmichaelschoolinfo.com) or call 216-524-6405







# Bus Trip

## Cleveland Museum of Art and Lunch with Artist, Sarah Liptak

Join local artist Sarah Liptak for a tour of the Cleveland Museum of Art followed by a delicious lunch of Sausage and peppers, chicken cutlets, pasta, salad and dessert at Nido's in Little Italy. *Lunch included in price.*

### Wed. January 29, 2025

8:00 am Mass at St. Basil

9:00 am Departure

3:00 pm Approximate Return

\$60.00 per person

Make a reservation online at [basilthegreat.org/forms](http://basilthegreat.org/forms) or call Nancy Slusarczyk at 440 437 2026

For more information contact Robin Youngs, [ryoungs@basilthegreat.org](mailto:ryoungs@basilthegreat.org)

YEAR  
of  
Beauty  
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**Exodus 90 2025 Brief Sheet**

Welcome to Exodus 90 here at St. Basil the Great Parish!

**Exodus 90 is a ninety-day challenge where men take up spiritual disciplines in fraternity to grow closer to God and be better men for their families and community.**

Exodus 90 2025 begins January 20, 2025 and ends on Easter, April 20, 2025.

Every man in Exodus 90 will be assigned an “Anchor.” Anchors work in pairs and provide a source of daily accountability and fellowship for men during Exodus.

Anchors will be paired at random within the context of each man’s state in life to better facilitate fellowship.

Leadership will make groups of 4-8 men (Anchor pairs) for individual Fraternities who will meet weekly.

Please provide your (1) name, (2) email, and (3) current state in life (single, married without children, married with children) to [tylerwblair01@gmail.com](mailto:tylerwblair01@gmail.com) so you can be assigned an Anchor and placed in a Fraternity. Anchor pairs and Fraternities will be announced at the first Exodus 90 meeting on **Thursday, January 16 at 7:30 PM in the Family Life Center Meeting Room** on the St. Basil campus.

To learn more about Exodus 90, download the Exodus 90 App or go to [Exodus90.com](http://Exodus90.com).

**Join us for Sandwich Saturday!**  
**9:00–10:00 am in the Parish Center**

**Upcoming Sandwich Saturdays**  
**February 8**  
**March 15**  
**April 12**  
**May 10**

**Bring peanut butter and jelly, bread, bag of fruit, sandwich baggies, and a breakfast treat to share. Sandwiches are taken to local shelters to help those in need.**

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**Winter “Warm-Up” for Inner-City Children**  
*Please donate to children in need!*  
**New Hats, Mittens, and Gloves for Children in Grades K-12**

**Dates of collection are February 1-2 and February 8-9, Please place donations in the Family Life Center bins.**

Gift Cards are appreciated for Amazon, Old Navy, Target or Walmart. Make checks payable to the *Christ Child Society of Cleveland*. Please take gift cards and checks to the Parish Office. Your kindness and generous donations will help “warm-up” children who are in need during freezing cold, blustery winter months at our inner-city schools: St. Stanislaus, MetroCatholic, St. Francis, St. Aloysius, St. Rocco, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, toand the International Newcomers Schools! The hats, mittens and gloves will be distributed by St. Basil Social Concerns Commission in collaboration with the Christ Child Society. For questions, call/text St. Basil Social Concerns member, Julie Jerdonek 440-525-1606 Thank you for your ongoing generosity in helping children in need!

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If your own education in sexual morality amounted to a long list that began "Thou shalt not," you will be blown away by the beauty and splendor of the "good news" that unfolds in this study! You'll receive lots of helpful advice on how to explain God's plan for life and love to your children and students.



Led by Jen Ricard  
TOB CLE Director  
& Robert Brownfield  
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teacher



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**Jan. 9 - Jan. 30**

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○ FEMALE,  
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1:30pm-3:00PM

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Happy New Year! When it comes to New Year's, I often write about the resolutions that we commonly make every year and how easily we can get discouraged. Jesus calls us to have hope in times of discouragement, but this can be difficult to do. Failing to live up to the expectations of others or those that we hold for ourselves is something that is going to happen whenever we are trying to be better. As I heard someone say once, "I didn't realize I was broken until I tried to change." While we may be "broken" in some way through the fall and original sin, we are not broken beyond repair. Jesus came into this world to help us find growth, healing, and peace. While that process may not be what we think it is going to be, our call is to continue in hope and prayer. It is a hard line to walk between knowing when we need to try harder and when we need to be gentle with ourselves. Sometimes we are at fault for being too hard on ourselves while at others times we can be lethargic, ambivalent, and apathetic. This ebb and flow can be common throughout life. One of the best pieces of advice I have received is that we can only compare ourselves to who we were yesterday. Another is that the only place we can start is today. When we make goals for the coming year, I hope we remember the old saying, "The best time to plant a tree was 30 years ago. The second best time is now." We cannot do anything about the past, but we can do something today. As we look at the year ahead, I hope that we will give ourselves grace in our shortcomings and failures while also working hard to become holy and healthy. *-Luke Brown*



**St. Catherine Food Pantry**

**In the month of December, 2024:**

247 households were served including a total of 785 individuals and an estimated 11,775 meals were provided.

Checks are payable to St. Basil the Great Parish.

*Thank you for your support and generosity.*



**Sunday Grief Support Groups**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month | 3 pm In-Office | 5 pm Virtual Meeting

Please join us for an hour of sharing, listening, learning, and healing along your grief journey. Our support is Catholic based, but we are open to all grievers regardless of faith background. Departed need not be interred at our Catholic cemetery locations. Your RSVP is greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

**2025 Meeting Dates**

January 19	July 20
February 16	August 17
March 16	September 21
April 27	October 19
May 18	November 16
June 22	December 21

**Locations**

- (Cemetery Offices)
- St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park
- Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland
- All Saints Cemetery, Northfield
- All Souls Cemetery, Chardon

**Bereavement Programs**

Scan the QR code below to view our grief support resources, sign up for our Bereavement Bulletin, or listen to our podcast episodes focused on grief support.



**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**



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



**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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