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Reconciliation/  
Confession

**SATURDAYS:**  
3:30 - 4:30PM  
OR BY APPOINTMENT



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

Parish Directory

**PARISH OFFICE:** 440-526-1686  
**PSR:** 440-526-3520  
**ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL:** 440-717-0398

Office Hours

**MONDAY-THURSDAY:** 8AM - 7PM  
**FRIDAY:** 8AM - 5PM  
**SATURDAY:** 8AM - 12PM  
**SUNDAY:** CLOSED



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 26, 2025**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30  
**Gospel:** Luke: 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

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

Welcome



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**Offertory January 12, 2025**

Regular weekly collection \$40,807.90  
Monthly maintenance \$3,898.25



*Thank you for your continued support!*

**\*\*Daily Mass will now be in the Parish Center**

**Monday, January 20, 2025**  
8am Oscar C. Ventanilla  
*(Grandson, Dr. Ferdinand Apolonio)*  
**Tuesday, January 21, 2025**  
8am Renee Kowallek *(Joanne Talani)*  
**Wednesday, January 22, 2025**  
8am Mary Jane Salis *(Maria & Sam Mileti)*  
**Thursday, January 23, 2025**  
8am Parishioners of St. Basil  
**Friday, January 24, 2025**  
8am Charles Kniola *(Daughters)*

**\*\*Saturday Vigil Mass will now be in the Family Life Center**

**Saturday, January 25, 2025**  
5:00pm Erminio Pontieri  
*(Janet & John Blakeslee) (Fr. Mann)*

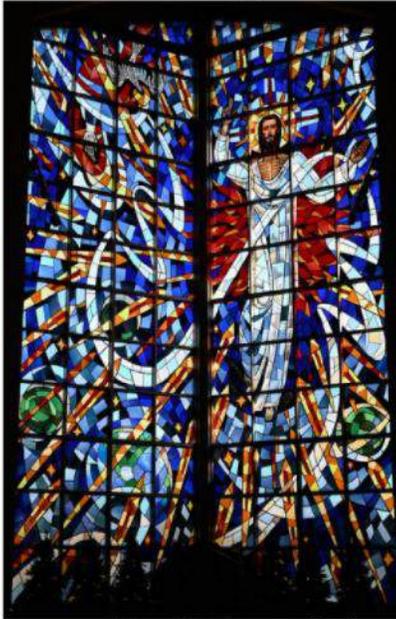
**\*\*Sunday Mass will now be in the Family Life Center**

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**  
7:30am June & Bill Gustie  
*(Craig & Tisa Moore) (Fr. Liptak)*  
9:00am Parishioners of St. Basil *(Fr. Mann)*  
11:00am Ron Paulik *(The Calo Family)*  
*(Fr. Liptak)*

***(No 5:30pm Mass today)***



## Stained Glass Spotlight



This window speaks deeply to me as it is more than a depiction of Christ's resurrection. The burst of colors and streams behind and surrounding Jesus shouts to me about the glory of God. But it reminds me that the glory of God is implanted

in everything He created. The entirety of the universe, the birth of an infant, the unselfish acts of others remind us of what we are called to be. Those colors are a glimpse of what we will experience as we encounter Christ during our life and after our death.

That image looms over us as we baptize infants and children. It is a reminder of what is happening as we baptize. God the Father through Jesus and the Holy Spirit forgiving sins, giving new life and welcoming them into His presence.

The skull at the feet of Jesus reminds me of the dry bone prophesy of Ezekiel promising us of the new life we are destined to receive when the wind of the Spirit washes over us which we have because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It is my favorite because a picture of it hangs in my house - a gift from the people of Basil's. It reminds me of them. Their willingness to embrace the risen Christ in their lives.



**Christ the Redeemer, St. Basil  
the Great, Brecksville**

Deacon Dave Pecot



**The parish office will be closed, Monday,  
January 20th in observance of  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther, King, Jr.**



**The annual King Holiday Observance is a time that  
we celebrate, commemorate and honor the life,  
legacy and impact of  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**



### St. Basil Contribution Reports

Charitable Contribution Reports were mailed last week to the households of parishioners who contributed \$250.00 or more to the Church during the 2024 fiscal year.

If you have any questions please call the parish office at 440-526-1686 and ask for Diane.

*Thank you.*



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 this weekend.



\*\*\*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.



SAVE THE *Date*

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

Register online at [basilthegreat.org](http://basilthegreat.org)  
For more information email [ryoungs@basilthegreat.org](mailto:ryoungs@basilthegreat.org).

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



The **first** shall be  
**last** shall be  
and the **first**

*Matthew 20:16*

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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MARCH 10TH

APRIL 7TH

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**Seeking an annulment?**

Terri Shawhan, D. Min., retired from the Diocesan Tribunal where she worked on Declarations of Invalidity of Marriage (annulments). She is available at the parish to work with parishioners who wish to petition for an annulment. Please contact her at the parish office at: 440-526-1686.

**This is a FREE service.**

**There are NO fees charged for annulments.**

*Save the Date*



*Radiant Grace*

St. Basil The Great  
Christ Renews His Parish  
Women's Renewal

*February 15 & 16th, 2025*

Sign up at [basilthegreat.org/forms](https://basilthegreat.org/forms) or by scanning the QR Code.

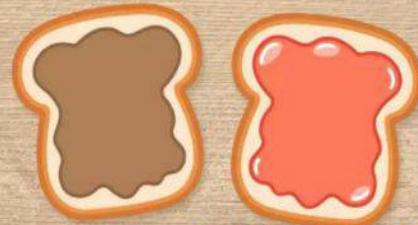


SAVE THE DATE  
**St. Basil Men's Retreat-**  
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**Join us for Sandwich Saturday!**  
**9:00-10:00 am in the Parish Center**



**Upcoming Sandwich Saturdays**

**January 25, 2025**

**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.**

TOB CLE PRESENTS

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 FEMALE,  
 OTHER?

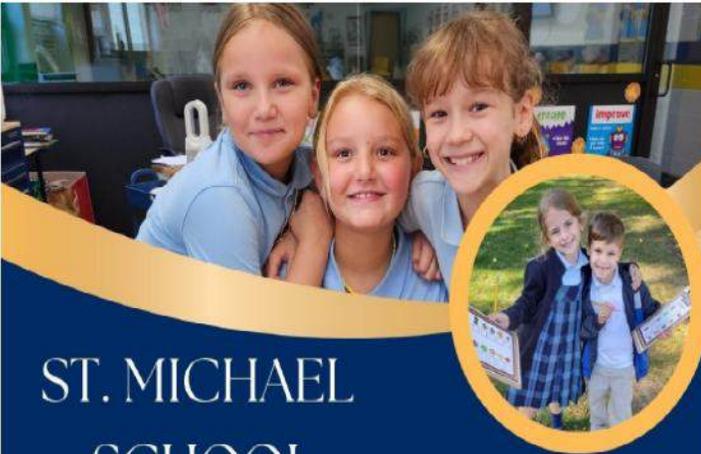
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**ST. MICHAEL  
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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025  
1:00-3:00 PM**

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**Sunday, February 2, 2025  
1:00-3:00 PM**

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### THE MINISTRY OF THE TRAVELING STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

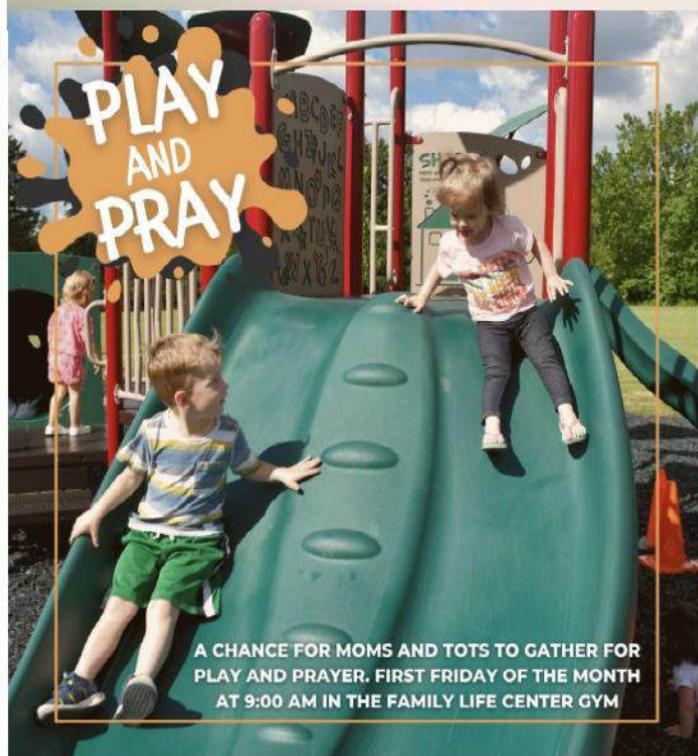
*Have you signed up lately to have the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home? Especially with Lent coming up. what a perfect time to bring your petitions to Our Lady of Fatima!*

Please call the rectory at **440-526-1686** if you would like to. The schedule is for one week.

The prayer theme is for **Peace, Unity** and **Love** within each home and within the parish. In addition, you can add any intentions and/or petitions you and your family want to make to our Lady and receive graces for you and your family. May is the traditional month to pray the rosary at home with our families. October is the month of the rosary to Our Lady—but **ANYTIME** is a perfect time to bring the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to your home to pray the rosary for **your special intentions.**

***Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for Us!***

**February 7, 2025**



**A CHANCE FOR MOMS AND TOTS TO GATHER FOR  
PLAY AND PRAYER. FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
AT 9:00 AM IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER GYM**



# THE TRUMAN SHOW

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

**6:00 PM | PARISH CENTER**

A free night of fun for the whole family! St. Basil will provide pizza, salad, and popcorn for movie night. Additional activities and crafts included. Pillows and blankets welcome for a cozy movie night! The Truman Show is rated PG.

Event is free, but registration recommended!

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**SATURDAY  
 1 FEBRUARY 2025**

5:00PM Couples may attend the Vigil Mass at St. Noel (optional)  
 6:15PM Praise & Worship and Adoration  
 7:15PM Reception with Dinner & Dancing

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



## Ecumenical Worship

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

1,700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea

“DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?”

John 11:26

January 23, 2025 - 7:00pm

**Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church**

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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, to and 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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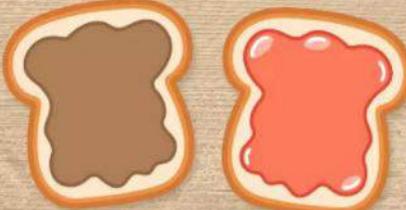
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One of the most common things that I hear in my work is the response, “You mean this is not normal?” Most of the time, it comes after someone has explained various symptoms of a mental health issue that they thought were a common experience. For example, a college student will hear others talking about test anxiety, trouble sleeping, and difficulty focusing, but there is a difference between mild anxiety and a panic attack. There is also a difference between getting to sleep one hour later due to worry and not getting any sleep at all. My point is that our general conversations about these topics often do not go into those deeper details which can leave people thinking that their experience is typical. While finding out that one’s experience is “not normal” can be discouraging or result in self-condemning, it can also bring relief. Finding that you can be worried but not debilitated by anxiety is a cause for hope! Sometimes the beginning of healing is simply finding this self awareness. This does not only apply to anxiety but to a wide spectrum of problems such as depression, anger, trauma, and communication difficulties. Mental health resources such as books, podcasts, and/or therapy can help determine a growth area and find a path forward. “Normal” is not something I am generally concerned about, but it can help us know that relief is out there and that life can be different when we are in the midst of pain and suffering. If this message resonates with you, consider seeking out mental health resources to grow in self awareness and find healing. *-Luke Brown*



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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LET'S GET TOGETHER



FOR A CUP OF  
*Coffee and Pastries*

**February, 12 at 9:00 am in the Parish Center.**

Fr. Ryan will lead a discussion  
on the Pastoral letter from  
Bishop of Cleveland Edward  
Malesic; "A Flourishing  
Apostolic Church"

All are encouraged to read the  
document prior to the  
discussion. A copy can be found  
at [basilthegreat.org](http://basilthegreat.org) or FLC  
vestibule.



**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*

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**In Loving Memory**



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Grandmother of Cal DeJulias  
January 6, 2025



**THE REV. EDWARD F. WEIST**  
Retired Priest for the  
Diocese of Cleveland  
January 6, 2024



**AMELIA (Amy) SERPENTINI**  
Mother of Carol Lester  
January 8, 2025



**JANE YACOBELLIS**  
Sister of Susan  
December 24, 2024

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

**'Pope Francis: The family!'**



Reflecting on the 'the family,' the Pope shared an anecdote someone told him after the individual had gone out to lunch one Sunday. At the table next to the man at the restaurant, Pope Francis recalled, was a family, "father, mother, son, and daughter—all glued to their cell phones, not talking to each other."

This man, the Pope noted, felt something was wrong and approached them, saying: 'You are a family, why don't you talk to each other instead of staring at your phones?' The Pope said they just brushed him off and continued. "Please, in families, let's talk!" Pope Francis insisted, stressing, "A family is about dialogue, and dialogue helps us grow."



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