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Mass

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



**Eucharistic
Adoration**

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

Parish Directory

PARISH OFFICE: 440-526-1686
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Office Hours

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

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, December 15, 2025

8am Hannah Smith (Parents, Bob & Lisa)
**6:30pm Advent Evening Prayer/Adoration/
Confession**

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

8am Giuseppe Mileti (Biagio Mileti)

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

**8am Deceased Members of the DiScenna &
Manginelli Families**
(The Di Scenna Family)

Thursday, December 18, 2025

8am Ray Habian
(Diane Beguet & Angelo De Caro)

Friday, December 19, 2025

8am Meg English (Tony & Marianne Borrelli)

Saturday, December 20, 2025

8:30-9:30am-Reconciliation (Confession)
5:00pm Dr. & Mrs. Wade Harris, Jr.
(Family) (Fr. Mann)

Sunday, December 21, 2025-

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30am Gene & Louise Sliwinski (Family)
(Fr. Mann)

9am Sylvia Tayfel (Theresa & John Tytko)
(Fr. Mann)

11am Parishioners of St. Basil (Fr. Liptak)

5pm Clare & Conrad Pokorski
(The Pokorski Girls) (Fr. Liptak)

Offertory December 7, 2025

Regular weekly collection \$37,115.02

Monthly Maintenance \$3,180.50

Thank you for your continued support!



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14

2nd Reading: Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

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

ST. BASIL THE GREAT PARISH

Advent
2025

Confessions

Mondays Dec. 15, 22
6:30-8:00 pm

Saturdays Dec. 6, 13, 20
8:30-9:30 am &
3:30-4:30 pm



**Advent
Evening Prayer**

Dec. 15, 22, 2025
6:30-8:00 pm

Evening prayer with
Adoration and
Confessions

**Life Teen
Christmas Party**

Sundays Dec. 14
6:00-8:00 pm
Parish Center
Open to all high
school students.

Begin Praying the O Antiphons Dec. 17

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.



Find Out More!

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve:

Wednesday, Dec. 24

4:00 pm Church (Children's Mass)
4:15 pm Family Life Center
6:00 pm Church (Livestreamed)
12:00 am Midnight Mass, Church

Christmas Day:

Thursday, Dec. 25

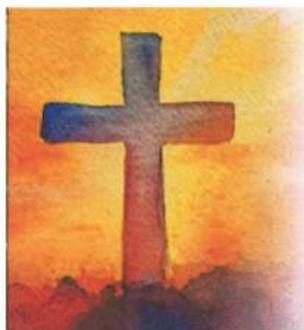
8:00 am Church
10:00 am Church
12:00 pm Church



Save
The Date
St. Basil
Pre-Cana Day
Saturday,
February 7
8:30 am to 6:00 pm
Parish Center

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Register online at
basilthegreat.org. or email
ryoungs@basilthegreat.org.



MY DAILY Prayers

A free emailed recording of prayers and insights led by our bishops and priests. Take 10 minutes and join us in prayer.



Sign up!
dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers
- and encourage others to join us!



Share the Prayers!



The St. Basil the Great Food Pantry is located at: 9412 Heath Avenue (93rd & Union)

The Food Pantry is open Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30-11am-

To volunteer - Kathy Sejba:
kathsejba@gmail.com

Donations are gratefully accepted!



IRA FINANCIAL PLANNING



Ready to take your 2025 or 2026 required minimum distribution from your IRA? Please consider this:

If you are age 70½ or older, you may donate all or part of your IRA's required minimum distribution (RMD) directly to St. Basil the Great through what the IRS calls a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). When the gift goes straight from your IRA custodian to the church, the amount you donate can count toward your RMD without being included in your taxable income.

This approach is often a win-win:

For you, it may lower your federal taxable income, which can help reduce your overall tax burden and may keep Medicare premiums from increasing.

For your church, it provides vital support to our parish and its ministries and programs.

For your stewardship, it allows you to make a meaningful gift in a tax-efficient way.

If you plan to take advantage of this option, be sure the distribution is sent directly from your IRA to the church.

For guidance, contact your financial advisor or IRA custodian or the parish office at 440-526-1686 and ask for Diane.

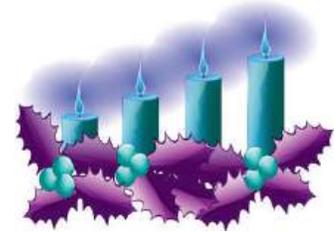




*Solemnity of
Mary,
Mother of God*

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be: Vigil Mass: December 31, 2025- 5pm

*Holy Day Masses:
January 1, 2026-9am & 7pm.*



*Ask and you
will receive -*

Each weekend after the Saturday 5 pm and the Sunday 9 am and 11 am masses there are individuals who believe God answers all prayer and are available to pray with you. Discreet, confidential and powerful prayer seeking God's intervention.

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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.



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION
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The Catholic Cemeteries Association

Catholic Cemeteries Association's next Sunday Grief Support Group will be on Sunday Dec. 21st.

In-person will meet at 3pm, virtual at 5pm. In a welcoming and supportive setting, find fellowship among others who share their experiences and understand the pain of loss. Meetings are being held on the 3rd Sunday of the month, at no charge to you. Please join us for an hour of listening, healing, and finding comfort with others who understand. For details, call Renee at 216-930-4866 or visit: www.clecem.org/Events



Blue Angel Brief



We are on a mission to serve!! During this season of Thanksgiving and Advent our students are doing their part to serve those in need. Our Preschool through 8th grade collected non-perishable food items for the St. Michael St. Vincent de Paul and St. Catherine Food Pantry. Some of our 8th graders helped out at the Ornament Workshop at Cornerstone of Hope. We are currently collecting hats and mittens and gloves for the Christ Child Society through December 16th. I am so proud of how our students step up to serve those in need!

SEVERAL OF OUR STUDENTS TOOK A "NO TECH FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK CHALLENGE" THE WEEK OF NOV 22-30. I WAS SO PROUD TO SEE SO MANY OF OUR STUDENTS DEDICATED TO SPENDING TIME HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY, BUILDING, CREATING AND JUST HAVING FUN WITHOUT TECHNOLOGY. I AM SO PROUD OF THE MANY WAYS THEY CHOOSE TO BE EXCELLENT EXAMPLES OF GOOD MENTAL HEALTH FOR THOSE AROUND THEM.

AS A HALLOW FOR SCHOOLS, WE HAVE TWO PRAYER-FILLED RESOURCES THIS ADVENT IN WHICH TO ENGAGE: **BE STILL** (FOR OLDER STUDENTS AND ADULTS AND **FINDING FIAT** FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. HALLOW IS A WONDERFUL PRAYER RESOURCE FOR ALL OUR FAMILIES! I ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN ONE OR BOTH OF THESE ADVENT CHALLENGES. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO BEGIN OUR NEW LITURGICAL SEASON!

MRS. JENNIFER CONTI PRINCIPAL, ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL





ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Each year the St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Basil the Great Church issues an Annual Report to the Diocese of Cleveland depicting the activity of both the SVDP Society and St. Catherine's Pantry for the 12 months ending Sept 30th. We would like to share this report with you for the year ending September 30, 2025.

SVDP SOCIETY

RECEIPTS

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Church/Poor box collections | \$ 49,355 |
| Blanket Sunday collections | \$ 4,240 |
| Other receipts (anonymous donations) | \$ 20,000 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Financial aid to those we serve (food, gas, clothing, etc) | \$ 17,838 |
| Housing assistance (rent, utilities) | \$ 13,925 |
| Twinning (semi-annual donations to 18 different entities) | \$ 28,400 |
| Blanket Sunday expenses (coats, gloves, etc. to 8 different entities) | \$ 4,271 |
| Monthly breakfast/lunches at Mary Queen of Peace, Moriah House | \$ 6,672 |
| Misc. operating expenses | \$ <u>1,801</u> |
| Net surplus (deficit) for the year ended September 30, 2025 | \$ 688 |

During these 12 months our Society:

- Completed 180 in-person visits helping 720 individuals with food, gas, clothing and housing assistance.
- Provided monthly meals to 1,560 individuals at Mary Queen of Peace Parish, Moriah House and West Side Catholic Center. Provided hats, gloves and bedding to eight separate entities thru our Blanket Sunday Drive.
- Gave financial assistance to 18 Christian organizations in Cuyahoga County totaling \$28,400.

ST. CATHERINE'S PANTRY

During this past year:

- Distributed 7,200 bags of food;
- Served 11,553 individuals;
- Provided 194,745 meals with an approximate value of \$409,000.

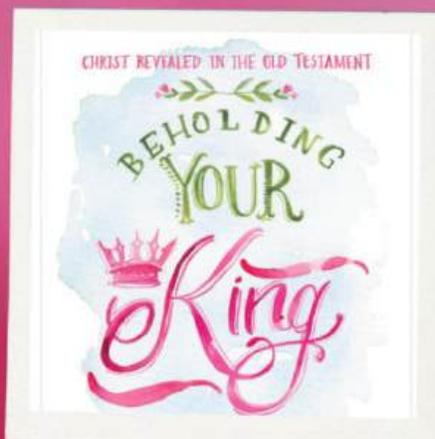
May God Bless the many volunteers who worked nearly 9,300 hours this past year to assist the poor and needy in our community.

Mary Flanagan (SVDP-President), Kathy Sejba (Pantry-Director) and Chris Staiger (SVDP-Treasurer/Case Manager) would like to thank the parishioners of St. Basil the Great parish for their continued support. When you donate to SVDP and the Pantry you are giving love, help and hope to those who are less fortunate. We believe everyone deserves a brighter future, regardless of income or life circumstances.

May God bless you and your loved ones this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

BEHOLDING

JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING
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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY!



10-week Bible Study
January 14-April 16

- Wednesday nights 7:00–8:30pm or Thursday mornings 9:00–10:30 am (Babysitting available)
- Registration is now OPEN! To be included in our book order, you must register by 1/7/26
- Single study (Registration and book): \$35
- Study dates and more information at basilthegreat.org/flourish

Register via QR code
or at basilthegreat.org/flourish



Join us the Mondays of Advent for
Advent Evening Prayer

Mondays:

December 1st

December 15th

December 22nd

**@ 6:30 p.m.
in the church**

No Evening Prayer on
December 8th due to
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

For more information or to register, scan the QR code or visit: dioceseofcleveland.org/events

Want a Meaningful Way to Serve God's People?

Something you can do in your home, on your own time?

- Volunteer to prepare a meal for 10-15 women just four times a year for RAHAB ministries
- **A meal consists of simple main dish (casserole, chili, pasta, etc), homecooked or store-bought frozen, side dish and dessert*
- Deliver your meal on your designated Monday to the St. Basil parking lot
- Your dinner will be taken to a RAHAB Ministries' Drop-In Home

St. Basil parish has participated in this important work for years.

Now we need more cooks! Please consider giving of your time.

RAHAB Ministries provides Christ-centered transformational services to those directly affected by sex-trafficking. Learn more about RAHAB Ministries at www.rahab-ministries.org.

Contact Kathy Lazar at 440-223-0712 or Kathy.pittak.lazar@gmail.com.

Social Concerns Commission Living the Gospel



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 18, 2025*

Where: *Parish Office – Pieta Room*

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



OPLATKI IS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

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

A free-will offering is appreciated. Oplatki is available in the lobby of the rectory after hours.

Join us for Sandwich Saturday!
9:00-10:00 am in the Parish Center
Spread the love!

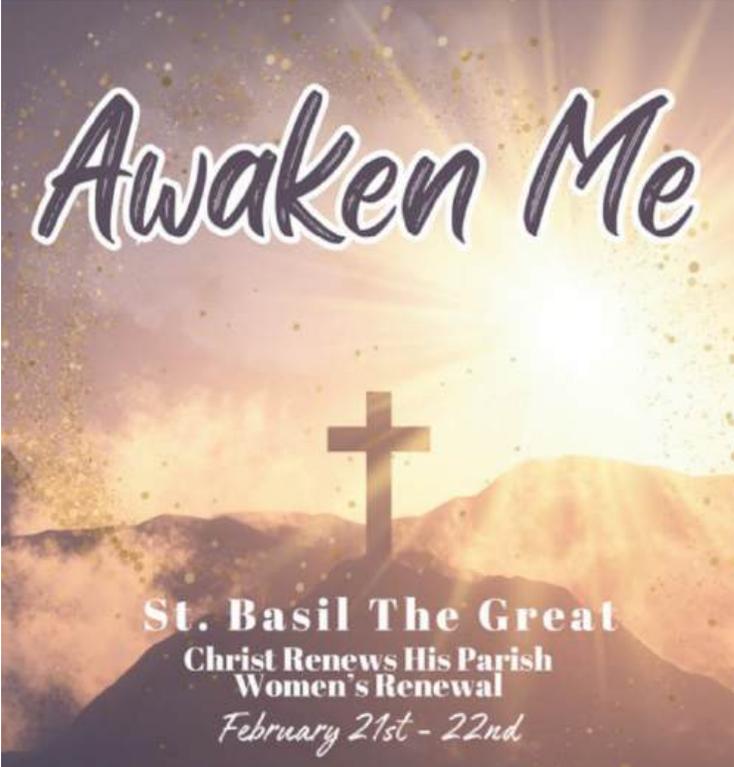


Upcoming Sandwich Saturdays
January 17
February 14

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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Awaken Me



St. Basil The Great
Christ Renews His Parish
Women's Renewal
February 21st - 22nd

Sign up by scanning the QR code or by going to:
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Mondays & Wednesdays
8:30am-
9:00pm

sign up for an hour or to be a substitute at basilthegreat.org

January 2, 2026



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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.



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.

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When it comes to winters in Ohio, some of them can be very dreary. As a counselor, some of the most common symptoms I hear about in the winter season involve low

energy, depression, and a general lack of motivation. There are many things that we take for granted in the summer such as the sunlight, warmer weather, and all the things that come with them such as frequent social occasions, the ease of exercising outside or simply taking a walk, and a wider variety of things to do. After a few weeks of the cold and lack of sunlight, it is easy for cabin fever to set in and we can find ourselves irritable, sedentary, and isolated. Some of the most effective ways to combat these symptoms are to engage in exercise, social interactions, and finding something interesting to do indoors. Part of the problem is that these things require more energy, time, and effort in the winter months than they do in the summer. For example, it is easy to go on a walk in the summer and run into neighbors for brief social interactions or go to the gym without needing to put on our heaviest parka. While these things require more of us in the winter months, they are very important to continue to maintain our mental health. In the winter, they often require more planning, discipline, and execution. For example, the spontaneous exercise of going for a walk is easy in the summer whereas in the winter we might have to plan and prepare to go to the gym. Something I often recommend to people is to plan out their week on Sunday to make plans for social engagements, exercise, and something interesting and engaging to do at home such as painting, reading, or a home project. If you find yourself experiencing cabin fever in the winter months, consider making a more intentional effort to engage in activities that maintain or improve your mental health. *-Luke Brown, LPCC*



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For all our Parishioners, St. Basil Parish is offering an alternative to writing a weekly or monthly check. Join our Automated Giving Program and have your financial stewardship offering transferred directly to the parish account.

How do I sign up?

Please complete the information below and return it in a sealed envelope to the Parish Office. Funds will be debited from your checking or savings account on the first Monday of each month.

Please attach a voided check. *My Discipleship Commitment*

I (We) hereby authorize St. Basil the Great Church, to initiate a monthly debit entry to my (our) account indicated below and the financial institution named below, to debit the same to such account for the Church. I (We) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transaction to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of US law.

Financial Institution Name _____ Branch _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Bank Routing Number _____ Your Account Number _____

Amount to be debited (deducted) on the first Monday of each month.

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St. Vincent DePaul: _____

Checking _____ Savings _____

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until St. Basil the Great Church has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and manner as to afford St. Basil the Great Church and Financial Institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name on Account _____

Address _____

Telephone Number: _____ Church Envelope Number _____

Signature _____

Please remove me from monthly envelopes: Yes _____ No _____

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8700 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, OH 44141
Attention: Diane Stuczynski Updated: 7/1/2025



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Life's Lessons
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