

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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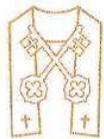


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Mass

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

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Monday, March 9, 2026
8am Parishioners of St. Basil
6:30-8pm Lenten Evening Prayer- Confession & Adoration

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
8am Parishioners of St. Basil

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
8am Parishioners of St. Basil

Thursday, March 12, 2026
8am Dino Trinetti (*Diane Moran*)

Friday, March 13, 2026
8am The Mather & Kowalewski Families
(Diane Mather)
8:30am Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14, 2026
5:00pm Parishioners of St. Basil (*Fr. Mann*)

Sunday, March 15, 2026
7:30am George A. Hajek (*Family*) (*Fr. Mann*)
9am Terry Donovan, Sr. (*Family*)
(Fr. Liptak)
11am Nancy & Rudy Jovanov (*Nancy Marra*)
(Fr. Mann)
5pm Terry Donovan, Sr. (*Family*) (*Fr. Liptak*)



Offertory March 1, 2026

Regular Collection \$40,189.00

Monthly Maintenance \$4,600.50

Thank you for your continued support!



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 15, 2026

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1b,6-7, 10-13a

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

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

Monday, March 16, 2026 | 6:30 pm

St. Basil the Great Church

HOLY HOUR FOR

Peace

All are welcome to join us for an evening of Adoration, praise and worship, praying for peace in our world. Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, president of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, has invited bishops and priests across the United States to offer a Holy Hour for Peace. Confessions will be offered.





PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29

SATURDAY 5:00 PM, SUNDAY 7:30 AM,
9:00 AM,* 11:30 AM, 5:00 PM

HOLY MONDAY, MARCH 30

MASS 8:00 AM, ADORATION 8:30AM-9:00 PM

HOLY TUESDAY, MARCH 31

MASS 8:00 AM

SPY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

MASS 8:00 AM, ADORATION 8:30AM-9:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

MORNING PRAYER 8:00 AM
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00 PM*
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND REPOSITION,
PARISH CENTER, 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

MORNING PRAYER 8:00 AM
GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY 3:00 PM*
NEW GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4

MORNING PRAYER 8:00 AM
BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS 1:00PM

"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

EASTER MASSES

EASTER VIGIL

APRIL 4

8:45 PM*

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5

8:00AM*

10:00AM

10:15AM (FLC)

12:00 PM

*DENOTES LIVE STREAMED LITURGY

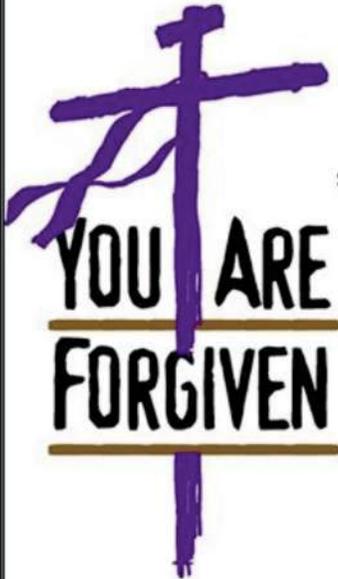
**ALL ACTIVITIES IN CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The Suburban Southwest Deanery

will be sponsoring a
Week of Reconciliation - March 1-5, 2026
6:30 - 7:30pm

Eight to ten priests from our Deanery will be available
at each of the four locations



HOLY FAMILY ↗ PARMA
March 1

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT ↗ NORTH ROYALTON
March 2

ST. BASIL THE GREAT ↗ BRECKSVILLE
March 3

DIOCESAN EVENING OF PENANCE
MARCH 4 - 5:00 - 8:00pm

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ST. AMBROSE ↗ BRUNSWICK
March 5

May this week be an opportunity for healing and
restored relationship for all those in need of God's grace and mercy



Senior Brown Bag Lunch
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Irish Dancers.

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by March 11

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12:00
pm

MARCH
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Parish
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RECONCILIATION
DURING LENT

SATURDAYS 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

TUESDAY MARCH 3RD 6:30 -
7:30 PM

Deanery Night of Confession

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

5:00 – 8:00 PM AT

ST. MICHAEL'S INDEPENDENCE

The Diocesan Night of Confession

Mondays March 9, 16, 23

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Lenten Evening Prayer Confession, and
Adoration



**The Social Concerns Commission Invites
You To Its Second Lenten Presentation:
Catholic Social Teaching Awareness**

Wednesday, March 25th 6:45 – 8:00 PM

Family Life Center Meeting Room

Refreshments will be served

Upon his election as Pope, Pope Leo XIV chose that name inspired by Pope Leo XIII, who is often referred to as the Father of Catholic Social Teaching.

Please join us to hear Deacon Paul Kipfstuhl, Director for the Diocesan Social Action Office for the Suburban Southwest Deanery, who will speak on Catholic Social Teaching Awareness. Is it the Church's Best Kept Secret, or maybe something else?

**Social Concerns Commission
Living the Gospel**




JOIN US FOR A LENTEN SANDWICH SATURDAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 IN THE PARISH CENTER, 9:00-10:00 AM.
SANDWICHES ARE TAKEN TO LOCAL HUNGER CENTERS.

EASTER BASKET COLLECTION FOR MARY QUEEN OF PEACE SCHOOL CHILDREN AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.

LIFE TEEN WILL ASSEMBLE THE BASKETS MARCH 22.

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

March 28-29, 2026.

***Don't forget to pick up a green grocery bag, March 21-22, 2026.



***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.

God is good!



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 6:30pm*

Next meeting: *March 19, 2026*

Where: *Parish Office – Pieta Room*

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

A Call to Christ

The voice of God in the everyday.

Flourish Women's Ministry invites women of all ages to an evening of conversation and testimony. Together with our speaker, a fellow parishioner, we will explore meaningful questions of faith and consider how letting go allows Christ to work more fully in our lives. Creating unexpected moments of grace, immense joy, and lasting transformation.

**Location: St. Basil the Great Parish Center
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026
Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Register at:
[basilthegreat.org/forms](https://www.basilthegreat.org/forms)
or scan the QR code.
Questions? Email us at
flourish@basilthegreat.org**



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APRIL 16TH

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AGED STUDENTS
ARE INVITED!!!



WEEK OF SERVICE

MARCH 21-29, 2026

The Diocesan Week of Service is an initiative that brings together people to serve across Northeast Ohio from March 22-29. Throughout the week, volunteers will partner with Catholic Charities, parish groups, and community organizations. Together we will participate in organized service projects that reflect our shared mission of compassion, dignity, and justice.

MARCH 14 AND 28 ST. AUGUSTINE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

10:30 am-1:00 pm and 1:00-3:30 pm | St. Augustine, 2486 W 14th St, Cleveland

The St. Augustine Community Cupboard addresses the needs of the poor and the homeless such as, food, clothing, emergency funding for rent and utilities, furniture, appliances, birth certificate, state identification card, as well as advocacy for those poor seeking medical help, benefits and housing. Older children and adults are welcome to volunteer with 8 slots open per shift.

MARCH 21 SANDWICH SATURDAY

9:00-10:00 am | Parish Center

Please bring bread, peanut butter, jelly, baggies, and a bag of fruit. Sandwiches are donated to local shelters. All ages welcome. No registration necessary.

*Additional collection of Easter Basket items for Mary Queen of Peace.



MARCH 22 LIFE TEEN EASTER BASKET MAKING

6:00-8:00 pm | Parish Center

All high school students are welcome to join Life Teen for Easter Basket making for the children at Mary Queen of Peace. Teens are encouraged to bring basket items. Dinner provided.

MARCH 25 HONEY FROM THE ROCK FOSTER CARE CLOSET

6:00-7:00 pm and 7:00-8:00 pm | 2201 W110th Street, Cleveland

Sign up for a General Worker Bee Volunteer Slot at the Foster Care Closet! Many foster and kinship (relative) families quickly welcome children into their homes - often times without essential items. Honey's mission is to ease that transition by providing those items at no cost, ensuring wrap around support for the child experiencing foster care as well as the family welcoming them.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE DIOCESE

Various Times and Locations During the Week

Volunteer with Groups such as Catholic Charities Early Learning Program, Catholic Charities St. Martin de Porres Family Center, Catholic Charities Matt Talbot Residential Treatment, Bishop William M. Cosgrove Center and more!

SIGN UP TO SERVE AT [BASILTHEGREAT.ORG/FORMS!](https://www.basilthegreat.org/forms)



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saint Michael Parish
Independence, OH



Fish Fry

Friday
March 13th
Bishop Rappe Hall
4:00 PM - 7:00PM

Dine-in Only

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\$5.00 per person

Dinner includes: 1 main, choice of 2 sides, beverage, and dessert

MAINS:
Fried or Baked Cod / Fried Shrimp / Pierogi / Macaroni & Cheese

SIDES:
Fresh made coleslaw
Homemade cabbage and noodles
French Fries | Baked Potato | Applesauce

Interested in volunteering? This is a super fun event to work! Scan the QR code below





Father Jeffrey Lindholm will present a 2-day Lenten mission, **From Encounter to**

Discipleship, at Mother of Sorrows Church, 6034 S. Locust St., Peninsula on March 11-12 at 7PM. Father Lindholm is currently Parochial Vicar at St. Barnabas (Northfield) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Macedonia) Churches. *All are welcome.*

There is no cost to attend.

Call 330-657-2631 or email carolk4mos@gmail.com for more information.



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. Located In the Chapel - experience the power of prayer.

-Prayer Ministry

Dear St. Basil the Great Parishioners,
The Social Concerns Commission and the Christ Child Society of Cleveland thank you for your outstanding generosity, support, and compassion during our 2nd Annual Winter WarmUp for Cleveland School Children.

Your generous contribution of 800 winter hats and gloves, along with funding for an additional 700, provided over 1500 hats and gloves for children in need in Cleveland. These winter essentials ensure that students attending eight Cleveland Catholic schools, a Cleveland charter school, and the International Newcomer's Academy arrive at school warm, focused, and prepared to succeed in the classroom.

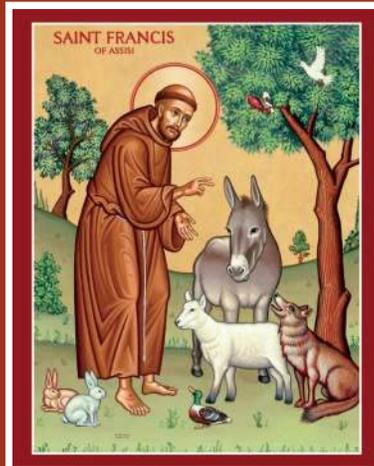
Thank you for your continued loving care of children and living the gospel.

-The St. Basil Social Concerns Commission ~ Living the Gospel

Christ Child Society of Cleveland



Thank you ❤️



The "Peace Prayer of St. Francis" is a widely known prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, a Catholic saint who lived in the 12th and 13th centuries. While there is some debate about its authorship, this prayer is commonly associated with St. Francis due to its alignment with his teachings and spirit.

St. Francis' Prayer of Peace is a timeless expression of humility, love, and service to others. The opening lines encapsulate the essence of St. Francis's approach to life. He was known for his commitment to peace, love, and compassion, and this prayer reflects his desire to bring these virtues into the world.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**



Attention High School Seniors!

Applications for the Thomas C. Ellis CYO High School Senior Scholarship

Are available at the Parish Office and the Bulletin Racks at the Church doors. This is a one-time \$500.00 Scholarship Award given to a selected high school senior who is a "St. Basil

Parishioner, involved in CYO athletics, has a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, displays leadership qualities and school/community involvement and plans to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution.

The application deadline is Friday, April 17, 2026.

The selection committee will make their decision by May 15, 2026.



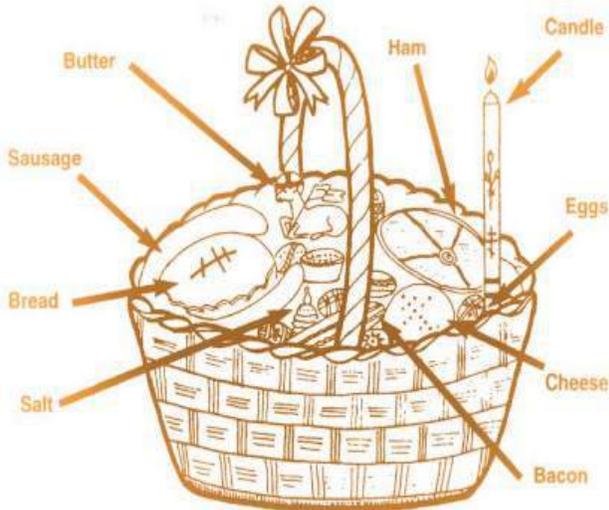
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The Blessing of Easter Baskets: *A cherished Catholic tradition* Saturday, April 4, 2026 in Church at 1pm



Baskets are lined with a **white cloth** and decorated with **ribbons, flowers, and greenery** to symbolize spring, renewal, and, of course, the Resurrection of Jesus.



Traditionally, the baskets are filled with:

decorated hardboiled eggs (representing Christ's Resurrection);

lamb-shaped butter or sugar (representing Christ as the "Lamb of God");

bread (reminding us that Jesus is the "Bread of Life");

meats, such as ham (symbolic of great joy and abundance), **sausage** (symbolic of God's favor and generosity), **smoked bacon** (symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy), or **lamb** (representing Christ as the "Lamb of God");

salt (symbolic of prosperity and justice, and reminding us that we are "the salt of the earth"); **cheese**

(symbolizing the moderation Christians should have at all times);

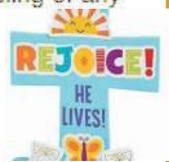
horseradish, pepper, oil, and vinegar (symbolic of the Passion of Christ and the bitter herbs of the Passover); and

wine (symbolic of the Blood of the Lord).

The foods and other items contained in the family basket can be easily personalized, even including a sampling of any foods "given up" for Lent.

A **white candle** is often inserted into the basket to represent Christ as the "Light of the World."

Lastly, the **basket is covered with white linen**, to symbolize the shroud in which Christ's body was wrapped.



Meaning and History of Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday, known as **Maundy Thursday**, holds a special place in the hearts of all Catholics. It marks the evening of the Last Supper when Jesus gathered with His disciples to share the Bread and Wine—symbols that would become the very body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. This sacred meal reminds us of Christ's profound gift of love and sacrifice. Jesus and his disciples had just shared what was known as the *Last Supper* and he was washing their feet when he stated: "*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another*" ([John 13:34](#)).

Please join us, Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 7 pm as we remember Christ's gift of love and sacrifice .



**St. Catherine Food Pantry
In the month of February,
2026:**

335 households were served including a total of 1010 individuals and an estimated 15,150 meals were provided.

****Total non-perishable bags distributed: 552
Total pounds rescued from 4 local grocers by a team of 12 St. Basil Volunteers: 7,728
Total food bags donated by our St. Basil faith community– PRICELESS– THANK YOU!!!**

Checks are payable to St. Basil the Great Parish.
Thank you for your support and generosity.

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!



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



THOMAS A. KERN
Husband of Nancy
March 3, 2026



JOSEPH M. PALAZZO
Husband of Cassandra
February 26, 2026

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



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As Catholics, we all know the importance of putting our faith into action through acts of kindness. I read an interesting study recently that examined how acts of kindness have changed in the era of the Internet. Whether it be communicating through social media, texting, or email, in person interactions have declined in both frequency and quality. The study pointed out that acts of kindness impacted people by leaving them with a sense of joy, fulfillment, and wellbeing. Unfortunately, these impacts are felt more deeply with in-person acts of kindness as opposed to virtual acts of kindness. In the age of virtual interactions, many people still desire to be kind, but do so through encouraging comments on social media, texting someone “thoughts and prayers,” or engaging in advocacy by sharing social media posts about a cause as opposed to in-person gatherings, just to name a few examples. While these are all good things, they are not the same as their in-person counterparts. A multitude of studies show disturbing trends of social isolation and loneliness. After learning these things, I had to ask myself where I can be more intentional about in-person acts of kindness. Even if it is making the phone call instead of texting or bringing someone groceries instead of sending a gift card via email, small changes can have a bigger impact than we see. *-Luke Brown, LPCC -Sacred Heart Counseling Team*

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