

*Drop down dew from  
above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain  
down the Just One; let  
the earth be opened  
and bring forth a  
Savior.*

*Is 45:8*

*December 19,  
2021*



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**\*\*\*\*HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP HOURS\*\*\*\***

**Saturday, Dec 18, 10am-4:30pm**

**Sunday, Dec 19, 9am-4pm**

**THANK YOU**

**A huge thank you from the Basilica Foundation and the Parish to the Knights of Columbus for their help last weekend during the Bel Canto concerts. The weather was challenging, particularly on Friday evening, but the Knights persevered and did a great job helping concertgoers park and making sure all arrived safely at the Basilica. Thank You!!**

**Our Newly Baptized**

**Welcome our newly baptized members:**

**Anakin Piceno**

**and**

**Penelope Lara Valenzuela**

**Please pray for them as they begin their new life in the church.**



**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, December 19—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

<b>Sat.</b>	4:30PM	+Aurelia & Zigmund Walczak
<b>Sun.</b>	8:00AM	+Joseph Moro
	10:00AM	+Ronald Cieslinski
	12:00PM	For the Basilica Parish Community

**Monday, December 20—Fourth Monday of Advent**

	7:00AM	+DonnaMae Kowalkowski
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**Tuesday, December 21—Fourth Tuesday of Advent**

	7:00AM	St. Anthony of Padua Novena +Jeff Nowakowski
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**Wednesday, December 22—Fourth Wednesday of Advent**

	7:00AM	Saint Joseph Novena
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**Thursday, December 23—4th Thursday of Advent**

	7:00AM	+Robert and +Christine Wisniewski
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**Friday, December 24—VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

	4:30PM	Intention of the Celebrant
	10:30PM	For the Basilica Parish Community

**Saturday, December 25—SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

	9:00AM	Christmas Novena
	11:00AM	Intention of the Celebrant

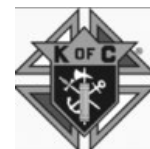
**Sunday, December 26 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

	8:00AM	+Janet Banach Christmas Novena
	10:00AM	For the Basilica Parish Community
	12:00PM	+Robert R. Markowiak, Sr.

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**Don't Forget! Orders can be picked up on the weekend of Dec 18 and 19, after all masses here at the Basilica.**

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2021 Calendar Raffle Winners			
Date	Ticket	Winner	Amount
12/06/2021	25302	Judith Dilick	\$25.00
12/07/2021	27104	Rosemary Verbanac	\$25.00
12/08/2021	32289	Dan & Ann Nohl	\$25.00
12/09/2021	30290	Mr & Mrs Patrick McHugh	\$100.00
12/10/2021	28334	Jeannette Schamens	\$25.00
12/11/2021	37958	Tom Karakis, Sr.	\$25.00
12/12/2021	30306	Paul Meier	\$50.00

Parish Stewardship			
Dec 6—Dec 12, 2021			
	Envelopes	Online	Total
Sunday Fair Share	\$9,441.81	\$5,093.00	\$14,534.81
Grounds		\$20.00	\$20.00
School	\$68.00		\$68.00
Endowment	\$903.00	\$125.00	\$1,028.00
Utility	\$200.75	\$510.00	\$710.75
Eucharistic Day	\$30.00		\$30.00
Immaculate Conception	\$189.00	\$135.00	\$324.00
Dues	\$53.00		\$53.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$303.00		\$303.00
Christmas Offering	\$228.00		\$228.00
Christmas Flowers	\$1,892.50		\$1,892.50
Miscellaneous	\$85.00	\$75.00	\$160.00
Needy Meal Program		\$110.00	110.00
Votives	\$428.31		428.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,822.37</b>	<b>\$6,068.00</b>	<b>\$19,890.37</b>
Gift Shop Gross Sales	\$2,165.86		



**CALENDAR RAFFLE**

Pick up your Calendar Raffle tickets in the back of church, in the Gift Shop or in the Parish Office. Tickets make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers!!

**A BASILICA CHRISTMAS  
A FEAST OF CAROLS  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 19  
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*Basilica Concerts present A Basilica Christmas-A Feast of Carols featuring the Basilica Choirs and Musicians directed by our new Director of Music and Organist Lee Gwozdz. Attendees will be able to sing-a-long with the most cherished Carols of the Christmas Season, in the fabled resounding acoustics of the Basilica.  
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Thank you for your continued financial support during these difficult times!  
May God bless your generosity abundantly.  
Peace and Blessings to all!

**Our Beloved Deceased**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Antonino Napoli**

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.**



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**CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST: SEE PAGE 2 OF THE BULLETIN FOR THE UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekends:** Saturdays: 4:30PM; Sundays: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM  
**Weekdays:** Monday thru Friday at 7:00 AM; Saturday at 8:00 AM  
**Holy Days:** See the Bulletin for the Schedule

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** After all weekday Masses (including after Saturday 8 AM)

**REGISTERING AS A PARISH MEMBER**

Please use the following link: <https://thebasilica.org/new-parishioner>. Contact the Parish Office, (414) 645-5623, x 210, for any assistance. Children of registered parents should register on their own as adults on their eighteenth birthday.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING AND VISITING THE SICK**

Contact the Parish Office, (414) 645-5623 if you are hospitalized or homebound and would like a visit from a member of the Pastoral Staff.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Parents must be registered parishioners. After attending a preparation class, they may schedule their child's baptism. Baptisms typically take place on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Adults seeking baptism and/or entry into the Catholic Church are invited to participate in the parish RCIA program.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Either the Bride or Groom must be a registered, active, contributing parishioner prior to reserving a date for the wedding. For more information, please visit [thebasilica.org/weddings](https://thebasilica.org/weddings).

**\*\*\*\*\*HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE\*\*\*\*\***

**CHRISTMAS EVE...4:30PM AND 10:30 PM**  
**THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY...9AM AND 11AM (NO VIGIL MASS)**  
**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, SUNDAY DEC 26**  
**8AM, 10AM AND 12 NOON**

**NEW YEARS EVE...7AM AND 4:30PM VIGIL MASS**  
**NEW YEARS DAY 8AM, 10AM**  
**SUNDAY JAN 2 IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY**  
**VIGIL MASS JAN 1 AT 4:30PM**  
**SUNDAY, JAN 2...8AM, 10AM AND 12 NOON**

From the Desk of Fr. Lawrence.....

Dear Parishioners,

There have been times in my life where I have wished it were possible to go back, if but for a day, to a moment in my childhood. One of those moments would be Christmas Eve and walking with my family to church for Midnight Mass. I always looked forward to this night which seemed so magical and so beautiful. On our way home from Mass we would sing the Polish carol: "Triumfy, Krola Niebieskiego" (Triumphs, the King of Heaven!). Food would await us on our arrival home and we would get the chance to open one Christmas present before we went to bed. I miss my mom and dad as well as my grandparents who made this night so special. I think of them often and never more than at Christmas. Memories ... Christmas awakens many a memory in each of us, and hopefully it stirs us to remember that God so loved the world that he sent us his only begotten Son to be our Savior.

Saint Francis, "two years before he died," wrote his biographer, Thomas of Celano: "wanted to do something that will help others recall the memory of the little Child who was born in Bethlehem. and set before our bodily eyes in some way the inconveniences of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger, how with ox and ass standing by, he lay upon the hay where he had been placed." (Thus began the custom of the Christmas crèche.) Thomas goes on to relate: "A certain virtuous man saw a little child lying in the manger lifeless, and he saw Saint Francis go up to it and rouse the child as from a deep sleep. This vision was not unfitting, for the Child Jesus had been forgotten in the hearts of many; but, by the working of his grace, he was brought to life again through his servant Saint Francis..."

Isn't it true that the Child Jesus has been forgotten in the hearts of many even today, who seek to celebrate Christmas without Christ? To combat the commercialism of Christmas many will say put Christ back in Christmas. Recently I saw an ad which read: "Put Mass back into Christmas." I like that. As Catholics we can't truly celebrate Christmas without Christ or Mass. Perhaps God will use you and me this Christmas to help bring the memory of Christ alive again in the hearts of many. Masses on Christmas Eve here at the Basilica will be at 4:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., and on Christmas Day at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

May you have a very blessed and Merry Christmas! Wishing you an abundance of God's blessings in the New Year of Our Lord, 2021!

*Fr. Lawrence*



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