



December 29 2019
SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
MEMORY OF DAVID, JOSEPH & JAMES

Parish Schedule

Dec 28 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
Health & Thanksgiving - David & Janet Yarosik

Dec 29 (Sun) Sunday After Christmas
Memory of David, Joseph & James
No Children's ECF
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Intention of our Parish Family

Jan 1 (Wed) CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD
FEAST OF ST BASIL THE GREAT
Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Jan 4 (Sat) ECF Teachers Meeting 9:00am
Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+George Yarosik by Geraldine Yarosik

Jan 5 (Sun) SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY
No Children's ECF
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Carl Magdic req by Family & Friends

Jan 6 (Mon) THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD
Divine Liturgy
Solemn Blessing of Water 7:00pm

Our Tithe to our Parish - December 22 - \$2,960.00

The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of Dec 29 thru Jan 4 for Health & Thanksgiving of Janet & David Yarosik.



Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.

Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, Jude Bodnar, Steve Fekete, Kevin Ianni, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr, Sue Sabol, Ruth Seech, Debby Vasko

THANK YOU!!!

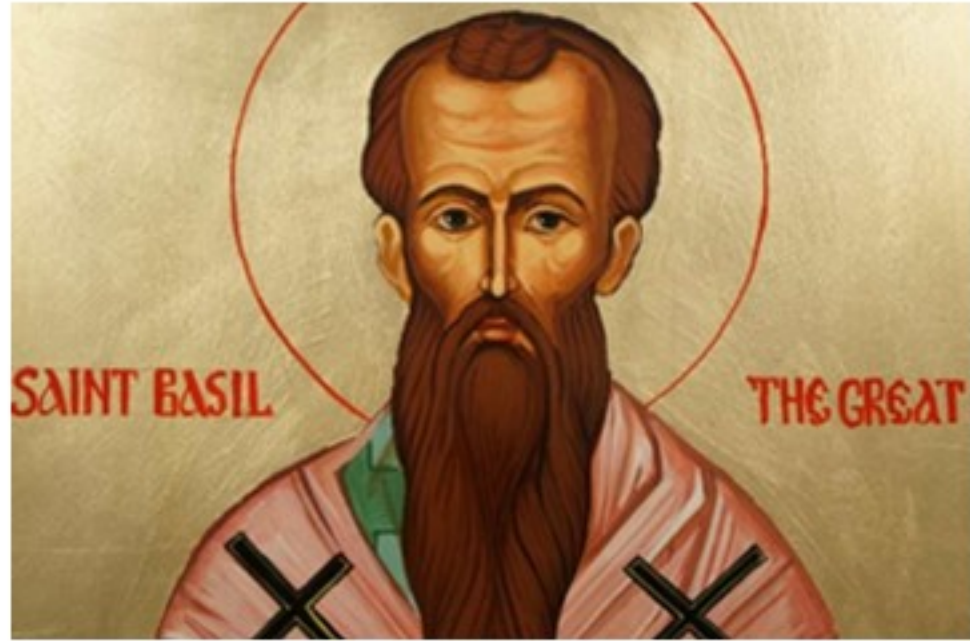
To all who have offered their prayers, cards, notes & gifts during this sacred season, I offer my heartfelt gratitude. It is a blessing for me to be able to serve the people of St Stephen Parish, and I look forward to a very healthy and happy New Year for all.

Fr John



CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD

FEAST OF ST. BASIL



Following the prescriptions of the law, Mary and Joseph took their child to be circumcised on the eighth day after his birth. At this time he was given the name "Jesus", which means "God saves [his people]".

We also remember St. Basil the Great, a monk, bishop and great teacher of the Church. As we begin this New Year, we are surrounded with images calling us to holiness and dedication.

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



The days after a major feast in the Byzantine Tradition are dedicated to the various persons associated with the feast. Thus the day after Christmas is focused on Mary, mother of the Lord. The Sunday following Christmas is dedicated to the memory of David, James and Joseph.

David, the ancestor of the Lord, was the shepherd boy who then became king. As shepherd, he prefigures Jesus the Good Shepherd; as king, he announces that Jesus would indeed be King of all. He was also a great sinner, but he showed the way to repentance. As the author of many of the Psalms that we still use in our worship, he contributed much to the tradition of Hebrew and Christian prayer.

James, the brother (or relative) of the Lord, was the first bishop of Jerusalem. He reminds us that all Christian churches have their common roots in the Church of Jerusalem.

Finally, Joseph, is a good example of the holiness of the lay-person. So many of the saints on our calendars are monks or martyrs, bishops or priests ... but Joseph is a head of a family ... a laborer ... and a good person. He can provide the model for Christian men ... seeking to live a good family life ... while struggling with the questions and mysteries of life.

Christmas Parish Collection

In honor of the upcoming birthday celebration of Jesus, our parish will be collecting gift cards for Beverly's Birthdays.



Beverly's Birthdays is a local nonprofit organization, based in Irwin, that provides birthday cheer for homeless children and families with financial difficulties.

They are currently experiencing a shortage of items for teens. Since this age group has very specific requests it is easier to donate gift cards to places like Target, Wal-Mart, Five Below or iTunes. If you would like to participate but aren't able to get a gift card, you could put a cash donation in an envelope and a gift card will be purchased for you. (Just drop the envelope in the collection basket.)