

*The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth  
that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*  
(James 1:18)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Our Holy Gospel today addresses how to live God's commands faithfully. We are called to obey the laws of God, but more importantly to live in the spirit of the law. Useless burdens should not be placed on the shoulders of others. Rather, the laws we have should benefit others for their own good.

**Financial Update**

A financial update will be placed here in my column the first Sunday of every month so that everyone is aware of the financial breakdown of our financial obligations and situation.

**Elevator Debt:** We still owe \$258,756.58 before this project will be entirely paid off.

**ADA:** We also still need you all to make a pledge towards our ADA. We still need pledges to raise \$68,264.00 for the 2018 ADA. Please make your pledge if you have not already done so. It is extremely important for us to make this assessment so that the extra income we may receive through the Christmas appeal stays within the parish for our own needs. If every registered family and individuals would pledge just a dollar a day for the year we would come close to making our assessment. **Please!?!**

**Foundation Debt:** We presently owe our Foundation \$55,750.00 since we borrowed from it this week again to get current with Holy Family School. Please do what you can to help us! We must attend to these budget items. I ask you to prayerfully consider doing whatever you can to help the parish in the above debts.

May the Lord reward you for your continued generosity to our parish family. Please watch the income each week in the bulletin to see how we stand regarding the budget versus income.

Devotedly in the Lord,

Pastor *Agustin M. Mickles*

**Basilica of St. John WEEKLY INCOME:** 8/12/18

Total - \$13,160.37  
Need - \$21,198.08

Year to Date (YTD) - Fiscal Year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019  
YTD Total - \$138,522.02  
YTD Need - \$169,594.64

**ELEVATOR FUND**

Current Donations.....\$ 771,243.42  
Goal.....\$ 1,030,000.00

**Annual Diocesan Appeal-Current balance due: \$68,264.00**

***BASILICA BUS TRIP:*** For those who have signed up please make your payments in the parish office ASAP. Those who are on the waiting list will be contacted if there is an opening. We will meet in the parish parking lot at 7:00 a.m. for coffee and donuts. The bus will leave at 7:30 a.m. & return approximately 7:00 p.m.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE  
SEPTEMBER 1 TO SEPTEMBER 9  
TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT 01</b>	4:00PM +David Micklesh 6:00PM Spanish Mass
<b>SUN 02</b>	8:30AM Intentions of Chi Do 10:30AM Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON 03</b>	<b>Happy Labor Day!!</b> 9:00AM +Dorsett & Dal Corso Family
<b>TUE 04</b>	12:00PM +Edith O'Brien
<b>WED 05</b>	12:00PM +Joseph Dien Nguyen
<b>THU 06</b>	12:00PM +Corrine Graziano
<b>FRI 07</b>	12:00PM +Mary Jean Gouger
<b>SAT 08</b>	9:00AM Living/Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary and Basilica Seminarians  (Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Art Whipple
<b>SUN 09</b>	8:30AM + Kathryn Mauro 10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

**THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:**  
**[www.BasilicaofStJohn.org](http://www.BasilicaofStJohn.org) and click on the link...**

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Do you know someone who is in need of prayer? The Basilica Prayer Chain can help. To request prayers email Deacon Luke Tieskoetter at tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com or Terri at 321-2743 or sinc2@aol.com.

**CATECHISM CORNER:**

*Question: How are the people of God formed?*  
From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.  
(Look for the answer in next weeks bulletin.)

**BASILICA GARAGE SALE:** Please consider donating items: kitchenware, linens, books, furniture, knickknacks and other suitable items to our garage sale to be held **September 21/22 from 9-3pm & Sunday, 23rd from 8-1pm.** No clothing, old computers, tv's or mattresses. You can bring items to the stage in the parish hall. **Contact** Linda Murphy at 865-1050 for info.



*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*September 2, 2018*

Respect  
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK SEPTEMBER 3 THRU SEPTEMBER 9		
MON 03	<b>LABOR DAY—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 9:00AM NO Adoration	
TUE 04	8:00AM	Organ Practice+
	5:00PM	H.S. Humanities Class**
WED 05	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
	8:00AM	Catholic School House Classes**
	2:00PM	Carmelite Meeting+
	6:00PM	St. Jude's R.E. Potluck+
THU 06	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
	1:30PM	Organ Practice+++
	6:00PM	Wedding Rehearsal
	7:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
FRI 07	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
	9:00AM	H.S. Humanities Class**
	3:00PM	Bourne/Ward Wedding
	6:00PM	Quincenara Rehearsal##
SAT 08	8:30AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
	9:45AM	Altar & Rosary Society Meeting+
	12:00PM	Quincenara##
SUN 09	8:00AM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+
	12:00PM	Pro Life Meeting+
SIGN INDICATORS +++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; * = Rectory + = Church Hall; ## = Church; %=Conference Room; (N)=(North Hall); (S)=(South Hall)		
<b>Daily Scripture Readings for the week of September 3, 2018:</b>		
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44	
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11	
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39	
<b>Saturday:</b>	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23	
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37	

**LIFELINES:** During the last 43 years since the U. S. Supreme Court case "Roe v. Wade" made abortion legal, nearly sixty million unborn babies have been killed in the United States of America by abortion. Catholics have a moral obligation to help stop abortion. We can help in a big way by using our consciences to vote in elections. Catholics make up approximately 25% of our National Electorate. According to "Pew Research Center" Catholics who voted for President in the last four elections voted for candidates that are for legalized abortion as follows: 2000 50%; 2004 47%; 2008 54%; 2012 50%. **In November, we as Catholics will have another chance.** It is important that we elect Pro-Life candidates at all levels of our governments – local, state and national. The National Right To Life organization has a website page that lists the various Right To Life organizations for each State. The link is: [nrlc.org/about/stateaffiliates/](http://nrlc.org/about/stateaffiliates/).



**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** Maria & Nestor Martinez & Family; Edgar Ortiz-Garcia, Francois Habonimana & Josephine Cishahayo & Family, Tran Bui, Damascene Bigirimana, Bertha Peralta & Family, Priscilla & Jorge Acosta & Family, Cecilia & Jesus Corral & Family, Jennifer & Eric Rocha & Family, Estela & Ramon Aluarado & Family.



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Congratulations Felicity Wadle and Fabienne Nikezwe and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

**COME ONE COME ALL:** Basilica Youth Group. Beginning Friday September 14, 2018, 7:00 - 9:00pm, Lower Level of the School. Any Question please call...Deacon Frank Lopez 515-371-2575.



**BASILICA ADULT CHOIR:** The week you've all been waiting for!!! Thursday night, 7:00-8:30, is the first Basilica choir practice of this year! If you love to sing and have lots of training, or no training at all, come join us! We need your talents to serve Our Lord and our parish family! Many hands make light work in various areas of our parish from Religious education to serving donuts on Sunday. It takes a lot of bodies to make it all happen! Please pray and open your hearts to see how the Lord is calling you to serve! We are called to take action and live out our faith in the world! Please, consider taking an active part to help our parish family grow closer to our Lord! And then, enjoy the bountiful graces that God will shower upon you for honoring him! For more information, call Gail Johll, 641-919-5431 or email [celestialchoirs@gmail.com](mailto:celestialchoirs@gmail.com). Thank you!



**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** There will be no school on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day. Classes will resume as usual on Tuesday, September 4. Holy Family's first food and paper product collection of the year will be held Wednesday, September 5. All students are asked to bring non-perishable food items and/or paper products (toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, diapers, etc) which will be donated to the St. Benedict Mission. This is an opportunity to practice one of the Corporal Works of Mercy; feeding the hungry. Please be generous!

**CHRIST OUR LIFE CONFERENCE: September 29th & 30th.** **TICKETS for the upcoming Christ Our Life Conference** will be sold in the back vestibule of the church following various Masses in the weekends to come. Credit cards, checks or cash will be accepted. The ticket is good for the entire weekend! Come and go as needed. \$25 Adults/ \$15 Students (6 through College age)/ children 5 and under are FREE. If you miss the ticket booth or have any questions, please call the parish office at 244-3101, ext. 0.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Rosary Prayer Walk For Creation:** The Companions of St. Francis Fraternity -Secular Franciscan Order will be sponsoring the **Rosary Prayer Walk for Creation** on Saturday, September 8, 2018. They will meet at Northwest Community Center, 5110 Franklin Ave. The walk is from 10-11am (1.5 Miles). Bring a rosary and bottled water and join us! No registration required. Sorry, no pets are allowed. This event is not a fundraiser. Contact: [thecompanionsofs@gmail.com](mailto:thecompanionsofs@gmail.com).

