Mission Statement

The Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception is the only African-American Basilica in the United States and the cornerstone of Catholicism in Tidewater. Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, regardless of race, language or culture. Nourished by the Eucharist, we seek to accomplish this by drawing on our rich African-American heritage of Spirit-filled worship, Christ-centered service, and fellowship that recalls our common Father.

This is our call. This is our mission.
Fifth Sunday in Lent
“Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”
April 7, 2019

WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:12-20

TUESDAY
Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 Jn
8:21-30

WEDNESDAY
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 (Ps) Dn
3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

THURSDAY
St. Stansilaus, Bishop, Martyr
Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY
Jr 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY
Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) J 31:10-13 Jn
11:45-56

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD (RED)
Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20,
23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14—23:56 or
23:1-49

PASTORAL CARE
Send a card, make a call, visit and always pray for our brothers
and sisters in faith who are ill, including...

SICK & HOMEBOUND: Clarence Banks, Jr., Shirley Bailey, Annie
Belardo, Daniel A. Brown, Lois Brown, Barbara Bryant, Francine Bryant,
Marion Bullock, Charles Cabarras, Brenda Cannon, Margaret Church,
Matthew Cherry, Gloria Coleman, Vincent C. Eason, Jr., Agna Estaris,
JC Gardner, Etisha Goode, Thado Greene, Sharon Haynes, Shirley
Jasper, Martha Jones, Skip Jones, William Mann, Emma Mills, Antonell
McGloon, Pauline Nash, Vincent "Bubba" Newby, Kenswil Paige,
Wendell Paige, Dr. H. Mark Richards, Dorothy Sharp, Faye Shaw,
Valerie Smith, John Ward, Jessie Winfield, Charles Williams, Rosie
Woodis

Friends of the Basilica: Albert Aquino, Bertha Adams, Sandra Brooks-
Green, Ezra Brown (RaVae Goodwyn's Father), Kenneth Balbuena,
Lucretia Brown, Jean-Claude Condime, David Dixon, Nick Edwards,
Kathy Hickey, Joseph Jackson, Michael Jenkins, Robert "Bobby"
Johnson, Freddie Johnson, Katie Jones, Christine Jordan, Wanda
Gunnioe, Doris Wade, Therace Meehan, Chassidy Moore, Bernadette
McClain, Patie Neunz, Cheryl Owens, John Rogers, Brenda Speller,
Deborah Vaughan, Alice Volz, Robin Ward, Karen Woodbury, Milan
Young

NURSING HOME/REHAB:
Norris Phillips, Georgian Manor, River Walk
Emily Ponton, Elizabeth Allen Crump Rehab, Glen Allen, VA, Rm 12B
Kema Rodgers, Sentara Rehab Newtown

ATTENTION!!!!!
If you are not receiving
your church, envelopes
please contact Nicole
Drummond in the
church office.
Thank you!
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Lent is almost over but much still lies ahead. We have our joyous Palm Sunday, we have our mysterious Last Supper, we have our painful Good Friday, and we have our glorious Easter. It’s time to take a good look, open our eyes, pray for healing, pray for sight. What is it that still needs to be given to God this lent?

Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will. Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

Amen.

From Lent to Easter at the Basilica

† Stations of the Cross & "Not Just Soup"
Fridays beginning March 8 to April 12
Stations – 6:30pm
Soup and an Activity, (ie. movie, trivia game, prayer & meditation, reflection)

† Confirmation, Wed., April 10, 7pm @ St. Pius

† Palm Sunday, Procession of Palms at Masses

† Chrism Mass, Cathedral in Richmond, 6pm
Mon., April 15

† Easter Vigil, Sat., April 20 – 8pm (White)
Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Holy Eucharist

† Easter Sunday, April 21 – 9am & 12 Noon (White)
The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated. It is considered the most important day in the Church year, as it is the day on which Jesus rose from the dead.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come on Church Family; let us know what is going on in your Ministry. Send us your announcements for the Parish Bulletin. Please submit PRINT READY announcements for next week's Bulletin by Monday. Please email to bulletin @bsmic.org
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I want to thank all of you who supported me on Saturday evening at Saint Patrick School where I was one of the honorees of the Servant Leadership award. I feel honored to have been chosen. The support of my church family and friends was phenomenal. I love each and every one of you, Fr. Jim for always giving me words of encouragement and being there for me. Oretha Pretlow for always having my back, Ercelle Drayton for being there to give me the resources I needed to help those who needed help. I would be remiss not to mention LaBarbara Cuffee who always supports me and my family, the St. Mary’s Prayer group Mrs. Dorothy Wattley, Ophelia Wattley, Denise Russian, Kay Collins, Virginia and Ray Stanislaus, Herbert Dunstan, Doug Tyler, Eric Brown, Josephine “Grandma” Edwards, James and Sarah William, Gerald and Clara Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Berry, Joseph Tate, William Collins, Elvin Taylor, John and Lavon Mumford, Gene Johnson, Karryl Custodio, Barbara and James Wright, Elva Taylor, Peggy Christian, Sylvia Anderson, Helen Cooper Young, Fredia Burney, the Smith Family and Nana for all of the gifts. I truly appreciate and love all of you for your words of encouragement and loving me. God loves you and so do I “A lot” If I missed anyone it is from my head and not my heart.-Mrs. Christine Newby

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**Pastoral Parish Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council serves as the consultative body for the Parish and provides counsel to the rector and lay administration; helps to envision, establish, plan, and monitor the mission and activities of the Parish. Members of the Council include the Rector, Deacon, Pastoral Associate and 10 persons elected by the Parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm on the 2nd floor of the Academy in room 202. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please send an email to parishcouncil@bsmic.org.

**Members**

Mr. James Gray - Chair  
jgray34@cox.net  
Mr. JC Gardner - Co Chair  
ajg0905@yahoo.com  
Mrs. Dana Dixon - Secretary  
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Mrs. Harriet Brown - akagolden57@gmail.com  
Mrs. Sarah Williams - swatsonw@verizon.net  
Mrs. ReVae Goodwyn  
Mrs. Latarisha Beamon  
Mrs. Melvina Herbert - jher2575@aol.com  
Mr. Robert Hewitt, Jr. - robhew@cox.net  
Mr. Carlton Sample - carlsonsample@yahoo.com

The next meeting will be held on April 9, 2019 at 6:30pm. All meetings are open to parishioners.

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**Finance Council**

The Financial Council meets monthly to review collections, expenses, income and the budget of the Parish. Once a year, Council members review the investments of the Parish. The Rector appoints members:

**Members**

Mr. Arcino Quiero, Jr - Chair  
Mr. Eric Labat  
Mrs. Michele Chesley  
Mr. John Butler

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**Pastoral Plan Governing Committee (PPGC)**

The role of the PPGC is to provide a forum to set strategic direction and resolve conflicting views, assist with resolutions or responses issues and risks, influence project execution by managing change in direction and provide final signoff on project acceptance.

**Members**

Eric K. Brown - Chair  
Deacon Calvin Bailey  
Arcino Quiero, Jr. - Finance Council  
Oretha Pretlow - Pastoral Associate  
Lyndon Berry - Development Director  
Deborah Lamb  
Michelle Maull  
Luther Adams  
Barbara Wright  
Ricardo Givens  
Nicole Drummond