

WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY

Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:3-4b, 7-8, 17
Mt 1:1-17

TUESDAY

Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Mt 1:18-25

WEDNESDAY

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b,
16-17 Lk 1:5-25

THURSDAY

Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38

FRIDAY

**Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor
of the Church**

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-
3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

SATURDAY

1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7,
8abcd Lk 1:46-56

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Color: Violet

Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-
19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

Basilica of St. Mary of the
Immaculate Conception

232 Chapel St.- Norfolk, VA 23504

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Mondays: 9:30am-11:30am

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**

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, Barbara Bryant, Marion Bullock, Charles Cabarras, Brenda Cannon, Margaret Church, Matthew Cherry, Gloria Coleman, Vincent C. Eason, Jr., Agna Estaris, Etisha Goode, Thado Greene, Sharon Haynes, Shirley Jasper, Martha Jones, Skip Jones, Ann King, William Mann, Emma Mills, Wardell Mills, Antonell McGlone, Harvey Nash, Pauline Nash, Vincent "Bubba" Newby, Kenswil Paige, Wendell Paige, Evelyn Proctor, Dr. H. Mark Richards, Dorothy Sharp, Faye Shaw, Valerie Smith, Linda Trotter, Blessing Washington, John Ward, Esther Whitley, 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, Rebecca Clark, Jean-Claude Condimine, Lamar Cuffee, Nick Edwards, Joseph Jackson, Michael Jenkins, Freddie Johnson, Christine Jordan, Wanda Gunnoe, Doris Wade, Therace Meehan, Chassidy Moore, Bernadette McClain, Wardell Mills, Patie Neunz, Brenda Speller, Robin Ward, Linwood Washington, Jr., Karen Woodbury, Milan Young, Alice Volz

NURSING HOME/REHAB:

Katherine Morris, Greenbrier Regional Medical Center, Rm 301

Norris Phillips, Georgian Manor, River Walk

Emily Ponton, Elizabeth Allen Crump Rehab, Glen Allen, VA, Rm 12B

Kema Rodgers, Sentara Rehab Newtown

TO PLACE NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST:

Call the Church Office, 757-622-4487

TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME:

Contact the Pastoral Care Team

Tom Bomar, 757 -461 -10 53 or 757-692-8347

Cindy Williams, 757 -849-9298



Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

**The Basilica's Advent
Theme:
"Joy Comes in the
Morning"**

Seasonal Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Family Mass December 24th - 7pm

Choral Concert – 11pm

Christmas Midnight - 12 midnight

Christmas Day Mass - 10am

Solemnity of Mary, Holy

Mother of God (New Year)

January 1, 2019 - 10am



HELP NEEDED: St. Mary is not able to host the homeless this year but we have an opportunity to support the churches who are. They are in need of help during the overnight stays, 9:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m., Nov. 2018 through April 2019, and they have asked for our assistance. What a blessing it is to be of service to God's people and to enjoy fellowshiping with others while doing kingdom work. If you are lead to volunteer a night or two, please contact Jackie Ewing (757-434-1987) or Trig Goodman (757-406-2298) for more details.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Basilica of St. Mary's Prayer Group invites you to join us for an hour of Caroling at Marian Manor on December 18, 2018 from 6:15pm to 7:30pm. Please wear Christmas Colors. The address is 5345 Marian Lane Virginia Beach, VA, located behind St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church. There will be no Prayer Group Meeting that evening as well. For more information, please call Sandra Jarvis at (757) 589-3797.

GATE KEEPERS

The Gate Keepers Ministry is made up of parishioners who sit in the church during the week for a few hours after the 12:10pm Mass. They enable the church to be open so that visitors and parishioners can pray, meditate or get a tour of the Basilica. We try to keep the Basilica open Tuesday Thru Thursday. The Gate Keepers also provide tours after the weekend Masses when requested. The Basilica is in need of Parishioners who are willing to join this Ministry. If you are a pass Gate Keeper or want to join this ministry, please call Mark Lawson at (757) 434-5480.

GAUDETE SUNDAY

On the third Sunday in Advent, Gaudete Sunday, the Church can no longer contain her joyful longing for the coming of the Savior. We light the rose candle and rejoice that our redemption is so close at hand. Gaudete comes from the Latin Antiphon, which begins, "Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete.." [Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice...].

On this day, rose-colored vestments are worn, and flowers may decorate the chancel of the church.



*We beseech thee to listen to our prayers, O Lord,
and by the grace of thy coming enlighten our
darkened minds:*

*Thou who livest and reignest with God the
Father*

*in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.*

Amen.

Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception | Sunday, December 17, 2018
"I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize."

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
4th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, January 19, 2019
St. Patrick Catholic School Dining Hall Norfolk, VA
Guest Speaker: Monsignor Eddie Tolentino,
Pastor, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
Suitland, MD
Stay Tuned for More Details



Call for the 2018 Leonard Barks, Sr. Scholarship

Attention Students attending Catholic School K-12!

The Leonard Barks, Sr. Scholarship Fund was established by the Barks Family in 2007, in honor and memory of their father. It is facilitated by the Knights of Peter Claver, Council #279, Norfolk, Virginia.

Applications are due December 30, 2018. Recipients will be presented scholarships at the 4th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast on January 19, 2019. For additional information and an application, contact:

Eric Labat at (757) 676-9767
or Elvin S. Taylor, Jr. at (757) 724-3922

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Jesus summoned his disciples and said, "My heart is moved with pity for the crowd."

For many years, I have preached what I call my "Bah humbug" sermon. I often do this in the summer, long before anyone is even thinking about Christmas, but when holiday merchandise begins to appear in stores. Why? To help us ponder why we celebrate the birth of a baby in a stable with a multimillion dollar spending spree. When we spend too much on electronics, designer clothes, toys, decorations and food, less is available to respond to the needs of the poor, hungry, lonely and excluded. Unfortunately, our commercialized Christmas is not going to go away, which means that we, as followers of Jesus, must make deliberate decisions about how we are going to celebrate Jesus' birth. Can we do what he did? Can we let our hearts be moved by peoples' needs, whether next door or around the world?

Be with us as we prepare for your birth, Lord Jesus.



Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the LORD: "You too go into my vineyard." (Mt 20:4)

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

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ajg0905@yahoo.com

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The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2018 at 6:30pm. All meetings are open the parishioners.

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. Members are appointed by the Rector:

Members

Mr. Arcino Quiero, Jr - Chair

Mr. Eric Labat

Mrs. Michele Chesley

Mr. John Butler

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

Rep. Oretha Pretlow-Pastoral Associate

Lyndon Berry - Development Director

Deborah Lamb

Michelle Maull

Luther Adams

Barbara Wright

Ricardo Givens

Nicole Drummond
