WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY
Is 2: 1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY
SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY
Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37

THURSDAY
SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP
Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY
SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Is 29:17-24 Ps:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Color: Violet
Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

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232 Chapel Street – 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...


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 Pastoral Care Team
Tom Bomar, 757-461-1053 or 757-692-8347
Cindy Williams, 757-849-9298
Mass Schedule

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, December 7th at 7 pm

Christmas Eve Family Mass
December 24th 7pm

Christmas Concert
December 24th 11pm

Christmas Mass -December 25th
12 midnight
10am

New Year’s Day Mass
January 1st, 2019
10 am

HELP NEEDED: St. Mary’s 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., November 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.

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of misconduct or abuse on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General’s Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1(833) 454-9064, and reach out to the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator.

HOMELESS MINISTRY:

Due to the renovation of our church home, St. Mary’s Homeless Ministry will not be housing the homeless this winter. However, last year we were able to provide over 100 homeless sisters and brothers with a bus ticket and a meal ticket to McDonald’s or Subway. This blessing was possible through your generous donations. This year we would like to offer the Homeless a token of our love on Christmas Eve. If you would like to contribute to this effort, someone will be in the cafeteria collecting the cards and/or monetary donations after each Mass on Sunday, December 2nd and 9th. We will also be collecting travel size toothpaste, toothbrushes, skullcaps, washcloths, soap, and men’s and woman’s socks.

Please feel Free to Contact Trig Goodman (757-406-2298) or Jackie Ewing (757-434-1987) if you have additional questions.

Attention All Married and Engaged Couples: Our next Marriage Awareness Meeting is scheduled for Friday December 14, 2018 at 7PM at St. Mary. Please join us as we fellowship and focus on our Sacrament of Marriage. Please bring a snack to share.
SAVE THE DATE!!!

Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
4th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, January 12, 2019
St. Patrick Catholic School Dining Hall Norfolk, VA
Guest Speaker: Monsignor Eddie L. Tollentino,
Pastor, St. Gabriel the Archangel, Suitland, MS
Stay Tuned for More Details

Call for the 2018 Leonard Barks, Sr. Scholarship

Attention Students attending Catholic School K-12!

The Barks Family established the Leonard Barks, Sr. Scholarship Fund 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, 2017. Recipients will be presented scholarships at the 4th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast on January 12, 2019.

For additional information and an application, contact Eric Labat at (757) 676-9767 or Elvin S. Taylor, Jr. at (757) 724-3922.
Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the LORD

“You too go into my vineyard.” (Mt 20:4)

Pastoral Parish Council

The Pastoral Council serves as the consultative body for the Parish and provides counsel to the rector and lay administration; to help 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
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The next meeting is December 11, 2018 at 6:30pm. All meetings are open to 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
Provide final signoff on project acceptance

Members

Eric K. Brown-Chair
Rev. Mr. Calvin Bailey-Deacon
Oretha Pretlow-Pastoral Associate
Lyndon Berry-Development Director
Deborah Lamb
Michelle Maull
Luther Adams
Barbara Wright
Ricardo Givens
Nicole Drummond