WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Lk 1:67-79

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
(Night) Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13
Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:14
(Dawn) Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1-6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20
(Day) Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

WEDNESDAY
Saint Stephen the First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 16-17 Mt 10: 17-22

THURSDAY
Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a. 2-8

FRIDAY
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18

SATURDAY
Fifth day within the octave of the nativity of the Lord, Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop Martyr
1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
Color: WHITE
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:41-52

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

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

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.

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 fellowshipping 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.

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.
Tickets on sale Now!!!
Ticket Cost: $25 before January 7th, $35 after January 7th
Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
4th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, January 19, 2019
8:00am-9:00am Coffee, Tea, Danishes
9:00am-11:00am Program
St. Patrick Catholic School Dining Hall Norfolk, VA
Guest Speaker: Monsignor Eddie Tolentino,
Pastor, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
Silver Spring, MD
Tickets available from any KPC Member or Sunday between Masses.
For additional information:
Elvin S. Taylor, Jr. (757) 724-3922
Eric Labat (757) 676-9767

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 January 7, 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 Christopher Lamb (757) 572-6016

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.
**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 Danawilliams412@gmail.com
- 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 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