

## **WEEKLY READINGS**

### **MONDAY**

1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 Jn  
1:1-18

### **TUESDAY**

#### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6,8 Gal  
4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

### **WEDNESDAY**

#### **Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church**

1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28

### **THURSDAY**

#### **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

1 Jn 2:29—3:6 Ps 98:1, 3cd-6 Jn  
1:29-34

### **FRIDAY**

#### **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (USA)**

1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Jn 1:35-42

### **SATURDAY**

#### **Saint John Neumann**

1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-5 Jn 1:43-51

### **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

#### **Color: WHITE**

Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Basilica of St. Mary of the  
Immaculate Conception

232 Chapel St.- Norfolk, VA 23504

**USDA Distribution**  
**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, Francine 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, 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

Do you often start Lent with the best intentions, to observe it better than you have in the past? What will you give up? What will you add? Be it observing the fast rituals, attending Mass more frequently, spending more time in prayer, actually completing a needed project at home, or becoming the best daughter, parent, co-worker..... To make Lent more prayerful, and dynamic why not do some work ahead of time so that Lent can help you to become the best version of yourself. This is the meaning of happiness.

Catholic thinkers throughout history understood happiness as related to a moral life, the love of God and neighbor that Christ commands in the four gospels. St. Augustine assumes in his many discussions that God alone can fulfill the restlessness and longing that marks all human persons.

We will use Matthew Kelly's book, "**Resisting Happiness**", as the basis for a personal moral inventory. A series of adult formation sessions will be held on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:30 am and on Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm to aid in empowering you to become your best self. Small groups may read and discuss the book together at a time and location of their choice.

Books will be available after the Masses during the Christmas Season. We are asking for a donation of at least \$2 per book.

### **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 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.



*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  
Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception**

**4<sup>th</sup> 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**

## **2019 National Education Contest**

***Catholic Daughters of the  
Americas – Court of the Holy  
Spirit # 2145***

***Let's help prepare our youth  
for tomorrow***

***Encourage a child you know to  
participate***

***THE THEMES FOR THIS  
YEAR:***

- "Here I am Lord I  
come To Do Your  
Will " Ps. 40***
- Doing My Best To  
Do Good***

***All students in the following  
grades 4 – 12 are invited to enter  
the contest***

***Categories include ESSAY,  
POETRY, ART, COMPUTER  
ART, MUSIC, and  
PHOTOGRAPHY***

***All entries must be received by  
January 15, 2019***

***TO OBTAIN MORE  
INFORMATION AND ENTRY  
FORMS PLEASE CONTACT:***

***Mrs. Sandra Hall / ED  
Chairperson 757- 773-4831 or  
sandrahall888@gmail.com***

***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](mailto:parishcouncil@bsmic.org).

**Members**

Mr. James Gray-Chair [jgray34@cox.net](mailto:jgray34@cox.net)

Mr. JC Gardner-Co Chair  
[ajg0905@yahoo.com](mailto:ajg0905@yahoo.com)

Mrs. Dana Dixon-Secretary  
[Danawilliams412@gmail.com](mailto:Danawilliams412@gmail.com)

Mrs. Harriet Brown-[akagolden57@gmail.com](mailto:akagolden57@gmail.com)

Mrs. Sarah Williams-[swatsonw@verizon.net](mailto:swatsonw@verizon.net)

Mrs. ReVae Goodwyn

Mrs. Latarisha Beamon

Mrs. Melvina Herbert- [jher2575@aol.com](mailto:jher2575@aol.com)

Mr. Robert Hewitt, Jr.-[robhew@cox.net](mailto:robhew@cox.net)

Mr. Carlton Sample-  
[carlsonsample@yahoo.com](mailto: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

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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

Rep. Oretha Pretlow-Pastoral Associate

Lyndon Berry - Development Director

Deborah Lamb

Michelle Maull

Luther Adams

Barbara Wright

Ricardo Givens

Nicole Drummond

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