## BASILICA OF SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mother Church of Catholicism in Hampton Roads and Designated Holy Door Site

### Mass Schedule

- **Saturday Vigil**
  - 5:00 pm
- **Sundays**
  - 9:00 am and 12:00 Noon
  - 12:10 pm
- **Holy Days**
  - 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

### Religious Education

- **Sundays**
  - September through May
  - 10:45 am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

- **Saturdays**
  - 4:15 pm or by appointment

### Marriage

Contact priest 6 months prior to proposed wedding date.

### Ministry to Sick and Homebound

Please contact Church Office to arrange for communion, anointing of the sick or when someone is ill, in the hospital, or in need in any way.

### Baptism

Parents who present children to be baptized are expected to be registered members of the parish for 6 months. Parents must attend a baptismal preparation session prior to baptism 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact the Church Office.

### Interested in the Catholic Faith?

The RCIA process is for you. Please contact the Church Office.

### Ministry of Consolation

meets on the last Saturday of each month in St. Joseph's Chapel at 3:00 pm. If this is your time of grief and pain because of the loss of a loved one, this ministry encourages you to join us at a meeting where you will meet others who have suffered a loss.

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### Contact Information

- **232 Chapel Street**
  - Norfolk, Virginia 23504
- **Mailing Address**
  - 1000 Holt Street
  - Norfolk, Virginia 23504
- **Office**: 757.622.4487
- **Fax**: 757.625.7969
- **Email**: office@bsmic.org
- **Website**: www.basilicaofsaintmary.org

### Rector

- Rev. Fr. Jim Curran
  - frjimcurran@gmail.com
  - 757-876-0554

### Clergy

- **Deacon**
  - Rev. Mr. Calvin Bailey

### Parish Staff

- **Pastoral Associate**
  - Mrs. Oretha B. Pretlow
- **Office Administrator**
  - Ms. Nicole Drummond
- **Director of Christian Formation**
  - Mrs. Barbara Wright
- **Christian Formation Coordinator**
  - Mr. Frank Scott
- **Director of Liturgical Music**
  - Mr. Sammie L. Logan, Jr.
- **Sustainable Ministry**
- **Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen**
  - Ms. Ercelle Drayton
- **Resource Minister**
  - Ms. Angela Harris
- **Church Sexton**
  - Mr. Luther Adams, Jr.
  - Bookkeeper
  - Ms. Phyllis Gary

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### 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.
**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

December 8, 2019

**WEEKLY READINGS**

**MONDAY THE IMMACULATE CONCESSION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, PATRON FEAST DAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

**TUESDAY**

Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3 Mt 18:12-14

**WEDNESDAY Saint Damasus I, Pope**

Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30

**THURSDAY OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (USA)**

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19, 19 Lk 1:26-38

**FRIDAY Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**


**SATURDAY Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

Sir 48:1 - 4, 9 - 11 Ps 80:2 - 3, 15 - 16, 18 - 19 Mt 17:9a, 10 - 13

**3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 35:1 - 6a, 10 Ps 146:6 - 10 Jas 5:7 - 10 Mt 11:2 - 11

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**IN MEMORIUM . . .**

The Basilica’s Prayer Group meets every Tuesday at 6pm in St. Joseph Chapel. All are welcomed. For more information or to submit Prayer Request please Contact Barbara Sears at (757)775-1853 OR Sandra Jarvis at (757) 589-3797

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**THANK YOU....** Volunteers are needed at the Basilica's Food Pantry on Tuesday between 12 noon and 3 pm to bag grocery items. All interested please come to the Soup Kitchen at the above mentioned time.

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**Have you had your picture taken for the Directory? If not we have December 11, 12 and 13, 2019, available. Please contact the office to reserve you spot!**

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**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:** Bernie Angeles, Clarence Banks, Jr., Annie Belardo, Daniel A. Brown, Lois Brown, Barbara Bryant, Francine Bryant, Marion Bullock, Charles Cabarras, Brenda Cannon, Margaret Church, Matthew Cherry, Gloria Coleman, Geraldine Coleman, Adrian Dixon, Vincent C. Eason, Jr., Agna Estaris, Wayne Geddis, Etisha Goode, Thado Greene, Sharon Haynes, Shirley Jasper, Shirley Johnson, Martha Jones, Skip Jones, Dalsey Lee, Helen Brown Lester, William Mann, Emma Mills, Antonell McGlone, Eric Murphy, Kenswil Paige, Alexis Perry, Dr. H. Mark Richard, Bevelon Scott, Dorothy Sharp, Faye Shaw, Bertha Spence, John Ward, Jessie Winfield, Rosie Woodis


**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

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**TO PLACE NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST:**

Call the Church Office, 757-622-4487

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**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
ANNUAL YOUTH CHRISTMAS BALL
THE GREATEST GIFT Committee would like to THANK YOU ALL for supporting this event!!!

HOMELESS MINISTRY:
THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is not able to host the homeless this year but we have an opportunity to support the churches who are. Over the past few years we were able to provide over 100 homeless sisters and brothers with a bus ticket and a meal ticket to McDonald’s or Wendy’s. This blessing was possible through your generous donations. Again, this year we would like to offer the Homeless a token of our love. We will be collecting travel size toothpaste, toothbrushes, skullcaps, washcloths, soap, men’s and woman’s socks.

Additionally, there is a need for help during the overnight stays, 9:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m., DECEMBER 2019 through April 2020, 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 other Churches while doing kingdom work.

If you are, lead to donate or volunteer a night or two; please contact Trig Goodman (757-406-2298) for more details.
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 6:30 pm 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. ............ jig0905@yahoo.com
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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 November 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

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. The Rector appoints members:

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

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
Luther Adams
Nicole Drummond
Deborah Lamb
Michelle Maull
Barbara Wright

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

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The Basilica’s 5th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King’s Jr. Prayer Breakfast

will be held on
Saturday January 18, 2020 9:00 AM
at
Saint Patrick’s Catholic School Dinning Hall.

The Keynote Speaker is our very own Mona Taylor Gunn, National President of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

Tickets will be available
Sunday, November 24, 2019.
Ticket price $30.00 each limited seating.
See any Knight of Peter Claver.

Offertory
Monthly Offering Collection OCTOBER 2019

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Weekly Collection Nov. 25 to November 30, 2019

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Peace be with you ALL,

I want to express my deepest gratitude and excitement for the opportunity to be the new Coordinator of Youth Ministry at Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception. As I look to begin leading Youth Ministry here, I am extremely encouraged by the unconditional love I see taking place inside and outside these walls by those who attend and serve here. While I look forward to meeting you all, I want to share with you a little about myself. I was born and raised in Norfolk, VA; I am a lifelong member of the Basilica and a mother of two boys, Joshua (10) and Nicolas (3). I graduated from Hampton University, and I am currently working on my Certification in Catechesis and Youth Ministry and will begin my Master’s program in Theology at St. Leo University in the fall. I have also been working for the Basilica for over 3 years.

So often, we hear about kids and youth being the future of the church. While they may be a very important part of the future church, if they do not become active participants in the church of today, then the future is indeed in question. These “emerging generations” have seen their world change more than any generation in history. There is so much talent, intelligence, and opportunity in these generations that goes untapped in parish settings. I am grateful for and building on the legacy that Mr. Ricardo Givens left for Youth ministry at the Basilica and will continue to open up these opportunities for these emerging generations so that they experience a God that is alive and timeless in ways that are meaningful and relevant to their lives. My prayer for this church is that these generations will be embraced and the ministry to them will be supported.

If you have any interest in volunteering, whether it be to cook, to teach, to chaperone, or however else you may think of, please get in touch with me (my contact information is below). Jesus said “let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Nicole Drummond
Youth Ministry Coordinator
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