WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY
Violet
Is 35: 1-10 Ps 85:9ab-14
Lk 5:17-26

TUESDAY
SAINT DAMASUS 1, POPE
Violet/White
Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10a-c, 11-13
Mt 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY
Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA)
White
Zec 2:14-17 or RV 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab (Ps) Jdt 13:18b-9 Lk 1:26-38
or Lk1:39-47

THURSDAY
SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR
Red
Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1; 9-13ab
Mt 11: 11-15

FRIDAY
SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS,
PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE
CHURCH
White
Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6
Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY
Violet
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2-3, 5-16,
18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Color: Rose
Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6
Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

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, Wincie Bryant, Marion Bullock, Charles Cabarras, Brenda Cannon, Margaret Church, Matthew Cherry, Gloria Coleman, Nicole Drummond, 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, Charles Williams, Rosie Woodis


NURSING HOME/REHAB:
Wincie Bryant, Atlantic Shores
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

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Attention All Married and Engaged Couples:

Our next Marriage Awareness Meeting is scheduled for Friday December 14, 2018. We will play a fun game and request that each couple bring one wrapped gift costing $5.00. We will meet at 7PM in room 202. We look forward to seeing you there. Please bring a snack to share.

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.

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant, Well Done!

Last Wednesday, November 28th was a wonderful testament to a historical church community, the Saint Joseph Parish (church and school).

The Women Ministry would like to thank Melvina Scott Herbert for a wonderful gift as we approach the Advent season. Mrs. Herbert had a vision and pursued it with passion and grace. Her pursuit resulting in the City of Norfolk acknowledging, with a landmark, the historical place that the Saint Joseph Parish community deserves. It was even more fitting that the ceremony occurred during Black Catholic History month.

An Advent Prayer

O God of all time and all seasons, as we begin another year of our faith journey, we acknowledge that during this past year we may not have always tended our light as we should; but you are a God of second chances. So today we put on fresh garments for the journey of Advent discovery and light this small light as we again strive to walk in your light . . . the light of faith and possibilities. We acknowledge that our light is but a small flicker of your glorious light, but it is our hope and prayer that as we journey through Advent, you may come and join your great light to ours. We ask this through your Son Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.
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
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 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 Quiro, 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 Quiro, Jr. - Finance Council
Rep. Oretha Pretlow-Pastoral Associate
Lyndon Berry - Development Director
Deborah Lamb
Michelle Maull
Luther Adams
Barbara Wright
Ricardo Givens
Nicole Drummond