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.
Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
“Go first and reconciled with your brother.”
February 16, 2020

WEEKLY READINGS
MONDAY The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76 Mk 8:11-13
TUESDAY
Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21
WEDNESDAY
Jas 1:19-27 Ps 15:2-5 Mk 8:22-26
THURSDAY
Jas 2:1-9 Ps 34:2-7 Mk 8:27-33
FRIDAY St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Jas 2:14-24, 26 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 8:34—9:1
SATURDAY The chair of St. Peter the Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19
SUNDAY 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

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.

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, Emily Bionski, Daniel A. Brown, Barbara Bryant, Francine Bryant, Marion Bullock, Charles Cabarras, Brenda Cannon, Margaret Church, Matthew Cherry, Nicole Clark, Gloria Coleman, Geraldine Coleman, Adrian Dixon, Vincent C. Eason, Jr., Agna Estaris, Etisha Goode, Thado Greene, Sharon Haynes, Stephanie Hyman, Shirley Jasper, Martha Jones, Skip Jones, William Mann, Emma Mills, Antonell McGlone, Eric Murphy, Kenswili Paige, Alexis Perry, Dr. H. Mark Richard, Barbara Sears, Dorothy Sharp, Faye Shaw, Bertha Spence, John Ward, Jessie Winfield


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
Majorie Savage, Autum Care, Chesapeake, VA

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 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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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 Ms. Wendy Fatal
Mr. JC Gardner-Co Chair Mr. Robert Prettlow
Mrs. Dana Dixon-Sec. Ms. Jackie Scott
Mrs. Sarah Williams Mrs. Cerice White
Mrs. ReVae Goodwyn Mr. Donovan Gill
Mrs. Latarisha Beamon Mr. Miles McCoy
Mr. Carlton Sample

The next meeting will be on March 10, 2019 at 6:30pm. All meetings are open to 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
Mrs. Michelle Maull

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
Oretha Prettlow
Lyndon Berry
Luther Adams
Nicole Drummond
Deborah Lamb
Michelle Maull
Barbara Wright

Offertory
Y-T-D COLLECTION
JULY 2019-DECEMBER 2019
Amount Needed $367,091.52
Actual Collection $337,397.87
Deficit $(29,693.62)

Monthly Offering Collection
DECEMBER 2019
Amount Needed $61,181.92
Actual Collection $69,183.95
$ 8,002.72

Weekly Offering Collection
February 3-9, 2020
Amount Needed $14,118.90
Actual Collection $11,435.41
Deficit $(2,683.49)

Celebrate Black History Month at the SLOVER Library
The Phoenix and the Ashes
Date: 02/22/2020 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Join us for a screening and panel discussion of Terrance Afer-Anderson’s short film “The Phoenix & the Ashes” which chronicles this turbulent point in Norfolk’s local history.

Juneteenth: Our History, Our Legacy
Date: 02/23/2020 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Come take a fun, educational and soul stirring journey through time. This journey will make you laugh, make you cry, but most importantly reflect on the path laid before us all.
IN CELEBRATION OF
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

PLEASE WEAR YOUR HBCU AND/OR BGLO PARAPHERNALIA
NEXT WEEKEND FEBRUARY 15 AND 16, 2020

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• Highlighting parish activities
• Deepening our spirituality
• Building community
• Sharing faith stories
• Highlighting service events and activities
• Building and renewing connections
• Sharing our faith traditions

To accomplish this, we are looking for people to help in these areas:
• Reporting
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• Writing articles
• Photography
• Creative Arts
• Editing

If you can be of service in any of these areas, please contact Sharon Barnes at sharonbarnesnew@gmail.com

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2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal – Building Our Family of Faith

Welcome to the 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal – Building Our Family of Faith.

The 2020 Appeal will provide critical funding to three key areas of our Diocesan Church: Advancing Social Ministries, Cultivating Catholic Leadership and Empowering Parish Communities.

In addition, our parish receives back a portion of the funds collected. This year, the funds returned will be used to support our renovation efforts.

In complement to the funds returned to our parish through the parish sharing formula, the 2020 Appeal also benefits us through the following ministries and programs. The basilica was the recipient of the Fuel and Hunger grant from the diocese. This grant lets us assist those that are in need of Emergency Financial Assistance.
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