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**WEEKLY READINGS**

**MONDAY**
Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Mk 8:11-13

**TUESDAY**
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a, 2, 3-4, 9c-10 Mk 8:14-21

**WEDNESDAY**
Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-15, 18-19 Mk 8:22-26

**THURSDAY**
Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29 Mk 8:27-33

**FRIDAY**
THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE
1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6 Mt 16:13-19

**SATURDAY**
Saint Polycarp Bishop, Martyr
Heb 11:1-7 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 Mk 9:2-13

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Color: GREEN
1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-28

**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, Sandra Jarvis, Shirley Jasper, Martha Jones, Skip Jones, William Mann, Emma 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, 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 Condinime, Lamar Cuffee, Nick Edwards, Joseph Jackson, Michael Jenkins, Freddie Johnson, Katie Jones, Christine Jordan, Wanda Gunnoe, Doris Wade, Therace Meehan, Chassidy Moore, Bernadette McClain, Patie Neunz, Cheryl & David Owens, Brenda Speller, Robin Ward, 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,** 757-461-1053 or 757-692-8347

**Cindy Williams,** 757-849-9298

**Confirmation for Adults:** Confirmation preparation sessions for adults, 18 years and older, will be held on the first four (4) Thursdays of Lent from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the breezeway. The candidates will be confirmed at Pentecost. Please call the Church office (757-622-4487) to register for the sessions. Dates:

- March 7, 2019
- March 14, 2019
- March 21, 2019
- March 28, 2019

If you are not receiving your church envelopes please contact Nicole Drummond in the church office. Thank you!
Resisting Happiness Parish Book Study

Session Five: February 19, 2019 (10:00 am) and February 20, 2019 (7:00 pm)

Opening Prayer:

Heavenly Father, open our hearts and minds. Allow us to see the beauty of our faith and show us what is possible in our lives with your grace. Send your Spirit upon us so that we may become the best-ever versions of ourselves and celebrate this true self in every moment of every day. We ask this through your son, Jesus. Amen

Chapters 25-30

Discussion Questions: In addition to the action step at the end of each chapter, reflect on the following questions:

1. What is your favorite thing about Mass?
2. What does it mean to be a good listener? With your loved ones? With your body? With your conscience and your soul? And with God?
3. What does it mean to give truth a place of honor in your life?
4. What are you hungry for?

Closing Prayer:

Loving Father, I invite you into my life today and make myself available to you. Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change in order to carry out your mission. Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and inspire me to live the faith dynamically. Give me courage when I am afraid, hope when I am discouraged, and clarity in time of decision. I ask this in Jesus name, Amen.

This week’s Work:

When you walk into church, greet God and ask him, “God, show me one way in this Mass I can become a better version of myself this week. Listen to the music, listen to the readings, listen to the prayers, and listen to the quiet of your heart. One thought or idea, one challenge or invitation will jump out at you. Write it down (in your Mass journal) and date it. Then spend the rest of the Mass praying about how you can live out that one idea in the coming week. (P. 105)

For individual and small group study a full study guide may be found at: https://files.dynamiccatholic.com/home/pdfs/study+guides/RH_StudyGuide.pdf

OR

Go to dynamiccatholic.com and search for Resisting Happiness study guide
Attention All Married and Engaged Couples:

St. Mary's Marriage Fellowship (Marriage Awareness) will meet on Saturday February 23rd at 6:30 PM in room 201. Please join us and bring a snack to share as we discovery "Our Love Language." Some of us will gather to go to 5 PM Mass before the 6:30 meeting. Please join us. See you there!

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.

Will You Be My Valentine?

"Peter, will you be my valentine?"

"Jesus, you know everything. You know I want to be your valentine."

Jesus also speaks to me: "Will you be my valentine?"

Will you be my friend? Which is to say: Will you give me your unconditional love?

Will you accept my peace for your tired and worn self?

Will you receive my mercy and forgiveness?

Will you believe in my love when everyone else has gone away or given up on you?

Will you be generous enough to take my love to others when they need you?

Will you be bread to my hungry, love to my needy, hope to my desolate?

Will you love yourself well and believe in the gifts I've given to you?

Will you trust me to always companion you?

Will you lay down your life for me?

"Will you be my valentine? Will you be my friend?"

I listen to the invitation. I look within and find "yes" answers in my February heart,

And so, I respond humbly, gratefully: "You know everything. You know I want to be your valentine."

--- Joyce Rupp
Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception | Sunday, February 17, 2019

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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 jgray34@cox.net

Mr. JC Gardner-Co Chair ajg0905@yahoo.com

Mrs. Dana Dixon-Secretary Danawilliams412@gmail.com

Mrs. Harriet Brown-akagolden57@gmail.com

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Mrs. Latarisha Beamont

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 February 12, 2019 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. The Rector appoints members:

**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

Oretha Pretlow-Pastoral Associate

Lyndon Berry - Development Director

Deborah Lamb

Michelle Maull

Luther Adams

Barbara Wright

Ricardo Givens

Nicole Drummond