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.

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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

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil
5:00 pm
Sundays
9:00 am and 12:00 Noon
Tuesday-Friday
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.

The 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.
**WEEKLY READINGS**

**MONDAY**
Jas 3:13-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mk 9:14-29

**TUESDAY**
Jas 4:1-10 Ps 55:7-11, 23 Mk 9:30-37

**WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY**
Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**THURSDAY after Ash Wednesday**
Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:4, 6 Lk 9:22-25

**FRIDAY after Ash Wednesday**
Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

**SATURDAY after Ash Wednesday**
Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

**SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
Gn 2:7-9 or 5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:1-11

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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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**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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**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, 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, Elisha Goode, Thado Greene, Sharon Haynes, Stephanie Smith-Hyman, Shirley Jasper, Martha Jones, Skip Jones, William Mann, Emma Mills, Antonell McGlone, Eric Murphy, Kinswili 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**, Autom 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 -461-10 53 or 757-692-8347
- **Cindy Williams**, 757 -849-9298
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well.”
February 23, 2020

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

The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2020 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 Pretlow
Lyndon Berry
Luther Adams
Nicole Drummond
Deborah Lamb
Michelle Maull
Barbara Wright

Offertory

Y-T-D COLLECTION
JULY 2019-JANUARY 2020

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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.
Announcing
“The Immaculate Connection”

We at the Basilica are establishing a parish newsletter entitled, “The Immaculate Connection.” Since we have a weekly bulletin, you might ask, why. Well, there is a difference between a bulletin and a newsletter. While the bulletin is a short report of parish activities and interests of our parishioners released through the parish staff, a newsletter is a periodical containing current events or the like, generally based on a topic and geared toward a limited audience. The major differences are its contents and target readers.

Our newsletter would focus on:
- 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
- Interviewing
- 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.

The Jr. Daughters of Peter Claver are accepting applications for new members. If you are between the ages of 7 to 18 and have made your First Communion, then you are eligible. There will be an Informational Meeting on Sunday, March 1st in the Breezeway, after the 9 am Mass. For further information, please feel free to contact Stephanie Smith-Hyman at Scsmithjdkopc@yahoo.com or Janice U. Davis at aka19of99@gmail.com.
If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well.

February 23, 2020

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“...over your cloak as well.”

Annual Community Hymn Sing!

**WHEN**: Sunday, March 15, 2020

**TIME**: 4:00 P.M.

**WHERE**: The Historic First Baptist Church Bute Street, 418 E. Bute St., Norfolk, VA 23510

Come and join us in the congregational singing of hymns as presented by Hampton Roads youth. Guests include the Basilica Youth Choir of Basilica of St. Mary’s, Norfolk and First Baptist Church’s own Rev. 5:12 Youth Choir. Youth will join us in celebrating the great hymns of the church.

This event, celebrating hymnody in the worship experience, is an annual event sponsored by Hymns for Him, Inc., a non-profit organization devoted to keep hymn singing alive. For more information about Hymns for Him, Inc., go to [www.hymnsforhim.org](http://www.hymnsforhim.org), or contact Frances Knight Thompson, Executive Director, at (757) 404-2073.

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