**WEEKLY READINGS**

**MONDAY**
Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-20

**TUESDAY**
St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr
Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32 Mk 5:21-43

**WEDNESDAY**
St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyr
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Mk 6:1-6

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**
St. Jerome Emilian, St. Josephine Bakhta, Virgin
Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1,3,5 8b-9c Mk 6:14-29

**SATURDAY**
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Color: GREEN**
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-5, 7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11

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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:** 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 (RaVaé Goodwyn's Father), Kenneth Balbuena, Lucretia Brown, Rebecca Clark, Jean-Claude Condmine, 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

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**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Come on Church Family, let us know what is going on in your Ministry. Send us your announcements for the Parish Bulletin. Please submit print ready announcements for next week's Bulletin by Monday. Please email to bulletin@bsmic.org

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

Session Four:  February 12, 2019 (10:00 am) and February 13, 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 19-24

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 the Mass?
2. What does it mean to be a good listener? With your loved ones? With your body? With your conscience and your soul?
3. How do you think using a Mass journal could enhance your experience of the Mass?
4. What does it mean to give truth a place of honor in your life?

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: The ultimate spiritual awareness leads us to understand that every yearning is in some mysterious way a yearning for God. While we are searching for him far and wide in this world, he is waiting for us in the very depths of our souls. But in the early stages of spiritual development it is enough to recognize that God speaks to us in our hunger. He uses our hunger to teach us and guide us. (p. 120) Take some time to reflect on a time when you realized that your neediness was only satisfied by an awareness of God’s presence in a situation.

For individual and small group study a full study guide may be found at:

OR

Go to dynamiccatholic.com and search for Resisting Happiness study guide.
But, Jesus passed through the midst of them and passed away.

Mona Gunn, a lifelong parishioner of St Joseph/Basilica of St. Mary will become the first African American Women president of the American Gold Star Moms, Inc. The organization focuses on giving back to the country after the loss of a son or daughter in the military. For Gunn, it came the morning of October 12, 2000 after she received a phone call from her sister who saw something quite disturbing on the local news. “She said ‘There’s been an attack,’” Gunn recalls from their conversation. At the time, Gunn was in her second year as the principal of Fairlawn Elementary School in Norfolk. She ran across the hall and turned on the television in the school’s media center to find out what was happening. No mother could ever be prepared for what she saw. “There his ship was with a big 40-foot hole, and it said four sailors were killed,” says Gunn. “I kept saying he’s okay, he’s okay.” Signalman Seaman Cherone Louis Gunn, her 22-year-old son, had just recently joined the Navy. He was on his first Med cruise aboard the USS Cole when they were attacked in Yemen’s Aden Harbor by two suicide bombers. On that horrific day, 17 American sailors were killed and 39 others were injured in one of the deadliest attacks against a U.S. Naval vessel. Her son was among the fallen. In 2009, she connected with Gold Star Mothers in the Tidewater area, and together they chartered their own chapter. Another chapter was started in Richmond two years afterward. “We are moms on a mission. We’re a powerful force,” says Gunn. And over the years, she has been quite a force locally and on the national level. Gunn has traveled around the country with the organization to bond with other mothers, support veterans, active-duty members and their families.

Once she is installed as the group’s new national president in June, she hopes to expand the organization even more to include other Gold Star Mothers who have not yet joined. She has ambitions to include more members from other areas across the nation and more women of color. Through every stage of her amazing journey, Gunn has never been one to shy away when called to lead; even in the face of one of the most horrific tragedies of her life, she has still found a way to lead others to a better future. Now 18 years after her son’s death, she continues to honor his legacy by improving the lives of others.

Excerpts from “Turning Grief into Giving, VOLUME 7, ISSUE 2 • BEHOLD MAGAZINE

Perhaps you prayed a prayer or spoke the kindest words that any friend could say.
Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sent flowers, if so we received them all.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so very much.

May God bless each of you.
The Family of Arthur A. Brown

MARRIAGE MINISTRY
Do you know your spouse’s “Love Language?” Save the date of Saturday, February 23, 2019 to discovery it! We will meet to discover this important information in a fun-filled and interactive way. We will be located at St. Mary's School in room 201 at 6:30 PM.

Please join us for fellowship and focus on our sacrament of Marriage. See you there!

The Health and Wellness Ministry will have a meeting on Sunday, February 17, 2019, after the 9:00am Mass.
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
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Mr. JC Gardner-Co Chair ajg0905@yahoo.com
Mrs. Dana Dixon-Secretary Danawilliams412@gmail.com
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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 - Pastoral Associate
Deborah Lamb
Michelle Maull
Luther Adams
Barbara Wright
Ricardo Givens
Nicole Drummond

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2019 at 6:30pm. All meetings are open the parishioners.