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.
**WEEKLY READINGS**

**MONDAY** Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr, Saint Ansgar, Bishop
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-10 Mk 6:53-56

**TUESDAY**
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3-5, 10-11 Mk 7:1-13

**WEDNESDAY** Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr
1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

**THURSDAY** Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40 Mk 7:24-30

**FRIDAY**
1 Kgs 11:29-35; 12:19 Ps 81:10-15 Mk 7:31-37

**SATURDAY** Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM on Sunday

**SUNDAY 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76 Mk 8:11-13

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232 Chapel St. - Norfolk, VA 23504

**IN MEMORIUM . . .**

**James Wilson, Sr.**

**Rosie Woodis**

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

**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, 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, Kenswil Paige, Alexis Perry, Dr. H. Mark Richard, Barbara Sears, Dorothy Sharp, Faye Shaw, Bertha Spence, John Ward, Jessie Winfield

**Friends of the Basilica:** Albert Aquino, Bertha Adams, Sandra Brooks- Green, Kenneth Balbuena, Lucretia Brown, Sue Chen & Family, Brinston Collins, Jean-Claude Condimine, David Dixon, Walt Flynn, Tevin Gaiter, Melissa Gray, Wanda Gunnoe, Sherri Harvey, Robert “Bobby” Johnson, Katie Jones, Doris Wade, Therace Meehan, Bernadette McClain, Patie Neunz, Cheryl Owens, John Rogers, Paul Smith Alice Voiz, Akyra Wood, Karen Woodbury, Milan Young

**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, Autem 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

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.

2020 Catholic Diocese of Richmond
1820 Bicentennial 2020
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 Pretlow
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 held on February 11, 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 Pretlow
Lyndon Berry
Luther Adams
Nicole Drummond
Deborah Lamb
Michelle Maull
Barbara Wright

Offertory

Y-T-D COLLECTION
JULY 2019-DECEMBER 2019

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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.
Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time
February 9, 2020

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

If you can be of service in any of these areas, please contact Sharon Barnes at sharonbarnesnew@gmail.com.
IN CELEBRATION OF
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

You are invited to:
February 8-9: Wear African-American Attire
February 15-16: Wear your HBCU or Greek Letter Attire!
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