**WEEKLY READINGS**

**MONDAY**  
Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest  
1 Jn 3:22—4:6 Ps 2:7b-8, 10-12a  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**TUESDAY**  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8  
Mk 6:34-44

**WEDNESDAY**  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13  
Mk 6:45-52

**THURSDAY**  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 4:19——5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc,  
17 Lk 4:14-22a

**FRIDAY**  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Lk  
5:12-16

**SATURDAY**  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn  
3:22-30

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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**Color: WHITE**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4,  
3b, 9b-10 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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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, Shirley Jasper, Martha Jones,  
Skip Jones, William Mann, Emma Mills, Wardell 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, Blessing Washington,  
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 Condimine, Lamar  
Cuffee, Nick Edwards, Joseph Jackson, Michael Jenkins, Freddie  
Johnson, Christine Jordan, Wanda Gunnoe, Doris Wade, Therace  
Meehan, Chassidy Moore, Bernadette McClain, Wardell Mills, Pati  
Neunz, Brenda Speller, Robin Ward, Linwood Washington, Jr., 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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**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
**Resisting Happiness**

Do you often start Lent with the best intentions, to observe it better than you have in the past? What will you give up? What will you add? Be it observing the fast rituals, attending Mass more frequently, spending more time in prayer, actually completing a needed project at home, or becoming the best daughter, parent, co-worker....... To make Lent more prayerful and dynamic why not do some work ahead of time so that Lent can help you to become the best version of yourself. This is the meaning of happiness.

Catholic thinkers throughout history understood happiness as related to a moral life, the love of God and neighbor that Christ commands in the four gospels. St. Augustine assumes in his many discussions that God alone can fulfill the restlessness and longing that marks all human persons.

We will use Matthew Kelly’s book, "Resisting Happiness", as the basis for a personal moral inventory. A series of adult formation sessions will be held on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:30 am and on Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm to aid in empowering you to become your best self. Small groups may read and discuss the book together at a time and location of their choice.

Books will be available after the Masses during the Christmas Season. We are asking for a donation of at least $2 per book.

**SEEKING THE LOST**

Take a few minutes in church and look around you. Who is missing? Is it one of your family members? Is it someone who used to sit near you during the mass or someone who served with you in ministry? Do they only come back for Christmas, Easter or a major family gathering?

The gospels tell us that God rejoices when one who was lost is found and returned to the fold. In the parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son, that which was lost is of tremendous value and must be found and reclaimed. All three parables speak of restoration of lost relationships.

On Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 7pm an adult faith formation session will be held to begin a discussion about reclaiming our missing church members. We are called in do our part in bringing them back into relationship with our parish community. The Evangelization Team invites you to prayerfully reflect on this mandate. Let’s talk about what we can do.
Tickets on sale Now!!!
Ticket Cost: $25 before January 7th, $35 after
Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
4th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, January 19, 2019
8:00am-9:00am Coffee, Tea, Danishes
9:00am-11:00am Program
St. Patrick Catholic School Dining Hall Norfolk, VA
Guest Speaker: Monsignor Eddie Tolentino,
Pastor, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
Silver Spring, MD
Tickets available from
any KPC Member or Sunday between Masses.
For additional information:
Elvin S. Taylor, Jr. (757) 724-3922
Eric Labat (757) 676-9767

2019 National Education Contest
Catholic Daughters of the Americas – Court of the Holy Spirit # 2145
Let’s help prepare our youth for tomorrow
Encourage a child you know to participate
THE THEMES FOR THIS YEAR:
• “Here I am Lord I come To Do Your Will” Ps. 40
• Doing My Best To Do Good

All students in the following grades 4 – 12 are invited to enter the contest
Categories include ESSAY, POETRY, ART, COMPUTER ART, MUSIC, and PHOTOGRAPHY
All entries must be received by January 15, 2019
TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION AND ENTRY FORMS PLEASE CONTACT:
Mrs. Sandra Hall / ED Chairperson 757-773-4831 or sandrahall888@gmail.com

Call for the
2018 Leonard Barks, Sr. Scholarship
Attention Students attending Catholic School K-12!

The Leonard Barks, Sr. Scholarship Fund was established by the Barks Family in 2007, in honor and memory of their father. It is facilitated by the Knights of Peter Claver, Council #279, Norfolk, Virginia.
Applications are due January 7, 2018. Recipients will be presented scholarships at the 4th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast on January 19, 2019.
For additional information and an application, contact:
Eric Labat at (757) 676-9767
or Christopher Lamb (757) 572-6016
**Co-Workers in the 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

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Mrs. Dana Dixon-Secretary Danawilliams412@gmail.com

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The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2018 at 6:30pm. All meetings are open 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. Members are appointed by the Rector:

**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
Rep. Oretha Pretlow-Pastoral Associate
Lyndon Berry - Development Director
Deborah Lamb
Michelle Maull
Luther Adams
Barbara Wright
Ricardo Givens
Nicole Drummond