WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY
Saint Casimir
Sir 17:20-24 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7
Mk 10:17-27

TUESDAY
Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23
Mk 10:28-31

ASH WEDNESDAY (Violet)
Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-69b, 12-14, 17
2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY (Violet)
Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY (Violet)
Saint John of God, Religious
Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19
Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY (Violet)
Saint Francis of Rome, Religious
Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT(Violet)
Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 Rom 10:8-13

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, JC Gardner, Etisha Goode, Thado Greene, Sharon Haynes, Sandra Jarvis, Shirley Jasper, Martha Jones, Skip Jones, Deborah Lamb, William Mann, Emma Mills, Antonell McGlone, Pauline Nash, Vincent "Bubba" Newby, Kenswil Paige, Wendell Paige, Dr. H. Mark Richards, Dorothy Sharp, Faye Shaw, Valerie Smith, Linda Trotter, John Ward, Jessie Winfield, Charles Williams, Rosie Woodis


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 -10 53 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 21, 2019 March 28, 2019
No class-March 14, 2019

If you are not receiving your church envelopes please contact Nicole Drummond in the church office.
Thank you!
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Hermione Everett and Sissy Brown, Co-Chairs

Lenten Theme:
“Desert Tested Journey”

There is not a day that goes by that we are not in need of God’s overflowing grace and peace. Every morning we need his Spirit to fill us again, to strengthen us for what is ahead. Everyday we need a fresh word that He speaks to our hearts, to keep us focus on what’s important. Trying to live this thing we call life without him centering on him will do nothing but drain us dry.

In the Book of Exodus, we read the story of how God’s people had endured years of bondage under the Egyptians. They were oppressed, abused, and mistreated people. They needed rescue, they needed a way of escape. God saw their need, He did not miss a thing, and in His perfect timing, He acted on their behalf.

We, today, are a people in need.

God met the Israelites where they were. He will meet us where we are. On the journey, they were totally dependent on God, who they needed to trust and obey or die in the desert. Even Jesus faced God’s enemy and ours, the one who has hated us from the beginning. Jesus had just been baptized in the Jordan River, even though John protested. Jesus insisted that He be treated like all the others there seeking a renewal in their relationships with God. When He came up out of the water, a Voice from heaven spoke, saying, “This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well-pleased” (Mt. 3:17). It was on the heels of His public solidarity with sinners and His Father’s expressed pleasure in Him that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. This would be a strange order of events if we didn’t understand that just as Jesus identified Himself with His brothers in baptism, He was also identifying with them in facing the test of His love for the Father.

All God’s Testing Has Purpose – Someday You Will See the Light, All God Asks Is to Trust, Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight.

From Lent to Easter at the Basilica
† Ash Wednesday, March 6 – 12 N & 7pm
Imposition of Ashes – Holy Communion
† Stations of the Cross & “Not Just Soup”
Fridays beginning March 8 to April 12
Stations – 6:30pm
Soup and an Activity, (ie. movie, trivia game, prayer & meditation, reflection)
† RCIA Rite of Enrollment & Sending, Sun., March 3, 12 Noon Mass
† Adult Confirmation Sessions: Thurs., March 7, 21, 28 @ 7pm
† RCIA Rite of Election with Bishop Knestout, Sun., March 10 @ Church of the Holy Family
† Communal Penance Service, Thurs., March 14 7pm @ Christ the King
† Parish Mission led by Fr. Michael Renninger Mon. & Tues., April 1 & 2, 7pm in the Sanctuary
† Confirmation, Wed., April 10, 7pm @ St. Pius
† Palm Sunday, Procession of Palms at Masses
† Chrism Mass, Cathedral in Richmond, 6pm
Mon., April 15
† Holy Thursday, April 18 – 7pm (White)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus with his Twelve Apostles, "the institution of the Eucharist, the institution of the priesthood, and the commandment of brotherly love that Jesus gave after washing the feet of his disciples
† Good Friday, April 19 (Red)
Commemorating Jesus’ crucifixion and death; includes Veneration of the Cross
Haitian Stations of the Cross – 3pm
Veneration of the Cross & Communion Service, 7pm
† Easter Vigil, Sat., April 20 – 8pm (White)
Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Holy Eucharist
† Easter Sunday, April 21 – 9am & 12 Noon (White)
The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated. It is considered the most important day in the Church year, as it is the day on which Jesus rose from the dead.
Date | Ministry toLead Stations and be Responsible for Soup | “Not Just Soup” Activity
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3/8/19 | Worship Committee | Prayer and Meditation Mini Workshop
3/15/19 | Teens/Confirmation | Catholic Trivia (subject is Lent)
3/22/19 | Marriage Ministry | Cards for the Community (We will sign and address cards of encouragement for members of the church community)
3/29/19 | The Knights of St. Peter Claver | “Throwback Friday”

Communal Penance Service
March 14, 2019 7pm
At Christ the King Church
1803 Columbia Ave
Norfolk, VA 23509

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Happy 91 Years Young on March 8th to:
Mrs. Dorothy Watley!

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.

Capital Improvement/Development Pledge
A reminder to those that attended the past town hall meetings, last September and January and requested pledge cards. We appreciate your kind thoughts, consideration and prayers as you take the time to consider your gifts to the Capital Restoration. If you have finalized your decision, we ask that you submit the pledge cards to the office or place them in the offertory basket soon. For those who would like to receive a pledge cards, please collect one at the door on your way out or contact Lyndon Berry @ 757 622 4487.
God’s Blessings!
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
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Mrs. Latarisha Beamon
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 March 12, 2019 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. The Rector appoints members:

Members

Mr. Arcino Quiro, 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 Quiro, Jr. - Finance Council
Oretha Pretlow-Pastoral Associate
Lyndon Berry - Development Director
Deborah Lamb
Michelle Maull
Luther Adams
Barbara Wright
Ricardo Givens
Nicole Drummond