BASILICA OF
SAINT MARY
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Mother Church of Catholicism in Hampton Roads and Designated Holy Door Site

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Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Oretha B. Pretlow
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Mrs. Barbara Wright
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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

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.

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.

FOUNDED IN 1791 • ERECTED IN 1858 • BECAME A MINOR BASILICA IN 1991
LAST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
“The Lord will reign forever.”

November 24, 2019

WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4

TUESDAY
Dn 2:31-45 (Ps) Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11

WEDNESDAY
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 (Ps) Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19

THURSDAY
Dn 6:12-28 (Ps) Dn 3:68-74 Lk 21:20-28

FRIDAY
Dn 7:2-4 (Ps) Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33

SATURDAY Saint Andrew, APOSTLE
Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 8:5-11

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232 Chapel St.- Norfolk, VA 23504

USDA Distribution Mondays: 9:30am-11:30am

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.

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, Lois Brown, Barbara Bryant, Francine Bryant, Marion Bullock, Charles Cabarras, Brenda Cannon, Margaret Church, Matthew Cherry, Gloria Coleman, Geraldine Coleman, Adrian Dixon, Vincent C. Eason, Jr., Agna Estaris, Wayne Geddis, Etisha Goode, Thado Greene, Sharon Haynes, Shirley Jasper, Shirley Johnson, Martha Jones, Skip Jones, Helen Brown Lester, William Mann, Emma Mills, Antonell McGlone, Eric Murphy, Kenswil Paige, Alexis Perry, Dr. H. Mark Richard, Bevelon Scott, Dorothy Sharp, Faye Shaw, Bertha Spence, John Ward, Jessie Winfield, Rosie Woodis


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

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

IN MEMORIUM . . .

Mrs. Shirley Johnson
Mrs. Pauline Nash

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

Have you had your picture taken for the Directory? If not we have December 11, 12 and 13, 2019, available. Please contact the office to reserve your spot!
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In the Basilica Marriage Fellowship Ministry for

Love is...
A Candid Conversation about the
Mountains & Molehills of Marriage

December 6, 2019 @ 6:30 PM - SL Mary's Classroom #201
** Please RSVP six phone or email later that December.**

- Open to All Married & Engaged Couples
- Please bring a side dish or dessert to share
- Feel free to contact any member of Marriage Fellowship Team with questions or to RSVP
- Email: Marriage@BSMC.org

Please join the Basilica Marriage Fellowship Ministry for

ANNUAL YOUTH CHRISTMAS BALL
THE GREATEST GIFT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019
6pm at the SLOVER LIBRARY

Tickets are $10 a person or $75 for a table of 10 and are available after each Mass.

Why Your Faith Community Should Become a 2020 Census Official Partner

The 2020 Census is fast approaching, and faith leaders play a key role in this important effort. The U.S. Constitution requires a complete count of the nation’s population every 10 years. Census data impact decisions at the national, state, tribal, and local levels—from congressional representation to the annual allocation of more than $675 billion. These resources are essential to the well-being of all of our neighbors, supporting schools, hospitals, fire departments, and more.

The U.S. Census Bureau partners with the faith community to get the word out about the importance of the count. Faith leaders are trusted voices in their communities. You know how to reach your congregation and members; hard-to-count families, individuals and children; other national and local leaders; and key stakeholders. By being a 2020 Census partner, you can inspire your community to support a complete and accurate count.

What is a 2020 Census partner?
Your community of faith or faith-based organization would join a network of nonprofit, corporate, public sector, and community organizations working to educate the public about the 2020 Census and encourage households to fill out their census form. Together, we can develop solutions to reach everyone. Faith community partners—including religious denominations, faith communities, and national and regional faith-based organizations and institutions, governing bodies and councils, and local congregations and members—are important 2020 Census voices.

What does a partner do?
You can make a difference in the places we live, work, and worship. We ask you to join us in ensuring we count everyone living in the United States once, only once; and in the right place, including helping us reach hard to count members of the community. The Census Bureau will provide resources that make it easy to help, including social media posts; handouts and posters; and e-mail, bulletin, and newsletter content.

CONTACT US TODAY:
CENSUS.PARTNERS@CENSUS.GOV
2020CENSUS.GOV/PARTNERS

Here are some of the ways you can help:
Communicate to your members: Highlight the 2020 Census in e-mails, bulletins, newsletters, and mailings to increase awareness of why the census is important. Hang posters in common areas, like the cafeteria. Link to <2020Census.gov> on your Web site and include 2020 Census messages on social media and in faith-based media.

Add your voice: Write a blog, op-ed, or letter to the editor on why participating in the 2020 Census is important to those you serve. Mention the 2020 Census in speeches. Tape a public service announcement or testimonial and post it to your Web site or share it with faith-based media. Serve on or support a Complete Count Committee, or start one of your own. (Visit <2020census.gov/partners> and click on Complete Count Committees to learn more).
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…………………………..gray34@cox.net
Mr. JC Gardner-Co Chair……………….ajg0905@yahoo.com
Mrs. Dana Dixon-Sec……………………Danawilliams412@gmail.com
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Mrs. Melvina Herbert……………………..jher2575@aol.com
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Mr. Carlton Sample……………………..carlsonsample@yahoo.com

The next meeting will be held on November 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 Quiero, Jr.-Chair
Mr. John Butler
Mrs. Michele Chesley
Mr. Eric Labat

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
Luther Adams
Nicolette Drummond
Deborah Lamb
Michelle Maull
Barbara Wright

The Basilica's 5th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King's Jr. Prayer Breakfast

will be held on
Saturday January 18, 2020 9:00AM
at
Saint Patrick’s Catholic School Dinning Hall.
The Keynote Speaker is our very own Mona Taylor Gunn, National President of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

Tickets will be available
Sunday, November 24, 2019.
Ticket price $30.00 each limited seating.
See any Knight of Peter Claver.
“Are You the One … Or should We Seek Another?
Engaging Emanuel in the World, and Becoming Emanuel to the World

In the Advent season we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ. Is the One we wait for still your guiding light? Or is there another light in your life that threatens to outshine the light of Christ? The Office for Black Catholics invites you to join us and prayerfully consider your answers to these questions. Rev. Mr. Calvin Bailey will be our retreat leader. Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Tochi Iwuji Parochial Vicar at St. Bridget Catholic Church.

ANNUAL Spiritual Retreat
Roslyn Retreat Center
8727 Henrico, VA  23229

If you will be attending the retreat, you must register on line. Retreat fees include accommodations, meals and materials. If you are interested in Charter Bus transportation to and from the retreat, a sign-up sheet will be available at the end of Mass this weekend. There will be an additional cost for bus transportation.

THANK YOU
To The Church,
Thank you for extending your prayers and blessings to our family during the passing of our loved one, Russell A. Clark, Jr.

Parisiene, Regina & Kevin Clark
Great strength comes from faith in God.