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.

Founded in 1791 • Erected in 1858 • Became a Minor Basilica in 1991
WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY
1 Tim 2 1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 Lk 7:10

TUESDAY
1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-3b, 5-6 Lk 7:11-17

WEDNESDAY
1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 7:31-35

THURSDAY
1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:7-10 Lk 7:36-50

FRIDAY
1 Tm6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3

SATURDAY

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Gr)
Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-8 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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: 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, Vincent C. Eason, Jr., Agna Estaris, Wayne Geddis, Etisha Goode, Thado Greene, Sharon Haynes, Shirley Jasper, Martha Jones, Skip Jones, Helen Brown Lester, William Mann, Emma Mills, Antonell McGlone, Eric Murphy, Pauline Nash, Kenswil Paige, Alexis Perry, Dr. H. Mark Richards, Dorothy Sharp, Faye Shaw, John Ward, Jessi 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

IN MEMORIUM . . .
Mrs. Virginia Cook

Weekly Offertory Collections
September 2, to September 8, 2019

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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.

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
Catholic Daughters of Americas Court of the Holy Spirit #2145 are sponsoring a trip to the Museum of the Bible, 400 4th St. SW, Washington, DC on October 26, 2019. Hound Dog Bus service will pick up 5:00a, at Hardees on the corner of Virginia Beach Blvd. and Glenrock Road. Norfolk, VA near Military Circle. We will leave Hardees at 5:15am. The bus will arrive at the museum at 10am and depart for home at 4pm. Cost of the trip is $75.00, includes admission to the museum. The trip must be paid in full by Sunday October 6, 2019.

Contact Persons: Connie Smith 757-552-0466  Bevalon Scott 757-403-2073

CALLING ALL

The Telephone Ministry needs you and YOU need the Telephone Ministry!!!! Please contact Mrs. Alma Brown by at (757) 488-4801 or send an email to almabrown51@yahoo.com. We NEED you NOW.

Ministry of Consolation

The Ministry of Consolation is here to serve parishioners, their family members, and friends who have experienced a loss. We provide an opportunity for you to share your grief in a caring and confidential environment without scrutiny or judgment. Please reach out to this ministry if you or someone you know is in need of prayer or an opportunity to meet with the group to share their loss. If you’d like the ministry to reach out to someone you know, please contact:

Linda Cooke at (757) 622-0237 or Alma Brown at (757) 488-5807

Meetings are held the last Saturday of each month at the Church Office at 3:00 p.m.

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

SENIOR MEALS

Senior Meals will be served on the 5th Sunday, September 29, 2019.
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………………..agig0905@yahoo.com
Mrs. Dana Dixon-Sec. ………………… Danawilliams412@gmail.com
Mrs. Harriet Brown……………….. akagolden57@gmail.com
Mrs. Sarah Williams………………. swatsonw@verizon.net
Mrs. ReVae Goodwyn
Mrs. Latarisha Beamon
Mrs. Melvina Herbert……………….. iher2575@aol.com
Mr. Robert Hewitt, Jr.……………… robhew@cox.net
Mr. Carlton Sample…………….. carlsonsamples@yahoo.com

The next meeting will be held on July 9, 2019 at 6:30pm. All meetings are open to 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 - Development Director
Luther Adams
Nicole Drummond
Ricardo Givens
Deborah Lamb
Michelle Maull
Barbara Wright

Register Your Child for Religious Education Sunday School
Registration for the 2019-2020 Religious Education School year will be held August 18 thru September 15 in the Parish Breezeway after each Mass on Sunday. You can also register online via the Parish website, http://www.basilicaofsaintmary.org, by accessing Links and selecting Religious Education Registration. You can also pay the registration fee online by selecting the Pay Your Fees link at the bottom of the registration page. The Religious Education Coordinator will confirm your registration via an email. Your child must be registered to ensure proper attendance during the catechetical year.

Save the Date
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019
FLU SHOTS SIGN UP

The Health and Wellness Ministry is pleased to announce that CVS Pharmacy has graciously offered to provide flu vaccines to BOSM parishioners on the following dates:

- Sunday October 13, 2019
- Sunday October 27, 2019

The vaccines will be administered by Mark Belardo, Pharmacist.
In order to determine how many vaccines are needed, there will be sign up sheets available after 9am and 12noon masses, beginning September 22, 2019.
Please see Hermione Everett or Sissie Brown for more information.
Health and Wellness Ministry

Dear Church Family,

A few weeks ago I became ill during the noon mass and nearly fainted as I attempted to exit. I was assisted by two nurses, a physician assistant, ushers and some members. I felt their love and concern and would like to thank all of those who physically assisted me and those who prayed for me. Thank God I am fine now. I love my church family and pray that each of you will receive special blessings.

With much gratitude and love,
Joyce Colden

LECTORS Day of Reflection
Where: Basilica of St Mary
When: October 5, 2019
Time: 10am - 12pm
Speaker: Mrs. Oretha Pretlow

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
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Thank you Basilica for making this year’s cookout a huge success we could not have done this without your participation and help from:

- Fr. Jim, James Gray, Women’s Ministry, Jackie Scott, Elaine Ward, Ercelle Drayton, Linda Saunders, Judy Watford, all of the Servers, Knights of Peter Claver, RaVae Goodwyn, Emily Blonski, Miles McCoy, Anton White, Shari Evans, Anthony Boone, Willie Lawrence, Kara Dixon, Ebyln Brinkley, Virginia Stanislaus, First Lutheran Church

This would not have been a success without you ALL

Cerice White & Nicole Drummond
2019 Family and Friends Cookout Co-Chairs