**BASILICA OF SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

*Mother Church of Catholicism in Hampton Roads and Designated Holy Door Site*

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 22, 2019

**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.
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
“Prepare a full account of your stewardship……”
September 22, 2019

WEEKLY READINGS
MONDAY - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-6 Lk 8:16-18

TUESDAY
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY
Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps) Tb 13:2-4, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6

THURSDAY - Sts. Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs
Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 9:7-9

FRIDAY - St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22

SATURDAY – St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a (PS) Jer 31:10-13 Lk 9:43b-45

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Gr)
Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
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 time.

IN MEMORIUM . . .

Mr. Fred Studivant
Mrs. Bernice Brown
Mother-in-law of Mrs. Sissie Brown
Grandmother of Mr. Marcus A. Brown

Weekly Offertory
Collections
September 9, to September 15, 2019

Amount needed $14,118.90
Actual Collection $14,203.66
Surplus 85.46

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, Knswil Paige, Alexis Perry, Dr. H. Mark Richard, Dorothy Sharp, Faye Shaw, John Ward, Jessie Winfield, Rosie Woodis


NURSING HOME/REHAB:
Norris Phillips, Georgi 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
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 5:00am, 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

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.

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.

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

LECTOR’S DAY OF REFLECTION

Where: Basilica of St Mary
When: Sat., October 5, 2019
Time: 10am - 12pm
Speaker: Mrs. Oretha Pretlow
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.............aig0905@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.............jher2575@aol.com
Mr. Robert Hewitt, Jr.............robhew@cox.net
Mr. Carlton Sample................carlsonsample@yahoo.com
The next meeting will be held on October 8, 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

Save the Date
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019
6:30pm

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 Family of St. Mary,

I wish to thank you for the love you have always shown Bubba and I. The outpouring of love and compassion shown to us during and after my husband’s lengthy illness was so nurturing and welcomed.

Among the many blessings we received were the calls to Bubba by Alex Richardson, John Munford’s weekly visits and Communion given by Doris Graddy every Sunday, rain or shine. There were countless other demonstrations of love by Ercelle Drayton, Judy Watford, Kitty Burke, Sarah and Jim Williams; Oretha and Robert Pretlow, Kara Dixon, Mona Gunn, Ofelia and Dorothy Wattley, Esther Whitley, Deborah Lamb, Denise Wrushen, Jackie Scott, Elvin Taylor, Virginia and Raymond Stanislaus.

Special thanks to Fr. Jim for his visits and the beautiful Homegoing Celebration, Ercelle and staff for the delicious repast, our outstanding Choir, Ushers, Pastoral Care Ministry, Prayer Group and the Women’s Ministry.

*God Love You and so do I!*

Christine Newby and Family

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**Pause for Prayer . . .**

In the morning, Lord,
I open the curtains and raise the shades
to let in the light of day...

Remind me then
to pull back the curtains veiling my heart
to welcome the light of your presence...

Whether the day be cloudy or clear
your light shines through to illumine my soul
when I lift what shades and shields my heart...

So shine on me, Lord, with your light and warmth
from dawn to dusk and even at night
when I draw the curtains once again...

Amen.

*The Concord Pastor*