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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • JANUARY 28, 2024



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.



Fr. James Curran, Rector

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil

5:00pm

Sunday

9:00am

12:00 Noon

Daily Mass

12:10pm Tuesday-Friday

Holy Days

12noon, 7:00pm

Confession

Saturday at 4:15pm

All other times are by appointment only.

Please call (757) 876-0554 or email fjimcurran@gmail.com

WEEKLY READINGS – Jan. 29–Feb. 4, 2024

Monday (Gr): 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday (Gr): 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/
Ps 86:1-6/Mk:5:21-43

Wednesday (Wh): Saint John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday (Gr): 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/(Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-11b,
11d-12d/ Mk 6:7-13

Friday (Wh): The Presentation of the Lord

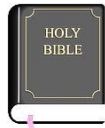
Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32

**Saturday (Gr, Rd, Wh): Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr;
Saint Ansgar, Bishop**

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday (Gr): Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1- 6/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/
Mk 1:29-39



PASTORAL CARE

Send a card, make a call, visit and always pray for our suffering brothers and sisters in the faith. Contact the Church Office at 757-622-4487 to place names on the Prayer List. For the Sick or Homebound, we ask that you call us when the circumstance changes. If you or someone would like to receive Holy Communion, please notify the Pastoral Care Team: Tom Bomar 757-461-1053 or 757-692-8347- or Cindy Williams 757-849-9298

Sick or Homebound Parishioners/Friends:

Carl Anderson, Sylvia Anderson, Diane Boyce, Clifton Cabarras, Charles Cabarras, William “Bill” Carr, Ernest Charbonnet, Leon Carrington, Jr., Arnell Elliott, Darnell Fulton, Rosa Givens, Francis Hamill, Clarence Holmes, Ernest Humphries, Thomas Lacey, Daisy Lee, Oveeta Malone, Christine & Rob Martinez, Linda Odell, Ben Patterson, Roland Ridley, Clarence “Juicy” Smith, David Stukes, Elva Stukes, Hattie Washington, Jessie Smaw-Winfield

Remember our Military Members

Lord, your Word says that whoever goes to you for safety, whoever remains under the protection of the Almighty can say to you, “You are my defender and protector, you are my God; in you I trust.” May our sons, daughters, husbands, wives, brothers, sisters and friends in the military, and all our troops turn to you and find rest in the shadow of your wings.

Please include in your prayers those who have gone before us...



**Georgia Stafford
Alvin Thoroughgood
Margaret Spears, Beverly Prevette**



PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group would like to invite you to join them in prayer and scripture reading every Tuesday evening from 6-8pm. Since COVID we have been meeting via telephone. **Our Prayer Line number is 763-296-7286.** After you dial this number, you will be asked to enter the Access Code: 751452#. Do not forget to add the # at the end. We look forward to praying with you and for you, and we welcome you to join us. If you have any questions, call Sandra Jarvis at 757-589-3797.

My morning prayer's quite simple, Lord:

I offer you my day, the day that lies ahead of me, the day you made and gave me, the only day I have... I offer you this day, Lord, whatever it may be and whatever it becomes... I offer you this day, wherever it begins, wherever I may spend it, wherever it may take me, wherever it may leave me... however it may end... I offer you this day, Lord: make of it and make of me an offering of glory, praise and joyful gratitude...
Amen.

- Concord Pastor

THIS WEEK AT THE BASILICA

Monday, January 29, 2024 –

9:30-11:30am Food Pantry
No Mass
12:15-1:30pm Soup Kitchen

Tuesday, January 30

Soup Kitchen – Closed
12:10pm Daily Mass
7:00pm Cotton at the Basilica

Wednesday, January 31

9:30-11:30 Food Pantry
12:10pm Daily Mass
12:15-1:30pm Soup Kitchen
1:30pm Lenten Retreat Mtg.

Thursday, February 1

12:10pm Daily Mass
12:15-1:30pm Soup Kitchen

Friday, February 2

12:10pm Daily Mass
12:15-1:30pm Soup Kitchen

Saturday, February 3

12:30-2:30pm Food Pantry (Grab & Go)
4:15pm Confession
5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, February 4 – 5th Sunday in O.T.

9:00am Mass
RCIA Session & Rel. Ed
12Noon Mass

COLLECTION

1/22/24

Amt. Needed \$17,211.54
Collected: 15,965.62
(\$1, 245.92)



Shine Conference



Saturday, March 2nd

9:00am - 3:00pm

The Shine Conference is a diocesan wide gathering for all those doing the works of social ministry, living out the Catholic social teachings of the Church, and/or are Interested in learning about ways to engage in the social teaching of the Church. The afternoon will consist of break out sessions on the following topics:

1. **Discussing Racism With Synodal Tools** – Fr. Tochi Iwuji –
Director, Office of Black Catholics
(Small Group Workshop)
2. **The Spirituality of Social Ministry** –
Meditation on ministry and for ministry, incorporating
Storytelling Tina Wandersee
Director, Office of Social Ministry
(Meditation to Inspire your work)
3. **Join a Community of Changemakers** –
CRS Virginia Chapter and Why the Rice Bowl Matters –
Jimmy Culpepper Chapter Chairperson and members of CRS VA Chapter (Program Highlight - Presentation)
4. **Immersion | Prison Ministry** – Dan Kearns –
St. Vincent de Paul Society
(New for Prison Ministry - Presentation)

Mass will be presided by Bishop Knestout and keynote speaker Father Tochi Iwuji will ground us in Encountering the Other. It will be a day to nourish and assist those doing the work of social ministry, to foster growth in their work and relationships with each other and God, and to better equip those interested in the work to be able to begin.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Location: Church of the Redeemer

8275 Meadowbridge Rd., Mechanicsville, VA, 23116

Pride IN Black Voices

Cotton by Damien Geter

Cotton is a song cycle inspired by the "Cotton" photographs by John Dowell. Each song in the cycle features lyrics by **Nikki Giovanni, Marc Bamuthi Joseph**, and other Black American poets, making it a poignant exploration of **history** and **culture**.

Cotton is underwritten by Dr. Arnold Stolberg

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January 30 | 7 PM

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January 31 | 7 PM

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TOLTON/BARRETT SCHOLARSHIP

2023 RECIPIENTS

AMY GOODING
Virginia Tech
Major: English

ELLA PRETLOW
Norfolk State University
Major: Graphic Design

KALIYAH DIXON
Virginia State University
Major: Music

NIKYIA LEWIS
Norfolk State University
Major: Psychology

The Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, the first publicly acknowledged Black priest in the United States, was a stalwart advocate for faith, education and change, fitting for one of the six African-Americans on the road to Sainthood. This annual scholarship that has been established in his name also honors Monsignor Walter Barret, and their collective legacies empower a new generation of leaders to carry the torch.

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February 21 6:00-8:30 pm
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Special Holy Hour with Confessions: 6:00-7:00 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm
Presentation w/ Q&A: 7:30 pm
Registration required by Feb. 19
Cost: \$10 per person, \$15 per couple,
\$20 per family, free for students

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CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTER

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Save the Date: February 7, 2024

Gathering with Ashley Morris

Eucharistic Revival and Racial Justice

Around the Basilica -



Women's Ministry Sponsors -
FAMILY MEMOIRS AT THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY
February 25, 2023 1:30PM- 4:00PM
OUR FAMILY HISTORY
- SAVE THE DATE -



Communication for Oneness

Feb. 23, 2024
 7PM EST
 Basilica of St. Mary

Presented by Julius Smith and Janel W. Smith, MA, LPC, MDiv 38 years married, Janel is a Marriage Therapist. Both are Certified Gottman Institute Leaders and Prepare Enrich Facilitators



TOPICS:

- How to Listen to Understand
- How to Speak to be Heard
- The 4 Predictors of Divorce and the Antidotes for Marital

Guidelines:

- No personal sharing required
- Have an open heart and mind
- Not suitable for couples experiencing abuse or addiction



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Traditionally **Shrove Tuesday** is a time for confession and preparation for Lent and has become an opportunity to engage in a last round of merriment before the start of the somber Lenten season.

We will hold a **Shrove Tuesday Reception** on **Tuesday, February 13, 2023 from 630-830pm** in the hall, featuring Pancakes and breakfast foods, Shrimp and Grits and Jambalaya.

Donations will be taken at the door, and any proceeds from the event will go towards Ministry budgets for the Church.

We are in need of volunteers for the event for setup, serving and tear down/cleanup....all volunteer servers should be up to date with their Department of Health cards please. Sign-up sheets will be in the front foyer and hall.

Walking in the Light of the CHRIST
Living in the shadow of the Cross



Please sign-up after each weekend Mass.

Youth Group Spring Schedule

Jan. 21st 2024	Youth Group
Jan. 28th	CONFIRMATION ONLY Youth Group
Feb. 4th	Youth Group
Feb. 9th-11th	DYC
Feb. 14th	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 17th	Lenten Retreat
Feb. 18th	Youth Group
Feb. 19th	Confirmation Retreat 10am-4:30pm
Fri., Feb. 23rd	Youth leads Stations of the Cross 6pm
Feb. 25th	Women's Ministry Black History Presentation
March 3rd	Youth Group
March 10th	Blessing at 9am Mass/ meet with Fr. Jim
Fri., March 15th	Confirmation @ St. Pius X 7pm
March 17th	Youth Group
March 24th	Palm Sunday
March 31st	Easter
April 7th	Youth Group
April 21st	Youth Group
May 5th	LAST YOUTH GROUP
May 12th	Pentecost Sunday
May 19th	Summer Youth Bible Study Starts
June 9th	High School Graduates Recognition at Mass
June 14-15	Youth Group Summer Activity
June 17th-June 21st	Vacation Bible School
June 28-30, 2024	Northern District Junior Conference of KPC
July 28th	College Send-off
July 29th-Aug 2nd	Discipleship WEEK

Consider joining the Basilica's . . .



BROTHERS OF PRAYER

Intercessory Prayer on
 Thursdays at 7pm - Zoom
 1st & 3rd Sundays at 12Noon

Questions - Contact:
 Frank Scott @ 757-373-4546
 Michael James @ 757-348-4940

Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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Monday-Friday 9:30am – 5:30pm

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Soup Kitchen is open:

Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Friday 12:15-1:30pm

Food Pantry is open:

Mon., Wed. 9:30am-11:30am

Saturdays 12:30-2:30pm

USDA Distribution

Mondays: 9:30-11:30am

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you someone or know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic Church? Would you like to journey with this faith community as we encounter Christ in our faith and life journey. The RCIA is a process that prepares inquirers for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We welcome you with your questions, your insights, and your faith story. For more information, please call Oretha Pretlow at (757) 622-4487, or email opretlow@bsmic.org.

Sacrament of Marriage

A couple seeking marriage must approach the pastor at least 6 months prior to the date of the wedding. Marriage preparation gives the Church and the couple adequate time to properly prepare for the sacrament. For Marriage Preparation and scheduling your wedding, please contact the church office at (757) 622-4487.

Infant Baptism

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me," Luke 8:15. Parents wishing to have children under 7 years of age baptized must first attend a baptism preparation class. For more information contact Barbara Wright at (757) 622-4487 or bwright@bsmic.org

**To schedule a ministry meeting or an event at the
Basilica, please call the Office at
(757) 622-4487.**



OUR PARISH, YOUR VOICE

The parish council would like the opportunity to answer your questions, concerns, and issues with the church.

Email: ppc@bsmic.org



UPDATE YOUR STATUS

Moving in? Moving away? Changed your contact information?

Recently were married? Had a baby?

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