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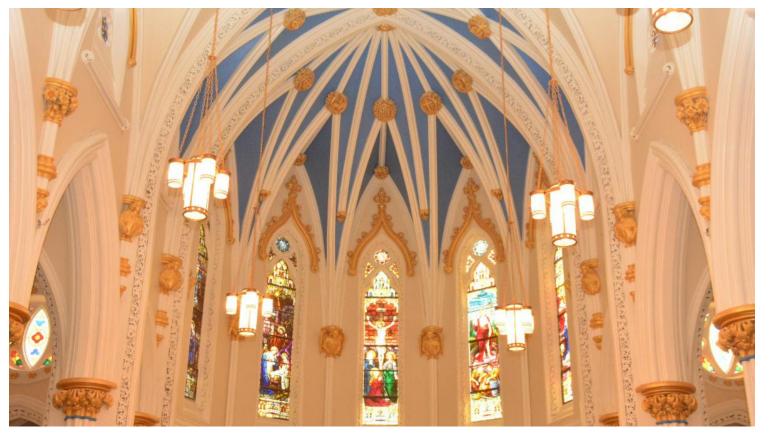
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER • APRIL 14, 2024



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, Christcentered 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 frjimcurran@gmail.com

WEEKLY READINGS - Apr. 15-Apr. 21, 2024

Monday (Wh): Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/ Jn: 6:22-29

Tuesday (Wh): Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday (Wh): Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a/ Jn 6:35-40

Thursday (Wh): Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday (Wh): Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday (Wh): Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69

Sunday (Wh): Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 28-29/1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18





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:

Marie Adams, Carl Anderson, Sylvia Anderson, Jacqueline Banks, Mildred Banks, Greta Barnes, Diane Boyce, Barbara Brewer, Harriette Brown, JaNae Brown, Lois Brown, Clifton Cabarras, Charles Cabarras, William "Bill" Carr, Ernest Charbonnet, Leon Carrington, Jr., Joelle Cowell, Colleen Crawford, Margaret Cuffee, Marty Curran, Arnell Elliott, Alma Jones-Davis, Josephine Edwards, Rosa Givens, Francis Hamill, Clarence Holmes, Ethel Holmes, Ernest Humphries, Vivian Johnson, Daniel Kane, Thomas Lacey, Daisy Lee, Oveeta Malone, Christine & Rob Martinez, Sarah Milburn, Linda Odell, Ben Patterson, Roland Ridley, Betty Robinson, Barbara Sears, Clarence "Juicy" Smith, Isaac Spears, Sr. David Stukes, Elva Stukes, Hattie Washington, Joan Williams, Jessie Smaw-Winfield, Helen Cooper-Young

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...

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord; let your perpetual light shine upon them forever.

Codjoe E. Lucas Stephanie Sexton Deacon Dave Kohut



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...

- Concord Pastor

THIS WEEK AT THE BASILICA

Amen

Monday, April 15

9:30-11:30am Food Pantry

No Daily Mass this week

10am-6:00pm Adoration 12:15-1:30pm Soup Kitchen

Tuesday, April 16

11:00am Rosary

Soup Kitchen - Closed

Wednesday, April 17- KPC Conference begins

9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 12:15-1:30pm Soup Kitchen

Thursday, April 18

12:15-1:30pm Soup Kitchen

Friday, April 19

12:15-1:30pm Soup Kitchen

Saturday, April 20

12:30-4:30pm Hall Rental Event

4:15pm Confession

5:00pm Vigil Mass – KPC Worships Bishop Barry Knestout, *presiding*

Sunday, April 21 - 4th Sunday of Easter

9:00am Mass – Fr. Creed 12Noon Mass – Fr. Creed 1:30pm Youth Group

COLLECTION UPDATE

Data for 4/7-8/24 will be included in next week's bulletin

Corrected data for 3/23-24/24

Amt Needed \$17,211.54 Amt Collected <u>13,730.87</u> (\$3,480.67)



Servant Leadership



Saint Patrick Catholic School will hold its annual Servant Leadership Awards Dinner to honor four exemplary servant leaders from the community.

This year, the Servant Leader from The Basilica of St. Mary is **Mr. Eric Labat.**



The dinner will be held on **Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 PM.** Dinner will include salad, main course, and dessert. Tickets are \$10.00 each or you may reserve a table for 8 for \$75.00.

Use this link to signup:

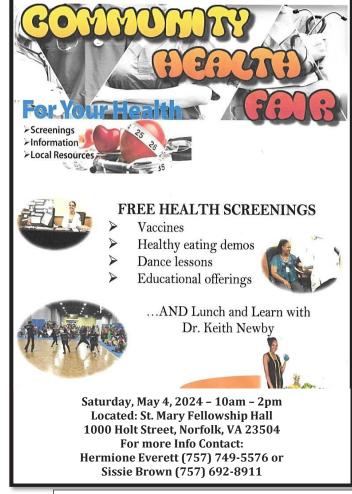
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Or call 757-440-5500, ask for Lisa LaRock, and she will take your reservation.

We hope you will join us as we take the time to

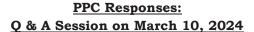
thank those who serve our community.
"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of
these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Mt 25:40





The Health and Wellness Ministry will perform BP checks, at the end of each month in the church hall following 9:00am mass.



What will happen to the front parking lot?

The City of Norfolk owns the parking lot and has allowed the basilica to utilize it for many years. The development plans for the St. Paul Project include that space. We will continue to maintain and use the lot until further notice from the city. We do not have an anticipated date currently.

Can a calendar of church events/schedules be added to the bulletin or the website/social media? A monthly calendar will be included in bulletin and on the church's website from now on beginning in April.

Are there safety drills for emergencies?

In cases of emergencies, the ushers have been trained in helping with the evacuation of the building. It is also a good idea to be aware of the exit closest to where you are sitting while attending mass.

What should be done if someone needs medical assistance during mass?

If able, walk to the commons area and seek the help of an usher. They are aware of the parishioners that are trained in helping with medical emergencies. If you are unable to locate someone, you may need to dial 911. Currently practicing and retired medical doctors and nurses of the Basilica are available at weekend masses and parish events. They have a rotating shift.

What safety measures are in place for arriving at and leaving gatherings such as choir rehearsal?

The goal is for the various ministries is to adopt a system in which people leave in groups or pairs. In addition, they should have a designated person that accompanies people should they need to leave prior to everyone else.

Is there a committee to help with the upkeep of the building and grounds? How can I help?

The Building and Grounds Committee will have a table at the Basilica's Ministry Fair later this year. Please be sure to visit them for information on how you can help.

When is the Ministry Fair?

Planning for the ministry fair is underway. For all parishioners currently in ministry, please await communication from ministry leaders on how your participation is needed. For those still searching, there will be an opportunity for you after each mass to join a ministry or gather information to help you discern with ministry to lend your talents. The dates will be posted on the website to and in the bulletin. We look forward to a great turnout.

"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers." (Acts 2:42)



Holy Communion increases our union with Christ. Just as bodily food sustains our physical life, so Holy Communion nourishes our spiritual life. As an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, commonly referred to as a **Eucharistic Minister**, lay people can serve the Catholic Church by distributing Holy Communion during Mass.

If interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact:

Alice Holder Ebyn Brinkley
757- 620-3966 757- 377-1588
alice holder@vahoo.com ebrinkley83@gmail.com

Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Court of the Holy Spirit #2145

are hosting a Diaper Drive to help support local branches of Catholic Charities.

How can I help?

Pampers of all sizes and wipes are being collected. Donations can be dropped off at the church's kitchen to Ms. Ercelle Drayton or Judy Watford, Monday through Friday from 10-3PM.

Please contact <u>Virginia Stanislaus at</u> 757-646-3793 or Sally Hamill at 757-855-3203 with any questions or concerns.

The women of CDA thank you for your support!

Please join the women of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for our monthly meeting.

WHEN: First Sunday of each month
WHERE: 1st floor of the Pastoral Center (Old Miller Building)
1000 East City Hall Ave - Norfolk, VA 23504
TIME: 10:45AM, Following the 9AM mass
QUESTIONS: Please contact Cindy Williams at 757-849-

Consider joining the Basilica's . . .



BROTHERS OF PRAYER

Intercessory Prayer on Thursdays at 7pm – Zoom
Open to all our parishioners

Zoom Link: 890 6989 4209 (Password - 12345)

Celebration of Prayer - 1st & 3rd Sundays at 12Noon

For Men Only

Questions - Contact:

Frank Scott - 757-373-4546 Michael James - 757-348-4940

Pilgrimage to Poland -See the Catholic Treasure of Poland!

Please join us on a pilgrimage to Poland! Highlights include Jasna Gora Monastery, home of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Image, the Museum and Chapel of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the cell where he was martyred in Auschwitz, the birthplace and baptismal Church of St. John Paul, Wawel Cathedral where he was ordained a Bishop and so much more! Daily Mass. October 3-12, 2024. \$3695/per person based on double occupancy. \$150 discount if you enter coupon code Bulletin150 on the registration form. For more information, please visit www.0oHTours.com or call us at 1-800-213-4295

Coming Soon!

The Basilica of St. Mary Rosary!

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The Cleaning Team Ministry is in need of volunteers to help with light cleaning of the church one Saturday a month (9:30am to 11:00am).

If interested contact:

Jackie Ewing 757-434-1987

Senior Meals

Sun. April 21st

get hoppin' to the event of the summer!

Dive in to an egg-cellent adventure that goes DEEP into faith-building fun.

Register at: www.bsmic.org

VBS dates: June 17th-21st, 2024

VBS times: 6:00pm-8:00pm

For more information, call: (757)622-4487



FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Parish Town Hall Meeting between the Masses in the Hall Next Session: June 9, 2024

Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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Monday-Friday 9:30am - 5:30pm

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Fr. Jim P. Curran, Rector (757) 876-0554, cell frjimcurran@gmail.com

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Michael Woodhouse, Soup Kitchen Chef

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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

All Correspondence to the Church should be sent to:

P.O. Box 2100 Norfolk, VA 23501-2100

If you are using Bill Pay or another Bank feature to send in your Tithes and/or Donations be sure to update our mailing address to avoid mail being misdirected or returned "Undeliverable."

Please No Food or Drinks in Sanctuary. Silence Cell Phones.





If you do not have a Handicap Parking Permit, please do not park in the St. Joseph Parking Lot. (Virgin Street)

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 oppretlow@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?
Please contact us to let us know
of any changes. office@bsmic.org



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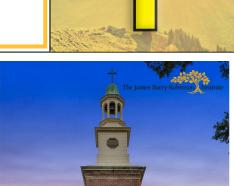
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