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PENTECOST SUNDAY • MAY 19, 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 – May 20 -May 26, 2024

Monday (Wh): The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1b-3, 5-7/
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday (Gr, Rd): Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-11, 23/ Mk 9: 38-40

Wednesday (Gr, Wh): Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-11/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday (Gr): Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-20/Mk 9:41-50

**Friday (Gr): Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12/
Mk 10:1-12**

Saturday (Gr, Wh): Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin

Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-3, 8/Mk 10:13-16

Sunday (Wh): The Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22/
Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20



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:

Marie Adams, Carl Anderson, Sylvia Anderson, Jacqueline Banks, Mildred Banks, Greta Barnes, Naomi Grace Bowen, Diane Boyce, Barbara Brewer, Harriette Brown, JaNae Brown, Lois Brown, Clifton Cabarras, Charles Cabarras, Jeanette Carr, William "Bill" Carr, Ernest Charbonnet, Leon Carrington, Jr., Janice Charity, Colleen Crawford, Margaret Cuffee, Marty Curran, Arnell Elliott, Irene Elliott, Josephine Edwards, Rosa Givens, Francis Hamill, Steve Hitchman, Clarence Holmes, Ethel Holmes, Ernest Humphries, Daniel Kane, Thomas Lacey, Daisy Lee, Oveeta Malone, Sarah Milburn, Joann Nunez, Linda Odell, Ben Patterson, Roland Ridley, Betty Robinson, Barbara Sears, Clarence "Juicy" Smith, Elva Stukes, Hattie Washington, Dorothy Wattle, 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.

Emily V. Ponton ✠ Gabriel Christiansen



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, May 20

9:30-11:30am

Food Pantry

12:15-1:30pm

Soup Kitchen

Tuesday, May 21

11:00am

Funeral-Gabriel Christiansen

Soup Kitchen – Closed

Wednesday, May 22

9:30-11:30

Food Pantry

12:10pm

Daily Mass

12:15-1:30pm

Soup Kitchen

Thursday, May 23

12:10pm

Daily Mass

12:15-1:30pm

Soup Kitchen

Friday, May 24

12:15-1:30pm

Soup Kitchen

12:10pm

Daily Mass

6:00pm

KPC All White Affair

Saturday, May 25

12:30-2:30pm

Food Pantry (*Grab & Go*)

4:15pm

Confession

5:00pm

Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 26 – The Most Trinity

9:00am

Mass

10:30am

6 Direction St. Kateri Circle

12:00pm

Mass

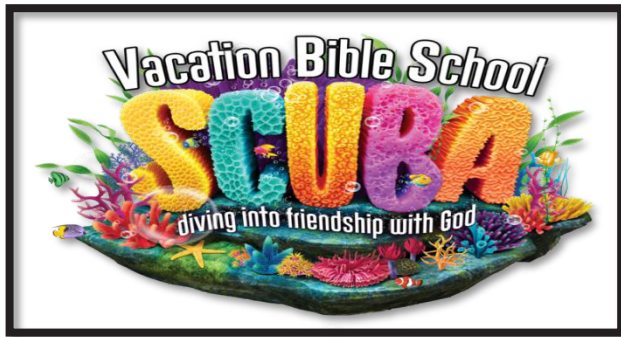
COLLECTION UPDATE

5/13/24-

Amt Needed \$17,211.54

Amt Collected 17,879.07

\$ 667.53



June 17 – 21, 2024

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Contact: LaTarisha Beamon – 757-287-6375
latarishabeamon@gmail.com



**Calling all young ladies
between the ages of 7-18**

The Ladies Auxiliary of The Knights of Peter Calver are reactivating the Junior Daughters Court #279. Their in-person initiation will be held on **Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 11:00am-3:30pm** with a repast to follow, at the Pastoral Center.

District Deputy Commander, Northern District, Lady Kim Proctor will be in Norfolk to conduct the initiation!

Contact:

Grand Lady Janice Davis – 757876-5477

Lady Stephanie Smith – 757-214-3478



**PPC
Q & A
June
9th**

Between
the Masses

SAVE THE DATE!



JUNETEENTH Celebration

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Facts, Fun, Fashion and Food!



Calling All

Kindergarten, 5th & 8th Grade Promotions

High School & College Graduates

All will be recognized

Sun., June 9, 2024 at the 9am Mass

More information coming soon!



PENTECOST

So, the Spirit came upon the disciples as a strong driving wind and as tongues of fire resting on their heads. So, which would we have? wind or flame? Neither? Well, we need both - and God isn't holding back on either.

Pentecost is meant to renew and refresh the Spirit within and among us.

This day calls us to bow and to lean into the Spirit's driving force that we might go with it and not be left broken, scattered in its path.

Pentecost calls us to endure the heat of the inevitable friction generated when the Gospel grates against our selfishness.

If all this sounds too daunting and demanding, keep in mind that I'm speaking here of nothing more or less than the gifts of the Holy Spirit we all received in Confirmation:

wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence and awe in God's presence.

Pentecost reminds us that we have gifts - already given to us - though we may not yet have opened them.

Where and when and how is God's Spirit offering me *wisdom* to correct my foolishness?

understanding to curb my stubbornness?

right judgment in the face of my bad choices?

courage to do and say what I fear doing and saying?

knowledge to open my mind and heart to truth?

reverence to help me to love what is pure and beautiful?

and *awe* in God's presence - all that I might grow in the life of the Spirit?

The gifts are all there and the wind and fire of God call me to open them.

May the Spirit who makes holy our gifts make holy and faithful the people who offer them.

- Excerpt from the Concord Pastor



We appreciate your feedback!

Based on monthly gathering evaluations, participants would like concrete ways to support the canonization of the Saintry Six, so VCRJ invites you to join us on:

Wednesday, May 22nd from 7:00-8:30p.m
via Zoom for

"Engage your parish in Summer with the Saintry Six"

Whether your parish is well-acquainted with these holy men and women or meeting them for the first time, at this gathering, VCRJ leaders will offer creative ways to engage any parish and invite participants to share input and ideas.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZluc-qorjopG9KtOrsfN-yfcdtlxm1Wl-oH#/registration>



The Health and Wellness Ministry

would like to express our **heartfelt gratitude** for all those who gave of their time and talent to make the Health Fair on May 4, 2024 an exceptional event. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Hermione B Everett - Sissie Brown - Denise Davis

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 - Friday from 10-3PM.

Please contact Virginia Stanislaus at 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 757-849-9298

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



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Seniors! The time is here!

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fellowship & facts!**

Sign-up Sheets will be located in the Hall after
Mass today!

Contact Persons:

Lisa McGriff (757) 237-6785 Sam Cook (757) 404-5077
Ronda Frazier (757) 574-2289
Diane Fisher (757) 235-6361

6 Direction St. Kateri Circle of VA &
Knights of Peter Claver Council #279

PRESENT:

FUN NIGHT 5000

**Sat.,
June 8th**

Basilica of St. Mary Fellowship Hall
232 Chapel St, Norfolk, VA 23504

**GRAND PRIZE: \$5,000 2ND PRIZE: \$1,000
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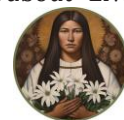
Proceeds to benefit charities of 6 Direction St. Kateri Circle of VA &
Knights of Peter Claver Council #279

Contact: Eric Labat 757-676-9767 DJ (Dee) Bradley 757-390-7064

**Dee Bradley will have tickets after all Masses on
May 25th & 26th**

Please join us for our first meeting of the 6 Direction St. Kateri Circle of VA

All are welcome to learn about "Living the Spirit of St. Kateri"



We will begin meeting **May 26, 2024** and continue to meet,
the 3rd Sunday of every month @ 10:30 am on the ground
floor of the Pastoral Center.



**Perfect
Praise!**

When we proclaim the Word or lift our voices in song,
when we welcome our brothers and sisters into the
sanctuary and serve on the altar, and when we administer
the Eucharist to hungry spirits, we allow the Holy Spirit to
move through us inviting all present to fully participate in
the Mass. To come before God regardless of our personal
circumstances in thanksgiving and praise - wholehearted,
perfect praise.

The Worship Committee is inviting:

all Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar
Servers, Cantors, and those who feel a calling to
serve in any of these capacities during the Mass to a

Liturgical Minister's Workshop

Sat., June 15, 2024 from 10:00am - 2:00pm.

This is an opportunity for all who serve during the
Mass to continue to further enhance our gifts and
for those who are interested in serving to learn more
about ways to do so. Sign-ups will be provided
during the coming weeks, and the chairs of the
liturgical ministries will be reaching out to all
current ministers directly.

**Please join us as we continue to work through our
ministries to lead others in full engagement
in the Liturgy.**

Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Office Hours:

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

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Mondays: 9:30-11:30am

All Correspondence to the Church should be sent to:

P.O. Box 2100

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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.

time to
UPDATE

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



The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now. We do not need to wait for the Holy Spirit to come; he came on the day of Pentecost. He has never left the church. Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us.

- "What is Pentecost?"



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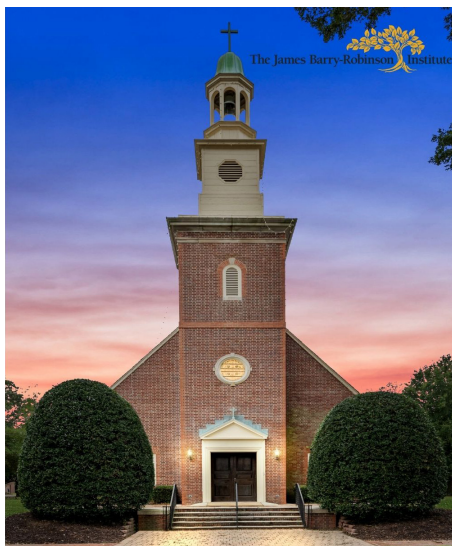
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