

ST. MARY OF THE PRESENTATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm; Sunday 10:00am

Weekday Mass: Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am

Church Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9-3 (Lunch 12-12:30) |
Inclement weather delay/closing follows Suffolk Public Schools

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00pm or by appointment

Baptism: Contact the parish office to make arrangements and to register for the parent baptismal preparation class

Marriage: Please contact parish office six months prior to the wedding. Engaged encounter or area Pre-Marital instruction normally required

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ST. MARY OF THE PRESENTATION

VISION STATEMENT

A vibrant Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Gospel by living our rich faith with prayer, love, and service



St. Mary of the Presentation



May 2, 2021
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mon	05/03	Saints Philip & James	Jn 14:6-14
Tue	05/04	Easter Weekday	Jn 14:27-31a
Wed	05/05	Easter Weekday	Jn 15:1-8
Thu	05/06	Easter Weekday	Jn 15:9-11
Fri	05/07	Easter Weekday	Jn 15:12-17
Sat	05/08	Easter Weekday	Jn 15:18-21
Sun	05/09	6th Sunday of Easter	Jn 15:9-17

Mass Intentions

05/04/2021 - OPEN
 05/05/2021 - OPEN
 05/06/2021 - OPEN
 05/07/2021 - OPEN
 05/08/2021 - Linda Hooker—Funeral
 05/09/2021 - OPEN



Mass Schedule: May 4-9, 2021

No Daily Mass Mondays
 Tues-Thurs 10am
 Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm
 Sunday Mass: 10am

Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday of the Month following the 10am Mass

Please pray for our sick and shut-ins of the Parish



Inga Barrett, Peg Cicirelli, Dot Crutchlow, Nathan Davidson, Shirley DeBarnard, John Dowd, Danny Ginther, Kathy Hansinger, Tom Grzywinski, Lydia Kee, Edna Mustin, Jean Petrucci, Samantha Quinn, Gretchen Shaw, Ruth Silberholz, Mary Stevens, Rowanne Stevenson, Howard Thomson, George Warren

Friends, Family & Priests of the Diocese:

John Aragon, Hugh Ball, Patrick Bales, Sean Behrman, Mindy Cintron, Rachel Cruvey, Selwyn Curtis, Russell Dail, James V. Dudley, Bob Dunn, Jan Estoquue, Lucia Flores-Quiroga, Caroline Godfrey, Carol Gurioli, Hawton-Hill, Brian Hensley, Mildred Jenkins, Susana Livar, Jo & Vic Manuele, Rebecca Maples, Joseph Moniscalco; Judy Pearson, Gerard Pichon, Jenny Piver: Joel Rivera, Sandy Robertson, Alexis Royals, John Schroeder, Ray Shamburger, Billy Sutton, Deacon Bob Walsh, Charles Weaver, Beverly Whitley,

Active Duty Military Family and Friends

Serving in Iraq and Afghanistan:

Chris LeGrand, Nathan LeGrand, Devin Pisani, David Sjostedt



“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us”

There are a lot of ideas out there about what it takes to be happy: earn a certain income, have certain experiences, achieve certain things. In today’s Gospel, Christ presents us a vision of happiness that is wildly counterintuitive to our contemporary, individualistic



society: “love one another.”

Jesus reveals that we find ourselves only by giving ourselves away. This is because we are made for relationship, not self-indulgence. Christ tells us that there is no greater love than to “lay down one’s life one’s friends,” not in an effort to scare us, but so that his joy may be in us and that “your joy may be complete.”

So how do we live out this self-giving love? Most of us aren’t called to be missionaries in foreign lands, or to completely devote our lives to caring for the poor or sick. Yet opportunities to lay down our lives for others abound. One simple way? Support our ongoing Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your offering will directly contribute to our ability to share the love of Christ with a world in desperate need, truly producing “fruit that will remain.”

Thank you for putting your faith and love into action by supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

St. Mary’s has raised 89% of our Annual Appeal Goal:
 We’ve Raised \$11,485 of our \$12,820 Goal

How the Annual Appeal Pays us back:

St. Mary’s gets back 20% of the collected funds from parishioners until its target is reached in cash (collected). At that point, the parish receives 50% of all additional funds collected over the goal.



Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of misconduct or abuse on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General’s Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1(833) 454-9064, and reach out to the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 877-887-9603

Thank you for your Donations!

Collection	04/10-04/11/2021	YTD
Regular Offertory	\$1,526.00	\$129,319.00
Holy Day Offering		\$530.00
E-Giving	\$1,130.00	\$38,421.00
Easter Offering	\$15.00	\$2,396.00
Good Friday-Holy Land		\$250.00
Stole Fee		\$75.00
Capital Improvement	\$37.00	\$7,646.00
Christian Formation		\$105.00
Memorial Donations		\$450.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$45.00
Respect Life		\$250.00
Christmas Poinsettias		\$390.00
Mass Intentions*	\$20.00	\$1,523.00
SCRIP Gift Card Profit		\$1,640.00
Fundraising Face Masks		\$576.50
Fundraising—Other		\$388.00
Fundraising Raffle	\$30.00	\$2,170.00
Refund		\$60.00
Haiti Student & Ministry*	\$700.00	\$7,060.00
Haiti Coffee Collection*		\$745.00
Religious Education		\$1,034.00
Religious Ed. Fundraiser		\$395.00
Liturgy Donations	\$200.00	\$1,297.00
Word Among Us	\$26.00	\$793.00
Catholic Virginian		\$440.00
Catholic Relief Services*		\$50.00
Diocesan Collections*		\$37.00
All Saints		\$1,226.00
Bulletin Ads		\$1,020.00
Flowers		\$230.00
Easter Lilies		\$420.00
Human Development*		\$150.00
Military Service*		\$32.00
Retired Religious		\$197.00
World Mission*		\$160.00
Kissell Family Collection *		\$1,605.00
Funeral Donation		\$25.00
Peter's Pence *		\$250.00

Total Collection (*Not Included)	\$,3664.00	\$202,828.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,250.00	\$221,402.00
BUDGET SHORTFALLS	-1,586.00	-\$18,574.00

eGiving

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CONGRATULATIONS JOANN FARABAUGH!!

A total of 144 which will bring a total of \$2,880 into the church.
God Bless everyone who supported the fundraiser!!



Dedicate flowers to a loved one or in thanksgiving.

Contact Sandy Nance
(757) 373-9928 or
sandynance1@aol.com



**Join us May 7th at 7:00 PM for
our first Parish Town Hall**
either in the Parish Hall (seating is
limited) or via Zoom.

Sign up via our website St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church (stmarysuffolk.org) for either the in-person or Zoom option (the link will be sent prior to the meeting).

This is an opportunity to hear directly from Father, your Parish Council and Finance Committee, and for you to ask questions.

The Agenda:

1. Fr. Emmanuel's Opening Prayer and Message
2. Finance Committee Report.
3. Where we stand now.
 - a. What does opening look like?
 - b. What is the vision for the future?
4. Question/Answer period
5. Fr. Emmanuel's Closing Remarks and Prayer



St. Mary's Women's Club Scholarship

St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church

The St. Mary's Women's Club Scholarship was established in honor of all past and present members of St. Mary's Women's Club.

AMOUNT: \$300 (non-renewable; fall semester tuition; amount may increase after donations from club members are accounted for)

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Member of St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church
2. Graduating senior who has been accepted into an institution of higher learning
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation (i.e. from church, school, community activities, or work)
4. Essay—200-400 words –“Living a Catholic life on Campus” Describe how you will live your faith as you move on into higher education.
5. Transcripts
6. Résumé which may include:
 - Church activities
 - School and extra curricular activities
 - Community Service/Volunteer Activities
 - Leadership activities/skills
 - Awards, honors, and special recognitions
 - Work, hobbies or special interests
7. Application received in the church office by **May 20th 2021.**



Applications that do not meet the required criteria will not be considered.

Selection will be made by a panel of judges from St. Mary's Women's Club. If there are no qualified applicants in a given year, funds will remain in the St. Mary's Scholarship Fund.

For questions/information/application contact: Sharon Criner, 503-7989 cell, please leave a message

Applications are also in the Church Office



ST. MARY'S FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE SCRIP GIFT CARDS

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KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
SUFFOLK COUNCIL 7363

*James J. Riley, Sr.
Memorial Scholarship*

2021 APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY: All graduating seniors from High School who are planning for post-secondary education and are actively involved in the betterment of St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church through active religious and community involvement. Applicant must have been accepted by an accredited university, college, or trade school as a full-time student prior to scholarship award.

Five hundred dollars (\$500) will be awarded to one graduating senior who is currently registered as a parishioner at St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church in Suffolk, Virginia. The scholarship is not renewable and is awarded every year to a different applicant.

ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. The Order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy worldwide to service in communities.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to 15,342 councils and 1.9 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam, Saipan, Lithuania, Ukraine, and South Korea.

The James J. Riley, Sr. Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Knights of Columbus - Suffolk Council 7363 Charter Grand Knight, Jim Riley. As our Charter Grand Knight, Jim was instrumental in the formation of Suffolk Council 7363 and the successes we ultimately achieved throughout the years. Suffolk Council 7363 was established on June 24, 1979.



Online **VIRTUS** training is being offered through the diocese if you are interested in volunteering at St. Mary's.

Please call Ann Sweet for more information.



*Announcing
St. Mary's
Prayer Line*

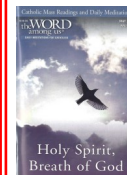
St. Mary's has established a Prayer Partners Group for you special prayer needs. Our partners have no special prayer format but will pray whatever is laid on their heart by the spirit. Some of our partners will be praying the rosary and chaplet after each daily mass for these intentions.



- To request prayers
- please send email to prayers@stmarysuffolk.org
 - In the subject line put St. Mary Prayer Request
 - Keep the request brief with the person's first name or initials only and a brief reason for the prayer intention. We welcome follow-up emails as to the outcome of the request, if applicable.

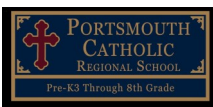


If you'd like to become a Prayer Partner, please send your name and email address to prayers@stmarysuffolk.org or you can contact Ed Collum, Sr. on his cell (571) 331-4666



The Word Among Us Is Now Available for May

You can purchase on the St. Mary's Website stmarysuffolk.org and are available in the office.



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Please call PCRS or visit our website. You are invited to schedule a personal tour and see first hand the many wonderful benefits PCRS may offer your child(ren) and family. Visit www.portsmouthcatholic.net Email:



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St. Mary's Women's Club

Welcomes

All Women of the Parish



Meetings are the 3rd Wed of the month (except June, July, August)

6:30PM - Social Hall

For more information contact

Lavonne Fletcher, 672-4794

Charity - Unity - Fraternity - Patriotism



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SUFFOLK COUNCIL #7363**

www.kofc7363.org

Meetings:

1st & 3rd Monday @ 7:00 P.M.
Fr. Tommy Nee Social Hall

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