



St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church

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Mass Times:

Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. (The 10:00 a.m. Mass is livestreamed)

Monthly on third Thursday of month, 1:00 p.m., at Lake Prince Woods

Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick:

Sacrament of the Sick is offered on the 4th weekend of the month at all Masses.

Baptism:

Contact the Parish Office to register for the parent Baptismal preparation class.

Marriage:

Contact the Parish Office six months prior to the wedding to learn about Engaged Encounter or Pre-Marital classes.

Religious Education:

Julie Francis, cre@stmarysuffolk.org

Youth Ministry:

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OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):

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Adult Faith Formation:

Jordan Graf, youth@stmarysuffolk.org

Church Ministries

(Contact the Parish Office if not otherwise noted):

Altar Servers: Duane Anderson

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Respect Life:

Whitney Lothamer, 937-654-8398

Women's Club:

Cathy Van Wassen, Contact Parish Office.

**This weekend we celebrate All Saints Day on Saturday
and All Souls' Day on Sunday!**

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, November 1st

5:00 p.m. In Honor of Johnny Dowd (requested by Aggie Dowd)

Sunday, November 2nd

8:00 a.m. For Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 a.m. In Memory of Mitchell Andrew Culp
(requested by Moira Devlin Culp)

Tuesday, November 4th

6:30 a.m. Reparation for the Sins against Life, Charity,
and Chastity

Wednesday, November 5th

10:00 a.m. For Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, November 6th

6:30 a.m. For the Clergy

Friday, November 7th

10:00 a.m. For the Conversion of Sinners

*Mass is the most powerful prayer on earth. Pray for your loved ones
in a special way united to the Eucharist. Contact Kim at the Parish
Office at 757-539-5732 to request a Mass for your special intentions.*

ALTAR FLOWERS: Donated in memory of Sue Von Rump
(requested by Dave Von Rump)

PLEASE PRAY: For our ill or shut-in parish family members: Mary
Barnes, Peg Cicirelli, Kathy Hansinger, Donald Hartman, Margie
Hayden, Kathy Mallet, Ron Pyle, Mary Stevens, and Josephine Walters
For those serving in the military: Flora Dontsap, Rafael Soriano,
Joshua Graf, Chris Rosado, and Joyce Jankielsztajn

Current Notices

All Saints Day is November 1st

NOVEMBER IS ALL SOULS MONTH: Please write the names
of any deceased loved ones in our "Book of Remembrance" located at
the front of the church on the left side of the altar. These written names
will be remembered in prayer throughout the month of November.

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on November 7th and 8th.

WOMEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER:

The Annual Gift Card Fundraiser begins this weekend and ends on
November 9th. The forms are in the vestibule. Please take one and
order gift cards for your relatives and friends for Christmas or, instead
of paying directly to your favorite grocery store or other shopping spots,
buy a gift card to pay them and help your parish. Completed forms are
due by Sunday, November 9th. Order forms with cash or check can
be placed in the offertory basket or dropped off at the parish office.
Additional order forms can be downloaded from the main page of
St. Mary's website. Your gift cards can be picked up after the weekend
Masses on November 15th/16th and November 22nd/23rd.
Profits from this sale are used for parish needs, programs, and
community outreach. Thank you for your generosity.

MINISTRY FAIR: The Parish Council will host its annual Ministry
Fair on Saturday, November 1st, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and
again on Sunday, November 2nd, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. This
is an opportunity for our parishioners, old and new, to learn about
the various ministries at St. Mary's that are in need of help and to
volunteer for one or more of them. Members of each ministry will be
available to answer any questions or concerns, and during both days
of the Ministry Fair, Parish Life will host Coffee and Donuts.

YOUTH GROUP: Please join the Youth Group in the *One Can CAN
make a Difference* annual food drive during the month of November!
Please place all donations under the Our Lady of Fatima Mosaic in
the back of church. All donations will go to the Genevieve Shelter,
which provides safe refuge for victims of domestic violence, sexual
assault, stalking, and human trafficking. Donations will be accepted
through Sunday, November 23rd.

HONOR YOUR FAMILY VETERANS: The Parish Life
Committee would like you to provide photos of family members
who are Veterans or retired Veterans, including loved ones who are
deceased. These photos will be displayed in the Parish Hall during a
special Parish Veterans Celebration on Sunday, November 9th. You
can bring your photos to Kim in the Parish Office or give them directly
to Lauren Kahoe.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION: The Parish Life Committee
will host a special meal of Biscuits and Gravy to honor our Veterans
after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 9th.

ST. MARY'S THANKSGIVING FEAST: Parish Life will host
our annual Thanksgiving Feast after 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday,
November 23rd. The church will provide Roast Beef and Turkey, and
parishioners are invited to provide the side dishes. A sign-up sheet
will be posted soon.

GIVING TUESDAY: Please support our parish on December 2nd,
2025, by donating to #iGiveCatholic. Advanced giving begins on
November 17th. Please give early! More information to follow.

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA):
Interested in becoming a Catholic? Curious about what the Church
teaches?** OCIA is ideal for:

- + Anyone who has never been baptized.
- + Anyone moving from other Christian traditions into the Catholic Church.
- + Any baptized Catholic seeking full initiation into the Sacraments.
- + Catholics who have been away from the Church and would like to rediscover their Catholic faith.

It is not too late to join the OCIA classes. We welcome anyone to join
at any time. Classes are held every other Thursday in the Social Hall,
beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meetings in November are November 6th
and 20th.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: The Adult Faith Formation
Committee would like to share our ongoing Bible studies! The
Tuesday morning class is continuing *The Gospel of Luke: The Story
of Salvation Fulfilled* by Ascension Press. Classes meet at 11:15 a.m.
in the Social Hall. No materials are needed but online access to the
workbook is available at: <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/luke-the-story-of-salvation-fulfilled>.

The Tuesday evening class will start The Acts of the Apostles study on
November 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. This group will be using
the Ignatius Press Bible study. All materials will be provided.

The Sunday evening class is continuing their study of *The Catechism
in a Year* by Ascension Press. These classes meet at 6:30 p.m. in the
Social Hall.

Sign-ups are available online or in the vestibule. You are welcome to
join any study at any time (even if you didn't sign up beforehand)!

If you missed the just-concluded "Jesus and the Eucharist" video study,
you can still watch the videos at: <https://manna.eucharisticcongress.org/discover/jesus-and-the-eucharist-small-group-study-english?>
Copies of the handouts are available in the Church Library on the
second floor of the Parish Hall. This is a powerful video study that will
help you to understand the amazing gift of the Eucharist in a new way.
If you do not have time for all 7 sessions, concentrate on Sessions 4,
6, and 7.

The First Sunday of Advent is November 30th

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP: November Coffee and Donuts are on Saturday, November 1st (during the Ministry Fair) and Sunday, November 2nd (during the Ministry Fair). The regular schedule resumes on Sunday, November 9th, and November 16th. We are grateful to Maria and Jeff Ferrin, GERALYN BYRNE, and Johana and Hugo Rodriguez for funding these enjoyable parish community events.

Ongoing Events

PLEASE NOTE: The email address for sending notices to be published in the bulletin has changed. It is now: smofp.bulletin@gmail.com. Please make note of it.

ADORATION begins after Mass on the First Friday of each month and ends on the following Saturday after Benediction at 9:30 a.m.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY:

- Weekdays immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.
- Weekends on:
Saturdays at 4:20 p.m.
Sundays at 7:20 and 9:20 a.m.

HAITI STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM: Please continue to help our twinning parish, Our Lady of Lourdes in Belladere, Haiti. A \$100.00 donation will support one Haitian student for one year. Currently, there are 200 students, so please be generous. Contact Paul Fletcher to help at fletcherpaul@gmail.com.

SALVATION ARMY PARISH OUTREACH: Please donate pantry items and place them in the bin in the vestibule as often as possible. Much help is needed. Contact Paul Fletcher for questions, fletcherpaul@gmail.com.

FORMED.ORG: St. Mary's has gifted all parishioners with a free subscription to the many resources of the Augustine Institute's FORMED website. Simply go to www.stmarysuffolk.org and push the Formed link under St. Mary's name in the parish listings. You will then have access to hundreds of videos, Bible studies, movies, programs, children's content, books, etc.

Meetings

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Bible Studies take place on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday mornings at 11:15 a.m., and Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

COFFEE AND DONUTS FELLOWSHIP: Alternate Sundays

FINANCE COUNCIL: Meets on 4th Sunday of the month at 11:15 a.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meets on 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL: Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend.

RESPECT LIFE: Meets on 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S CLUB: Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (except June, July, and August) at 6:30 p.m.

MUSIC MINISTRY: St. Mary's Music Ministry is open to all parishioners aged 16 and older. Biweekly practice is on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays beginning at 6:00 p.m. for *Schola*, 6:30 p.m. for *Traditional Choir*. *Schola* is a small vocal ensemble familiar with Latin Chant. This ensemble sings for the Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Traditional Choir sings at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Mass and at the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. For more information about participating in the Music Ministry, contact: Julie Francis, at 757-539-5732 or cre@stmarysuffolk.org.

FATHER'S CORNER:

Cherish every moment and every person in your life.
Because you never know when it will be the last time you see someone.
Life is fragile.
Take nothing and no one for granted.

COMMUNION OF SAINTS:

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) explains why Catholics celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls' Day:

Communion with the saints. "Exactly as Christian communion among our fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ, from whom as from its fountain and head issues all grace, and the life of the People of God itself." (CCC 957)

"Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death, and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life." (St. Dominic, dying, to his brothers)

"I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth." (St. Therese of Lisieux)

Communion with the dead: "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead; and 'because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' she offers here suffrages for them. Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective." (CCC 958)

"We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always [attentive] to our prayers." (CCC 962)

A Bit of History

While All Saints Day honors those already in Heaven, All Souls' Day focuses on those still on their journey toward God—those in Purgatory. St. Odilo of Cluny, the fifth Abbott of Cluny, was born in 948. He was devoted to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Around 1030, he established All Souls' Day in Cluny and its monasteries, and it was soon adopted in the whole Church. Over time, different countries have added local customs: in Mexico, it blends with the festive *Día de los Muertos*, while in Europe people light candles on graves and offer prayers.

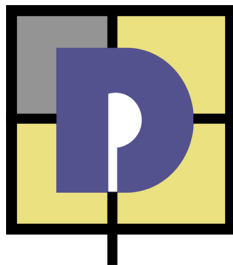
How Catholics Celebrate

Attending Mass: Offering the Eucharist for the souls of the departed.
Visiting Cemeteries: Praying, leaving flowers, or lighting candles.
Prayers at Home: Some families create a small altar or light candles for their loved ones.

Acts of Charity: Performing good deeds or offering prayers for the benefit of the deceased.

All Souls' Day is ultimately about connection, prayer, and remembrance. It's a day to pause, honor the lives that shaped ours, and trust in God's mercy for those who have passed.

Source: Catholic World Mission



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