



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, 3:30 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:

Jordan Graf, youth@stmarysuffolk.org

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Geralyn Bryne, Contact Parish Office.

Adult Faith Formation:

Jordan Graf, youth@stmarysuffolk.org

Church Ministries

(Contact the Parish Office if not otherwise noted):

Altar Servers: Jorge & Johanna, j8arocho@gmail.com

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Liturgical Music Director: Julie Francis

Liturgy Committee: Andrew Graf

Pastoral Care: Tillie Rivenbark, 757-934-1803

Sacristans: Andrew Graf

Additional Ministries:

Altar Flowers: Sandy Nance, 757-373-9928

Buildings and Grounds: Mike Bibbo, fs7363@vakofc.org

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Knights of Columbus: Patrick Kahoe, Contact Parish Office.

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Elaine Reyes, Contact Parish Office

Prayer Partners: Ed Collum, Contact Parish Office.

Respect Life:

Whitney Lothamer, 937-654-8398

Women's Club:

Cathy Van Wassen, Contact Parish Office.



Saturday, November 8

5:00 p.m. For Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, November 9

10:00 a.m. In Honor of Matthew Dowd
(requested by Aggie Dowd)

Tuesday, November 11

6:30 a.m. For the Conversion of Sinners

Wednesday, November 12

10:00 a.m. Reparation for sins against Life,
Charity and Chastity

Thursday, November 13

6:30 a.m. For the Clergy

Friday, November 14

10:00 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory

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

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Donated in Honor of St. Mary's Parishioners, requested by Ed Collum

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

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.

SECOND COLLECTION:

We will have a second collection for Veterans at all the Masses this weekend. We will be participating in the Triennial National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) in the United States. AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as patients at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders. This collection will support AMS, which does not receive financial assistance from the government or the U.S. Armed Forces and does not have parishes providing weekly collections. Support the National Collection today or donate at: <http://www.milarch.org/national-collection>.

GIVING TUESDAY:

Support our parish through #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday, December 2, 2025. Give early; advanced giving begins on November 17th. **We need your help to improve the walkways around our church.** Please donate and help us reach our goal to replace them!

WOMEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER:

The Annual Gift Card Fundraiser ends this weekend, and completed forms are due by Sunday, November 9th. Order forms with cash or check can be placed in the offertory basket. 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.

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 Genieve Shelter, which provides safe refuge for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 23.

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 this Sunday, November 9th.

ST. MARY'S THANKSGIVING FEAST:

Parish Life will host St. Mary's 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.

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 for November are November 6th and 20th.

FAITH FORMATION:

The Adult Faith Formation Committee would like to share our ongoing Bible studies! The Tuesday morning class began *The Gospel of Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled* by Ascension Press on Tuesday, October 28. Classes meet at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall. Online access to the workbook is available at: <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/luke-the-story-of-salvation-fulfilled>.

The Tuesday evening class began *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 Social 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.

Eucharistic Adoration for November was November 7th and 8th.
In December, it will take place on December 5th and 6th.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP:

November Coffee and Donuts is on Sunday, November 9th and November 16th. We sincerely thank Jerry and Lina Byrne, and Lisa Ridge for funding these enjoyable parish community events.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT IS NOVEMBER 30TH:

The Sunday Mass readings for the new liturgical year will be from the Gospel of Mark (Year B), and the Weekday Mass readings will be from Cycle 2.

Please note the new email address for sending notices for the bulletin: smofp.bulletin@gmail.com.

Ongoing Events

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

It 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 fletcherdpaul@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, at fletcherdpaul@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:

Meet 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 the 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 ages 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 for the Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Mass and 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:

Sometimes, we need someone to simply be there.
 Not to fix anything or do anything in particular.
 But just to let us feel we are supported and cared about.

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA:

The Lord of hosts is with us. (Psalm 46:8)

The Basilica of St. John Lateran is named for the Lateran hill on which it stands. This cathedral church of Rome is dedicated to both John the Baptist and John the Evangelist and stands as a symbol of the persistence of the entire Church. Dedicated in AD 324, soon after Emperor Constantine allowed Christians to meet without persecution, the Lateran Basilica also reminds us of God's enduring faithfulness to His people. It has remained for more than seventeen hundred years as a sign that "the Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob" (Psalm 46:8).

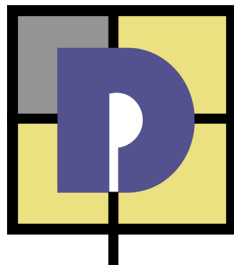
Consider the significance of this building. This was the first place where God's people could assemble publicly and testify to Jesus' presence in the celebration of the Eucharist. Here, and at every Mass, Jesus Himself is present under the appearances of ordinary bread and wine. He comes to us in this humble way so that He can be with us in the ordinary circumstances of our everyday lives. This tremendous miracle is a consoling reality and a spiritual stronghold for each of us: Jesus is present, in lowly Eucharistic form, in every tabernacle in the world!

This is why we design churches to be beautiful, sacred spaces: to mark them as fitting dwellings for Jesus and to remind us that He is always with us. He dwells among us and offers Himself to us every day.

Today, let's thank God for all the astounding things He has done. But above all, let's rejoice in His constant faithful presence among us! And let's open our hearts to receive and adore Him, present in the Eucharist.

Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of Your Body and Blood. You are my stronghold, Lord, and You will never leave me.

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