



## St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday: Closed



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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](mailto:cre@stmarysuffolk.org)

### Youth Ministry:

Jordan Graf, [youth@stmarysuffolk.org](mailto:youth@stmarysuffolk.org)

### OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Geralyn Bryne, Contact Parish Office.

### Adult Faith Formation:

Jordan Graf, [youth@stmarysuffolk.org](mailto:youth@stmarysuffolk.org)

### Church Ministries

#### (Contact the Parish Office if not otherwise noted):

**Altar Servers:** Jorge & Johanna Arocho, [j8arocho@gmail.com](mailto:j8arocho@gmail.com)

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Dave Von Rump, [dvonrump@aol.com](mailto:dvonrump@aol.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](mailto:fs7363@vakofc.org)

### Communications:

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**Knights of Columbus:** Patrick Kahoe, Contact Parish Office.

**Parish Council Chair:** JoAnn Farabaugh, Contact Parish Office

**Parish Life:** Lauren Kahoe, 540-408-8801

Elaine Reyes, Contact Parish Office

### Respect Life:

Whitney Lothamer, 937-654-8398

### Women's Club:

Cathy Van Wassen, Contact Parish Office.

**HOLY WEEK MASS INTENTIONS:****Saturday, March 28**

5:00 p.m. In memory of Paul Francis,  
requested by Chris Francis and Family  
In memory of Rosemarie and William Miller,  
requested by Chriss Miller

**Sunday, March 29**

8:00 a.m. In Memory of Paul Francis,  
requested by Chris Francis and Family  
10:00 a.m. In Memory of Paul Francis,  
requested by Chris Francis and Family  
In Memory of Sue Clarke,  
requested by Aggie Dowd

**Tuesday, March 31**

6:30 a.m. In Reparation for the Sins against Life,  
Charity, and Chastity  
10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, April 1**

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

**Holy Thursday, April 2**

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper

**Good Friday, April 3**

7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
and Veneration of the Cross

*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.*

**PLEASE PRAY:**

For our ill or shut-in parish family members:

Jay Annas, Mary Barnes, Peg Cicirelli, Kathy Hansinger, Donald Hartman, Margie Hayden, Kim Katula, Kathy Mallet, Ron Pyle, Mary Stevens.

For those serving in the military:

Flora Dontsap, Rafael Soriano, Joshua Graf, Chris Rosado, Devin Pisani, and Joyce Jankielsztajn

*Current Notices*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Social Hall on Thursday, April 2nd after the Mass of the Last Supper and will last until midnight.**

**Please note that Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will take place at 12:00 noon (not at 3:00 p.m.)**

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

**Holy Thursday:** 7:00 p.m. – Mass of the Last Supper;  
**followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Good Friday:** 12:00 Noon – Stations of the Cross  
7:00 p.m. – Celebration of the Passion  
of the Lord and Veneration of the Cross

**Holy Saturday:** 8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. –  
Easter Sunday Masses

**EASTER FLOWERS:**

*Monday, March 30th* is the last day to order lilies in memory of loved ones that will make the altar beautiful on the glorious Feast of Easter!

**EASTER BASKET BLESSING:**

Fr. Ongen will bless Easter food and candy at 12:00 Noon on Holy Saturday (April 4th). Parishioners are encouraged to participate in this longtime Polish tradition that has spread around the world. These foods are blessed to commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus as we break our Lenten fast and joyfully remember that Jesus is Risen and alive with us.

- Please be in your pew by 11:45 a.m.
- Food should be in an Easter basket or on a platter, layered, and covered with a clean white cloth.
- The food should be a representative amount of each food you will be consuming on Easter Sunday.
- The food will be brought up to the altar to allow Father to bless it.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- *There will be **no** weekday Masses from Tuesday, April 7th through Friday, April 10th.*
- *The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, April 3rd and Monday, April 6th.*

**COFFEE AND DONUTS FELLOWSHIP:**

Coffee and Donuts Fellowship will be held on April 5th, sponsored by Mike and Margie Natividad and family, and on April 19th, sponsored by Arnold, Elaine, Find and Arielle Reyes.

**PARISH LIFE:**

- **Easter Sunday Brunch** will take place after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. **Parish Life is asking the parish to sign up to bring Side Dishes to share at this celebration.**
- **The Easter Egg Hunt** will take place at the back of the Social Hall after the Sunday Easter brunch.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

K-8 Formation Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:00 p.m in the Social Hall classrooms.

**YOUTH GROUP:**

As a reminder, there will be **NO Youth Group on Saturday, April 4th** because it is Holy Saturday. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Easter Vigil Mass beginning at 8:00 p.m on Holy Saturday. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jordan Graf at youth@stmmarysuffolk.org.

**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. For more information, contact GERALYN BRYNE through the Parish Office.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:**

Join the **Tuesday morning** A.F.F. class for the five-week Lenten Bible Study “*No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion,*” which runs through March 31st. On April 14th, this group will begin “*Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life*” for a 10-week study on the person of Jesus. Classes meet at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall.

The **Tuesday evening** class will continue “*What Do We Really Know About Angels?*” and meets in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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)! Materials for all the studies will be provided.*

**HAITI MINISTRY:**

The Friends of **Haiti Twinning Luncheon** will be held on Saturday, March 28th at St. Bede Church in Williamsburg. The event will last from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; RSVP to Mary Ann Collins at [maryann.collins@verizon.net](mailto:maryann.collins@verizon.net). Cost of tickets is \$15.00 (cash only). Please bring your own coffee cup.

The **Diocesan Haiti Gathering, “Tapestry of Two Cultures: Celebrating Haiti Twinning Relationships,”** will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at Saint Michael’s Church in Glen Allen. Save the Date!

*Ongoing Events***EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

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 TO PRAY 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](mailto: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 at [fletcherpaul@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.

**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 at 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](mailto:cre@stmarysuffolk.org).

*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 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.

**FATHER’S CORNER:**

*Not everyone is showing what they are carrying inside.  
Some people look strong but are barely holding it together.  
They smile. They show up. They keep going.  
And you would never guess how heavy their days feel.  
A little empathy doesn’t cost you much.  
But to someone struggling, it can mean everything.*

**DAILY MEDITATION:**

*Matthew 26:14–27:66*

*Truly, this was the Son of God! (Matthew 27:54)*

If Jesus were the star of a Hollywood movie, His triumphal entrance into Jerusalem would surely be the end of the film: a joyous celebration of the Messiah receiving the recognition and honor that He deserves. The movie would show how Jesus lived a sinless life, how He spent three years proclaiming and demonstrating that the Kingdom of God was at hand, and how He trained His disciples. And, in spite of some misunderstandings during His time of ministry, at last the crowds would finally acknowledge who He really was: the Son of God, the promised Messiah. The end.

But, as we read in today’s Gospel, Palm Sunday was actually the beginning of one of the most significant weeks in history. Although it seemed as if things took a turn for the worse as the week went on—with Jesus’ betrayal, abandonment, torture, and death—God’s plan of salvation for the world was unfolding. In a homily on Palm Sunday, St. Bernard of Clairvaux remarked, “How different the cries that now are calling him “King of Israel” and then in a few days’ time will be saying, “We have no king but Caesar!” What a contrast between the green branches and the cross, between the flowers and the thorns! Before they were offering their own clothes for Him to walk upon, and so soon afterward they are stripping Him of His, and casting lots upon them.

As you begin Holy Week, join the crowds in shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” (Matthew 21:9). Then, stay with Jesus all week as He prepares to suffer and die. Take some time each day to consider this one realization in today’s Gospel: “Truly, this was the Son of God!” (27:54). Jesus, the Son of God, suffered and died for you—and that is better than any Hollywood ending. “*Hosanna! Jesus, my King and my Lord, I praise you!*” (Reprinted with permission from *Word Among Us*.)



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