



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:

Whitney Lothamer, 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 Arocho, j8arocho@gmail.com

Extraordinary Ministers: Dave Von Rump, dvonrump@aol.com

Lectors: Dave Von Rump, dvonrump@aol.com

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

Communications:

Bulletin: Shirley Schneider, smofp.bulletin@gmail.com

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Community Liaison: Paul Fletcher, fletchedpaul@gmail.com

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS:**Saturday, June 13**

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 14

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

10:00 a.m. In Memory of John Dowd,
requested by Aggie Dowd**Tuesday, June 16**6:30 a.m. In Reparation for the Sins against Life,
Charity, and Chastity

10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 17

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

Thursday, June 18

6:30 a.m. For the Clergy

10:00 a.m.

Friday, June 19

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 intention.***WEEKDAY MASS NEEDS:**

St. Mary's is in need of substitute sacristans, altar servers, and readers at the 10:00 a.m. weekday Mass to cover these ministries when the current ministers are ill or on vacation. Training will be provided. Please contact Aggie Dowd, 603-475-1874 or ags7171@gmail.com.

ALTAR SERVERS:

St. Mary's is in need of altar servers. Training will be provided and the schedule is flexible. Interested youth must have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Adults in good standing are required to be Virtus-trained before attending training. For more information, please contact Johanna Arocho at 757-287-6852 or j8arocho@gmail.com.

HAITI STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM:

The current school year has ended and the children of Mt. Carmel School in Dosele, Haiti, send their deep gratitude to those who supported our Haiti Student Sponsorship Program. As we begin the new sponsorship year of 2026-2027, the Haiti Committee once again seeks your support. A \$100.00 donation funds one Haitian student for one year. *Your generosity is greatly needed because last year we helped only 95 students*, whereas the year before we helped 167 students. Currently there are 200 students, so *please* be generous. Make out your check to St. Mary's with the notation "Haiti Student Sponsorship."

**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:

The **Tuesday morning** class will conclude "*Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life*" this coming week. It will resume on Tuesday, August 11th with a 20-week study on "Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom." Classes meet at 11:15 a.m. (after Mass and the Rosary) in the Social Hall.

The **Tuesday evening** class is continuing a study on the book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary* by Brant Pitre, it will explore all the Catholic teachings about the blessed Mother of God. Classes meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

For the Parishioners of St. Mary's, anonymous

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, and Helen Neal.

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 be on July 3rd and 4th.**

COFFEE AND DONUTS FELLOWSHIP:

Coffee and Donuts Fellowship will be held on June 14th sponsored by Marvin, Liezel Tunay and Family, and on June 28th, sponsored by Matt and Michelle Moraczewski and Family. Parish Life will host a special Father's Day celebration on June 21st.

RESPECT LIFE:

Summer Nights Out at Cazadores Restaurant will continue on July 10-11 and August 14-15. Mention St. Mary's between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on these nights and 10% of your bill will be donated to St. Mary's Respect Life Committee.

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.

SALVATION ARMY PARISH OUTREACH:

Please continue to 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: 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY:

St. Mary's Music Ministry is open to all parishioners aged 16 and older. Bi-weekly 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.



FATHER'S CORNER:

Don't let the enemy steal the joy

God placed in your heart.

One thing may be wrong,

But so much is still right.

Count your blessings, not your burdens.

MEDITATION:

We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. (1 John 4:16)

On Friday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Gospel that day was from the first letter of St. John (4:7-16). This meditation is based on that Gospel.

Have you ever heard about the difference between “head knowledge” and “heart knowledge”? When it comes to our faith, head knowledge is important. We need to understand what the Church teaches. But without heart knowledge, it can get us only so far. Because we also need to understand, from the depths of our being, how precious we are to the Lord and how much he loves us.

That's what [the] feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is all about. As the incarnate Son of God, Jesus' heart is aflame with love for each one of us. Before you were even born, Jesus loved you. Even when you were lost in sin, He loved you enough to die for you. And even today, He wants you to “know and to believe”—in your heart as well as in your head—this unquenchable, unending love (1 John 4:16).

Writing about St. John Henry Newman's devotion to the Sacred Heart, Pope Francis had this to say:

St. John Henry Newman took as his motto the phrase *cor ad cor loquitur* [heart speaks to heart], since, beyond all our thoughts and ideas, the Lord saves us by speaking to our hearts from his Sacred Heart. This realization led him, the distinguished intellectual, to recognize that his deepest encounter with himself and with the Lord came not from his reading or reflection, but from his prayerful dialogue, heart to heart, with Christ, alive and present. (*Dilexit* Nos, 26)

We can deepen our knowledge and belief in God's love as we spend time with Jesus in our own “prayerful dialogue,” as we come “heart to heart” with Him in prayer. We can speak to Him of our joys and burdens, our dreams and desires. We can express our love for Him and our gratitude for all He has done for us. Then we can listen for His word to us, a word that will reassure us that He holds us, now and always, in the depths of His own Sacred Heart.

To honor this great feast, try to set aside some time to speak to the Lord heart to heart—and come to know, ever more deeply, the love Jesus has for you! “*Jesus, help my heart to burn with love for you!*” (Reprinted with permission from *Word Among Us*.)



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