

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 Whitney Lothamer at cre@stmarysuffolk.org 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: Johanna Arocho, j8arocho@gmail.com
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Liturgical Music Director: Julie Francis
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Pastoral Care: Tillie Rivenbark, 757-934-1803
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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, November 14
5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday, November 15
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 17
6:30 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory
10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 18
10:00 a.m. For the Conversion of Sinners
Thursday, November 19
6:30 a.m. For the Clergy
Friday, November 20
10:00 a.m.

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.

NOVEMBER PAPAL INTENTION:

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity with those who have less.

PLEASE PRAY:

For our ill or shut-in parish family members:

Jay Annas, Mary Barnes, Erwin David, Julie Francis, Kathy Hansinger, Margie Hayden, Allen Kirskowski, John Lee, Kathy Mallet, Helen Neal, Ron Pyle, Jim Ross, Mary Stevens, Romer Stone, Joe Wenzler.

For those serving in the military:

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

Please offer prayers of thanksgiving for the full recovery of Pope Leo XIV.

Current Notices

Adoration in December will take place on December 4th and 5th.



FEAST DAY AND THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION:

The Parish Life Ministry will host St. Mary's Feast Day celebration and Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 22nd.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ALL SOULS:

November 2nd was the Feast of All Souls. Please remember to sign the small St. Mary's "Book of Remembrance" on the left side of the altar. Masses during November will be offered for all the deceased whose names are recorded there.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

K-5 students meet weekly for one hour (from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) following the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. For questions about K-5 classes, contact Whitney Lothamer at cre@stmarysuffolkva.us.

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Middle School students, Grades 6-8, meet on the same night as Youth Group – that is, on alternate Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. For questions about Middle School classes, contact Whitney Lothamer at cre@stmarysuffolkva.us.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Classes for Youth Group typically meet every other Saturday. The full schedule can be found at stmarysuffolk.org. For questions regarding the Youth Group, contact Jordan Graf at youth@stmarysuffolk.org.

ONE CAN *CAN* MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

The Youth at St. Mary's are spearheading their annual campaign to help those in need. Please join them in the *One Can CAN Make a Difference* food drive during the month of November. Please bring a canned good or two and place your donations under the Our Lady of Fatima Mosaic at the back of church. All donations will go to the Genieve Shelter. This shelter provides safe refuge for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 22nd.

CONFIRMATION CLASS:

The next Confirmation class will be held on Sunday, November 15th, from 11:15 a.m. (following the 10:00 a.m. Mass) to 12:30 p.m. Class will be held in the Social Hall classrooms. If you have any questions, please contact Jordan Graf at youth@stmarysuffolk.org.

WOMEN'S CLUB GIFT CARDS FUNDRAISER:

Purchased gift cards will be available for pickup after the weekend Masses on November 14th-15th and 21st- 22nd.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

The **Tuesday morning** class continues a 20-week study of "Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom." ***Please note:*** This class has returned to the 11:15 a.m. start time.

The **Tuesday evening** class continues a study of St. Paul's Letters to the Romans. 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 either study at any time (even if you didn't sign up beforehand)!*** *Materials for all the studies will be provided.*

NEW SOFTWARE FOR PARISH REGISTRATION:

The Diocese of Richmond has transitioned Parish Family Registration from ParishSOFT to Camino Life. Please register at Camino Life to either become a member of St. Mary's parish or to access your family information. Go to the St. Mary of the Presentation website at **stmarysuffolk.org** to join Camino Life today.

SCAM ALERT!

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No priest, parish staff member, or volunteer will ***ever*** contact you by email or text to ask you to purchase a gift card. Do **NOT** respond to these emails or texts; simply delete them and report them as scam. For more information on these scams, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

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.

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.

Ongoing Events

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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 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 (September through May) 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 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. The Traditional Choir sings at the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Mass and at 10:00 a.m. Sunday 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 life closes one door only to guide you
Toward a better one.
What feels like a setback today
May become a blessing tomorrow.
Trust the journey, stay patient, and remain grateful.
Not everything happens according to your plan,
But many things happen according to your growth.

MEDITATION:

Well done, my good and faithful servant. (Matthew 25:21, 23)

The parable in today's Gospel is one in a series that Jesus told His followers about His Second Coming, this time about a wealthy man going on a long journey. And what does he expect his servants to do while he's gone? To invest the wealth he has entrusted them with.

Two of the servants do just that; "immediately" they double their master's money and hear his words of praise: "Well done" (Matthew 25:15, 21, 23). Not so with the third servant; he simply buries his talent in the ground "out of fear" of losing it and disappointing his master (25:25).

We, too, are waiting for our Master's return. We don't know when that will happen or when the Lord will call us home. But as we wait, He has entrusted us with something infinitely more precious than worldly wealth: the good news of salvation. What kind of return are we making on this priceless gift?

As you reflect on that question, you can learn something from the actions of the three servants. Notice the initiative that the first two servants take: they get right to work investing the money entrusted to them. The third servant is passive; he just hides his share and then presumably goes about his affairs.

While it's tempting to keep our faith to ourselves—to "hide" it in a sense—Jesus gave us this "talent" so that we could share it with others. And the return that Jesus wants from us is that as many people as possible come to know Him.

So let's get to work like those first two servants! Perhaps we can tell a friend we are praying for them. We can reach out to someone who is lonely. We can share our own faith journey with a coworker or get involved in parish ministry.

This week, think about one way you can "invest" the gift of your faith. Then, like a "good and faithful servant" (Matthew 15:21, 23), do it!

"Jesus, help me to share the precious gift You have entrusted to me!" (Reprinted with permission from *Word Among Us*)

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