

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
Extraordinary Ministers: Dave Von Rump, 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

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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.
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, October 24
5:00 p.m. In Memory of Amanda Legrand as requested by Frank & Kathy Legrand

Sunday, October 25
8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 27
6:30 a.m. For the Conversion of Sinners
10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 28
10:00 a.m. In Reparation for Sins against Life, Charity, and Chastity

Thursday, October 29
6:30 a.m. For the Clergy
10:00 a.m.

Friday, October 30
10:00 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory

Please continue to pray for the full recovery of Pope Leo XIV.

Papal Intention for October:
For the mental health ministry, that it may be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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.

PLEASE PRAY:

For our ill or shut-in parish family members:

Jay Annas, Mary Barnes, Erwin David, Kathy Hansinger, Margie Hayden, 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.

Current Notices

Please note: Because of a Priests' Convocation, there will be no Adoration in November and no weekday Masses from November 2 through 6.



COFFEE AND DONUTS FELLOWSHIP:
The next Sunday fellowship will be held on November 8th, sponsored by Mike, Janice, Faith, and Kaleigh Bibbo.

PLEASE NOTE:

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

All are invited to the *All Hallowtide Celebration* at St. Mary's on Saturday, October 31st from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Learn about the Saints and Catholic traditions. Enjoy music, food, games, prizes, contests, and a fire pit for roasting S'mores. Bring a dish to share. The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. For more information, see the flyers in the Social Hall.

Please note: At the beginning of the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass, all children ages 3 through 1st Grade are invited follow the catechist to the Social Hall for their own special reading of the Gospel. They will rejoin their families in church during the Offertory.

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Middle School students, Grades 6-8, will be meeting 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@suffolkva.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**.**

CONFIRMATION CLASS:

The next Confirmation Class will be held on Sunday, November 2nd, 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 reach out to Jordan Graf at youth@stmarysuffolk.org.

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.*

NEARBY SPECIAL EVENT:

From October 30 through November 1 at St. Gregory the Great Church in Virginia Beach, a first-class relic of St. Carlo Acutis will be on display. A great opportunity to make some 3rd-class relics, so bring your medals, rosaries, and holy cards!

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!

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

People may forget your words,
But they will always remember how you made them feel.
Kindness, respect and compassion leave a deeper mark
Than the perfect speech ever could.
Be the person whose presence brings peace,
Because feelings are often remembered
Long after words are forgotten.

MEDITATION:

*Love the Lord. . . . Love your neighbor. (*Matthew 22:37, 39*)*

What a rough day! From the start, Jesus had to contend with groups of religious leaders trying to trip Him up. First came the chief priests and scribes, then some Pharisees, followed by some Sadducees, followed by even more Pharisees. And all the while, Jesus was trying to preach to the people – including "the blind and the lame" – who had gathered around Him (Matthew 21:14).

How ironic! Jesus faced a parade of dignitaries trying to trap Him instead of asking how they could better care for the people surrounding Him. Their very actions showed how blind they were to what it really meant to love God (Jesus) or their neighbor (the people).

Of course, we shouldn't single them out as especially evil or misguided. We can all point to times when we have overlooked opportunities to love, even when they are staring us in the face. But why would that be?

Part of the reason may be that we have a narrow definition of Jesus' command to love. We might tend to reduce loving God to attending Mass or getting our prayer time in– walled-off situations that are limited in time and not very demanding.

As for loving our neighbor, we can fall into the trap of deciding for ourselves who our "neighbor" is. Maybe he's our husband but not the coworker who rubs us the wrong way. Maybe she's our sister but not the in-law who is always offering her advice, whether we want it or not.

Jesus came to expose the indifference that lies at the heart of our failures to love. But He didn't stop there. He also overcame it as only He could: by pouring Himself out in love for us. May we take up His example and pour ourselves out as well.

"Jesus, teach me to love all my neighbors."

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