

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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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 10
5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, October 11
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. In Memory of Brian Coleman, requested by the Vincek Family
In Memory of Anaceto and Crisanta Manalo, requested by the Manalo Family

Tuesday, October 13 – No Mass

Wednesday, October 14 – No Mass

Thursday, October 15 – No Mass

Friday, October 16
10:00 a.m. **No Mass**

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.

PLEASE NOTE:
Because of the Priests' Convocation, there will be no Weekday Mass October 13 through 16.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on November 6th and 7th.

SECOND COLLECTION:

There will be a Second Collection on the weekend of October 17-18 as we celebrate World Mission Sunday in support of missions and missionaries around the world for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, the Home Mission Collection, and the Black and Indian Mission that supports African American and Native American communities. Pope Leo reminds us that Mission belongs to the entire Church. Please consider donating. For more information, please go to: **pontificalmissions.org/wms-2026**.



COFFEE AND DONUTS FELLOWSHIP:

Coffee and Donuts Fellowship will be held on October 18th, sponsored by the Bambet and Rayna Odango family.

EXCITING NEWS FOR PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES:

Mike Bibbo and Rob Quinn spent a recent weekend constructing our new "Quiet Room" and Confessional, which you will see at the back of church. It is a job very well done, and we give enthusiastic and sincere thanks to both Mike and Rob. And now let's celebrate that parents finally have a place to take their little ones in addition to the Social Hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

We are thrilled to welcome back all of our students, catechists, and families for another wonderful year of growing together in faith, community, and friendship. If your family is already attending, thank you for your energy and dedication to making our weekly sessions so vibrant. For those who may have missed our kick-off weeks, it is not too late to join our community. For more information, please contact Whitney Lothamer at cre@stmarysuffolk.org.

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.

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.*

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION:

Join Star of the Sea Catholic Church (1404 Pacific Avenue in Virgina Beach) on October 18th for Holy Mass at noon, followed by a Eucharistic Procession on the Boardwalk at 1:30 p.m. The procession will go to 24th Street and return to the Church for Benediction. For more information, call Star of the Sea at: 757-428-8547.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE:

In honor of the 250th anniversary of our nation, Bishop Knestout invites the faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond to join a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on October 24, 2026, to entrust our country to the maternal care of Our Lady, Patroness of the Americas. For more information on this historic event and to register, please visit the Diocesan Office for Evangelization at https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/diocesan-pilgrimage-2/.

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.

HAITIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER:

Join the Haiti Committee for delicious Haitian cuisine and fellowship on October 24th at 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. Tickets are for Dine-in Only and are $15.00 for adults and $8.00 for children 12 and under. Purchase tickets from any Haiti Committee member and help to support our twinning parish.

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.



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 the 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 (September through May) at 6:30 p.m.

FATHER'S CORNER

Do not wait for major occasions to create special moments.

Sometimes the most meaningful memories come from ordinary days spent together with the people you love.

MEDITATION:

The Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast. (Isaiah 25:6)

We often hear today's first reading at funerals because it points our attention toward the heavenly banquet, when God will "destroy death forever" and "wipe away the tears from every face" (Isaiah 25:8). We also pray for our deceased loved one who was "nourished at the table of the Savior," as he or she feasted on the Eucharist.

So, if Holy Communion is a feast, that means that we don't have to wait until we die to join in the banquet! We can experience a foretaste at every Mass. Every time we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, our Lord gives Himself fully to us. Jesus has destroyed the "veil" that once separated us from Him. There is no "web" of sin to hold us bound (Isaiah 25:7). He holds nothing back; He offers us His very life! He pours out forgiveness for the sin that weighs us down, comfort in sadness, strength for our journey, and joy in place of the "reproach" of despair (25:8).

God has prepared an extravagant banquet for us. Now it's up to us to join in the feast. Will we accept His invitation eagerly, or will we give in to indifference, like the guests in today's Gospel? Invited to a wedding banquet by a king, they were distracted by their own affairs and refused to go. They missed out on so much and settled for so little!

Jesus is inviting you to a banquet today—to the greatest banquet in the world. Like the king in today's Gospel, He is prepared to nourish you on the finest of foods—His own Bread of life! What do you need to receive from Him? Don't be afraid to ask as you come forward to receive Him with humble gratitude, confidence, and expectation. He will give Himself to you completely. He may even surprise you by giving you more than you ask. God longs to provide for all peoples—and that includes you!

"Thank you, Lord, for preparing a feast for me today. Jesus, I receive You!" (Reprinted with permission from *Word Among Us*.)

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