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Weekday Mass: Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am

Church Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9-3 (Lunch 12-12:30)

Inclement weather delay/closing follows Suffolk Public Schools

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00pm or by appointment

Baptism: Contact the parish office to make arrangements and to register for the parent baptismal preparation class
Marriage: Please contact parish office six months prior to the wedding. Engaged encounter or area Pre-Marital instruction normally required

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ST. MARY OF THE PRESENTATION VISION STATEMENT

A vibrant Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Gospel by living our rich faith with prayer, love, and service



St. Mary of the Presentation



February 14, 2021
6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mon	02/15	Weekday	Mk 8:11-13
Tue	02/16	Weekday	Mk 8:14-21
Wed	02/17	Ash Wednesday	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu	02/18	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Lk 9:22-25
Fri	02/19	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Mt 9:14-15
Sat	02/20	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	Lk 5:27-32
Sun	02/21	First Sunday of Lent	Mk 1:12-15

Mass Intentions

02/16/2021 - NO DAILY MASS
02/17/2021 - John Andresky
02/18/2021 - Cindy Thomas
02/19/2021 - Donna Roncarti
02/20/2021 - Owen Stanley Phelps
02/21/2021 - OPEN



Mass Intentions – The 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 @ 757-539-5732 for your

Mass Schedule:

February 17-21, 2021

No Daily Mass on Tuesday, 2/16
Weds-Thurs 10am
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm
Sunday Mass: 10am

Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday of the Month following the 10am Mass

LENTEN SCHEDULE



ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass times are 10am & 7pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning at 7pm, Friday, Feb. 19th and every Friday in the church. We welcome in-person devotion, following protocol guidelines. St. Mary's will also be live-streaming via our Facebook page.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

March 3, 4 & 5 at 7pm

Guest Speaker: Fr. Neal Nichols, Pastor of St. Benedict's Parish in Chesapeake, VA



Please pray for our sick and shut-ins of the Parish:

Inga Barrett, Mindy Cintron, Peg Cicirelli, Dot Crutchlow, Nathan Davidson, Shirley DeBarnard, John Dowd, Danny Ginther, Kathy Hansinger, Tom Grzywinski, Rose Hoover, Lydia Kee, Edna Mustin, Shirley Mutter, Jean Petrucci, Samantha Quinn, Fran Ross, Don Schwab, Gretchen Shaw, Ruth Silberholz, Mary Stevens, Howard Thomson, Joe Questore, George Warren

Friends, Family & Priests of the Diocese:

John Aragon, Hugh Ball, Sean Behrman, Rachel Cruey, Selwyn Curtis, Russell Dail, James V. Dudley, Bob Dunn, Jan Estoquue, Lucia Flores-Quiroga, Caroline Godfrey, Kelly Grier –Ferguson, Carol Gurioli, Hawton-Hill, Brian Hensley, Mildred Jenkins, Susana Livar, Jo & Vic Manuele, Rebecca Maples, Joseph Moniscalco; Judy Pearson, Gerard Pichon, Joel Rivera, Sandy Robertson, Alexis Royals, John Schroeder, Ray Shamburger, Billy Sutton, Deacon Bob Wash, Charles Weaver, Beverly Whitley

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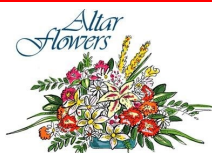
Chris LeGrand, Nathan LeGrand, Devin Pisani, David Sjostedt



"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us"



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or sandynance1@aol.com

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E-Giving	\$1,859.00	\$29,177.00
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Capital Improvement	\$675.00	\$6,247.00
Memorial Donations		\$450.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$45.00
Respect Life		\$250.00
Christmas Poinsettias		\$390.00
Mass Intentions		\$288.00
SCRIP Gift Card Profit		\$587.00
Fundraising Face Masks		\$564.50
Fundraising—Other		\$388.00
Haiti Ministry*		\$2478.00
Religious Education		\$1,034.00
Liturgy Donations		\$210.00
Word Among Us & Little Black Books	\$54.00	\$457.00
Catholic Virginian	\$10.00	\$440.00
Diocesan Collections*		\$37.00
All Saints		\$1,226.00
Bulletin Ads		\$1,020.00
Flowers		\$210.00
Human Development*		\$150.00
Military Service*		\$32.00
Retired Religious		\$197.00
World Mission*		\$160.00
Kissell Family Collection *		\$1,605.00
Funeral Donation		\$25.00
Total Collection (*Not Included)	\$6,259.00	\$148,513.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,250.00	\$136,500.00
BUDGET SHORFALLS	-\$1,009.00	-\$23,2085.00

eGiving

You can have your Offertory Donations automatically sent to St. Mary's.
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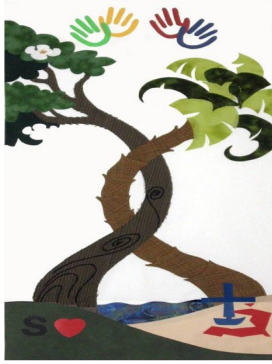
BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

As we prepare to celebrate “Presidents’ Day” holiday, it is important to remember the deep faith of our founding fathers. On October 3, 1789, George Washington gave a Presidential Proclamation to acknowledge God and offer “thanksgiving” to him. The proclamation stated, in part, “...it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor” — and “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God...”

And, we are all familiar with the greatness of Abraham Lincoln, whose purpose was to free the slaves and heal a nation. In his second inaugural address on March 4, 1865, he stated, "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan...”

These are examples of their faith in and reverence for God. This week, as we celebrate them and celebrate LOVE through St. Valentine’s Day, let’s remember the work of charity, kindness and love that is accomplished through the Annual Diocesan Appeal, as well. Please make your pledge today.





HAITI CORNER 02//8/21

Our first task in approaching another people, another culture is to take off our shoes, for the place is holy. Else we find ourselves treading on people's dreams. More serious still we may forget that God was there before our arrival.

Haiti Solidarity Week 13-19 February 2021

“We Jodi, men sonje demen”

“See today, but remember tomorrow is coming”

This proverb speaks to our twinning ministry in another important way. Twinning is about relationships; deepening our understanding and trust of one another. In building and attending to relationship today we will build a better tomorrow for all of us. We will begin to heal the wounds of a history of oppression and suffering which has left scars on both impoverished and wealthy people so that, in right relationship, we can build a bright and hope filled future together.

Our Lady of Lourdes Update



Fr. Roderick Mitial

The school was open in January, the principal Mr. Roger Camy suffered a stroke and will probably not be coming back after many years of being at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School. I will be looking for a new principal and filling in when I can. The sanitary condition is the same, self-protect because the government is outside of the game. The school is working well we started the New Year with 100 children. We thank St Mary's for their continued support. We know that the situation is not easy. God Bless St Mary's and the Haiti Committee for all that you do. Fr. Roderick



Haiti Students Sponsorship Program:

In March of last year I ask that we hold off our April solicitations for the Student Sponsorship Program until June because of the Pandemic, knowing its effects on people's households. In June and July I sent out sponsorship letters with very few returns. **As of today we have only 28 Sponsors for 49 students for the April 2020 to March 2021 program. We are asking all sponsor that have participated in the program and have yet response please consider renewing your sponsorship. For parishioners that have not participated in the program please consider doing so.**



Haiti Solidarity Week 13-19 February 2021

The **Annual Haiti Shrove Tuesday Pancake Fundraiser will not be held this year** due to the pandemic. We are asking all parishioners to donate to the Haiti Ministry or to commit to sponsoring a student. The Haiti Twinning Committee will be selling **Singing Rooster dark chocolate bars and coffees from Haiti**. All proceeds help Haitian farmers, earning them fair prices for their crops, and also support the Haiti Ministry's ongoing Twinning projects. Look for information soon about how to order. All orders will be personally delivered or available for pickup on specified days at the church. Orders should arrive just in time for Easter!

Gift of Water (GOW) (www.giftowater.org): Gift of Water® is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing filtered and clean drinking water to Belladere which will also include Mt Carmel School in Dosele which St. Mary's and Vacation Bible School supports. The GOW is a well-established water purification program that has been working for over 15 years, primarily in Haiti. Water Is Life.



Save the Date: May 22, 2021 9 am – Noon

Annual Haiti Regional Gathering will be held Virtual. Please join us for this annual celebration of our Haiti Twinning Relationships! **Our keynote is Fr KeKe (Fr Kesner Joseph)** who is the First Haitian priest to be assigned to Richmond Dioceses and is currently at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Glen Allen. More information will be forth coming.

One last note:

As we began Haiti Solidarity Week it is a time to reflect on our Twinning Community at Our Lady of Lourdes in Belladere, Haiti, and the Faith we share. Haiti Ministry at St. Mary's started 1997, 12 years ago St. Jude joined us in Twinning with Our Lady of Lourdes. As Lent approaches, I asked that instead of giving something up for Lent, why not give. Visit/call a shut in, volunteer, attend a daily mass, help feed the homeless, visit/call a nursing home, give a little extra to your favorite charity.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAITI

READ: To Fool The Rain - Steven Werlin

WOMEN'S CLUB

St. Mary's Women's Club will Meet

Thursday, February 18

7:00 pm

via Google Meet

If you are new to the parish or craving safe interaction with other women of the parish email

Lavonne Fletcher
lmfletchr@aol.com

for the link to join the meeting.

Lavonne can also be reached at
757-255-4794





Coronavirus Protection Prayer from Pope Francis

By: Pope Francis

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

*At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.*

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

*We are certain that you will provide, so that,
as you did at Cana of Galilee,*

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us:

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every
danger,*

O glorious and blessed Virgin.





Announcing St. Mary's Prayer Line

St. Mary's has established a Prayer Partners Group for you special prayer needs. Our partners have no special prayer format but will pray whatever is laid on their heart by the spirit. Some of our partners will be praying the rosary and chaplet after each daily mass for these intentions.



To request prayers

- please send email to prayers@stmarysuffolk.org
- In the subject line put St. Mary Prayer Request
- Keep the request brief with the person's first name or initials only and a brief reason for the prayer intention. We welcome follow-up emails as to the outcome of the request, if applicable.



If you'd like to become a Prayer Partner, please send your name and email address to prayers@stmarysuffolk.org or you can contact Ed Collum, Sr. on his cell (571) 331-4666



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Then click **SHOP ST. MARY'S**



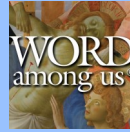
IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE CHURCH BULLETIN IN YOUR EMAIL OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS WE MAY NOT HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION To update please go to

<https://richmonddiocese.org/parishsoft-connectnow-2/>

OR

**Call the church office
757-539-5732 to update**



The Word Among Us LENT 2021 is Now Available!

TWO WAYS TO GET YOUR COPY

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- 1 Copy \$4.00 Donation
- 2 Copies \$6.50 Donation
- 3 Copies \$9.00 Donation



Lenten Little Black Books are available. \$2.00 Donation



If you are interested in joining St. Mary's Fundraising Committee please contact Co-Chairs:

Linda Thomson: Mobile: (304) 268-6511
or
JoAnn Farabaugh: Mobile: (724) 388-2475

ST. MARY'S FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO SELL

RELIGIOUS FACE MASKS

The cost is \$12.50 per mask
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Linda (304) 268-6511
Emily (509) 840-5310



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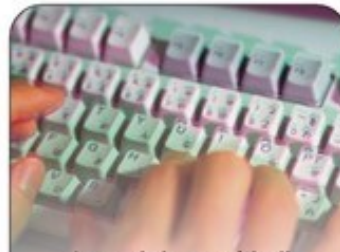


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St. Mary's Women's Club

Welcomes

All Women of the Parish



Meetings are the 3rd Wed of the month (except June, July, August)

6:30PM - Social Hall

For more information contact

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