ST. MARY OF THE PRESENTATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm; Sunday 10:00am

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



April 4, 2021 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Mon	04/05	Mon within the Octave of Easter	Mt 28:8-15
Tue	04/06	Tues within the Octave of Easter	Jn 20:11-18
Wed	04/07	Wed within the Octave of Easter	Lk 24:13-35
Thu	04/08	Thurs within the Octave of Easter	Lk 24:35-48
Fri	04/09	Fri within the Octave of Easter	Jn 21:1-14
Sat	04/10	Sat within the Octave of Easter	Mk 16:9-15
Sun	04/11	Second Sunday of Easter	Jn 20:19-31



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

Inga Barrett, Peg Cicirelli, Dot Crutchlow, Nathan Davidson, Shirley DeBarnard, John Dowd, Danny Ginther, Kathy Hansinger, Tom

Grzywinski, Lydia Kee, Edna Mustin, Jean Petrucci, Samantha Quinn, Gretchen Shaw, Ruth Silberholz, Mary Stevens, Rowanne Stevenson, Howard Thomson, George Warren

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



Active Duty Military Family and Friends Serving in Iraq and Afghanistan:

Chris LeGrand, Nathan LeGrand, Devin Pisani, David Sjostedt

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us"



Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of misconduct or abuse on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1(833) 454-9064, and reach out to the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 877-887-9603

Mass Schedule: April 5-11, 2021

NO DAILY MASS THIS WEEK

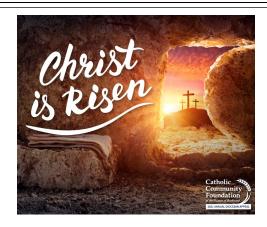
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 5:00 pm SUNDAY MASS: 10:00 am

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED EASTER MONDAY



Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the Month following the 10am Mass



What would have happened if Mary Magdalene and the other women hadn't come to the tomb on that first Easter Sunday morning? It's crazy to think, but it seems likely that humanity might've missed out on the Good News of Christ's resurrection and His victory over death. After all, the apostles, those closest to Jesus, those who'd heard him repeatedly speak of His death and resurrection during his ministry, were in hiding—either because they didn't believe in Jesus's promise, or because their fear of punishment by the authorities deterred them from following up on it.

Instead, God drew Mary Magdalene to the tomb through her desire to be with Christ—even in His death. This underscores an important point: God draws us to Himself through our desires! Our hearts are made for God, and prayerfully reflecting upon where our deepest desires point is one of the best ways of discerning God's will for us.

Our parish has discerned a desire to strengthen our community through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. As we enter into the Easter season, confident that God draws us to Himself through our daily desires, let's discern how we can each generously support this important cause.

PASTOR'S EASTER MESSAGE 2021

"The Lord is Truly Risen, Alleluia.

To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, Alleluia, Alleluia."

Christ is risen, and the powerful light of his resurrection has justified our joyful excitement that solidifies our faith that Jesus is alive. Again, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ has paved way for our reconciliation with God and each other, and given us a hope beyond our graves. The ancient greeting of the Church says it all: "This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118).

The Resurrection is therefore significant to all peoples throughout the world, particularly Christians. St Paul says: "If Christ has not been raised from death, then we have nothing to preach, and you have nothing to believe" (1 Cor 15:14).

With jubilant hearts, let us live as people of faith freed from the bondage of sin and its vestiges while determined to life for Christ here on earth and be with him some day.

We have the grace to become the best version of ourselves.

Let us therefore resolve to live our baptismal promises and become a people who are transformed into committed disciples and stewards, selflessly giving our talents, treasures, and time in witnessing to the Risen Lord in the world.

Let us support and pray for one another to become a parish family deeply touched by the Resurrection power of Christ. In this difficult time of a dreadful pandemic, we need each other to bear the hardships we face together with serenity, patience, and charity, and cherish the fervent hope that Christ is with us always and will heal the world.

Let us stay close to our mother Mary, Patroness of our Parish, and entreat her to help us carry our crosses faithfully.

I wish you, your families, loved ones, and the entire family of St. Mary's a Blessed Easter.

May the Peace of the Risen Lord be with you,

Fr Emmanuel Tabi Mensah



Thank you for your Donations!				
Collection	03/28- 03/29/2021	YTD		
Regular Offertory	\$2,167.00	\$119,149.00		
Holy Day Offering		\$530.00		
E-Giving	\$492.00	\$35,077.00		
Easter Offering	\$100.00	\$100.00		
Stole Fee		\$75.00		
Capital Improvement	\$2.00	\$6,919.00		
Christian Formation		\$105.00		
Memorial Donations		\$450.00		
Solemnity of Mary		\$45.00		
Respect Life		\$250.00		
Christmas Poinsettias		\$390.00		
Mass Intentions		\$840.00		
SCRIP Gift Card Profit		\$1,640.00		
Fundraising Face Masks		\$564.50		
Fundraising—Other		\$388.00		
Fundraising Raffle	\$280.00	\$2,200.00		
Refund		\$60.00		
Haiti Student & Ministry*		\$5,160.00		
Haiti Coffee Collection*	\$10.00	\$710.00		
Religious Education		\$1,034.00		
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Flowers		\$210.00		
Easter Lilies		\$420.00		
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)	\$3,117.00	\$181,886.00		
Weekly Budget	\$5,250.00	\$197,088.00		
BUDGET SHORFALLS	-\$2,133.00	-\$25,702.00		



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



Dedicate flowers to a loved one or in thanksgiving.

Contact Sandy Nance, (757) 373-9928 or sandynance1@aol.com



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Senior Services and Meals on Wheels are looking for 2 or 3 drivers seniors in need. They

are distributing the meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. Meals are picked up at Sentara Obici Hospital in Suffolk and delivered to seniors in the local area.

Drivers do not have to do both days and they can only sign up when available. If this is something you feel you can do email Dennis at: mealsonwheels@bethsholomvillage.com



The Word Among Us Is Now Available for April

You can purchase on the St. Marv's Website stmarysuffolk.org and are available in the office.





St. Mary's Fundraising **Committee Presents:** The Week Long Getaway Raffle!

Win a Week in Kill Devil Hills, NC

June 20th - June 27th

Date can be changed subject to availabilty

Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing April 30th @ 6:30 pm Tickets can be purchased online https://stmarysuffolk.org/raffle or mailed to: St. Mary of the Presentation

ATTN: Linda Thomson 202 S Broad Street Suffolk, VA 23434

Tickets can also be purchased from any of the **Fundraising Committee Members. The church office WILL NOT have tickets to sell.

The unit is a 2nd Level Unit: 3 bed / 2 full baths; Located at Mile Marker 9.5; 1 Block from the beach. 1 King Bed, 1 Queen, both with adjustable head, 1 Pyramid bunk bed.



FEATURED AMENITIES

- Oceanside
- Community Pool
- Pet Friendly (Dogs only)
- Elevator
- Keyless Access
- Television(s)
- **DVD Player**
- Washer
- Dryer
- Linens Included
- Central Air Conditioning
- 4 Flat Screen TVs
- WiFi Cable Package
- 2 Assigned Parking Spaces

- New Bedding
- Stainless Steel Appliances
- Icemaker
- Central HVAC
- Washer & Dryer
- Dishwasher
- Hardwood Floors
- Covered Deckl
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- iPod Docking Station
- Smoke Free
- Park Grill Access!
- Microwave
- Coffee Maker

ST. MARY'S **FUNDRAISING** COMMITTEE



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Call JoAnn Farabaugh (724) 388-2475 If the card you want isn't listed

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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

Lavonne Fletcher, 672-4794

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www.kofc7363.org Meetings: 1st & 3rd Monday @ 7:00 P.M. Fr. Tommy Nee Social Hall

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