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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



May 16, 2021

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Mon	05/17	Easter Weekday	Jn 16:29-33
Tue	05/18	Easter Weekday	Jn 17:1-11a
Wed	05/19	Easter Weekday	Jn 17:11b-19
Thu	05/20	Easter Weekday	Jn 17:20-26
Fri	05/21	Easter Weekday	Jn 21:15-19
Sat	05/22	Easter Weekday	Jn 21:20-25
Sun	05/23	Pentecost Sunday	Jn 20:19-23

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, Jean Petrucci, Samantha Quinn, Becky Salp, Gretchen Shaw, Ruth Silberholz, Mary Stevens, Rowanne Stevenson, Howard Thomson, George Warren

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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"

Mass Intentions

05/18/2021 - OPEN
05/19/2021 - OPEN
05/20/2021 - OPEN
05/21/2021 - OPEN
05/22/2021 - Philip Faicco
05/23/2021 - OPEN



Mass Schedule: **May 18-23, 2021**

No Daily Mass Mondays
Tues-Thurs 10am
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm
Sunday Mass: 10am

Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday of the Month following the 10am Mass

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."

Mark 16:15



We've got quite a tall task: going out into the world and proclaiming the Gospel to every living creature. We're reminded today, on Ascension Sunday, that even though Christ ascended body and soul into Heaven, He still aids the work of the Church today. And our mission is

impossible without His grace!

Christ wants us to rely upon Him. But this doesn't necessarily mean depending on miracles and signs. It also means trusting that he'll bless our more practical efforts to build the Church and proclaim the Gospel.

Here at St. Mary's, we've discerned that the Annual Diocesan Appeal is a vital way of helping us live out our mission. We depend on God's grace, not only to see this important endeavor through to completion, but to inspire each of us to do our part. Let's pray as a parish community that we all might be moved by the Lord to contribute to this mission, the same one He originally entrusted to the Apostles.

Thank you for putting your faith and love into action by supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

St. Mary's has raised 91.9% of our Annual Appeal Goal: We've Raised \$11,781 of our \$12,820 Goal

How the Annual Appeal Pays us back:

St. Mary's gets back 20% of the collected funds from parishioners until its target is reached in cash (collected). At that point, the parish receives 50% of all additional funds collected over the goal.



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

Thank you for your Donations!

Collection	05/08-05/09/2021	YTD
Regular Offertory	\$1,305	\$134,919
Holy Day Offering		\$530
E-Giving	\$2,761	\$40,579
Easter Offering		\$2,396
Good Friday-Holy Land		\$250
Stole Fee	\$200	\$400
Capital Improvement	\$275	\$8,141
Christian Formation		\$105
Memorial Donations		\$450
Solemnity of Mary		\$45
Respect Life		\$250
Christmas Poinsettias		\$390
Mass Intentions*	\$191	\$2,194
SCRIP Gift Card Profit		\$1,640
Fundraising Face Masks		\$576.50
Fundraising—Other		\$388
Fundraising Raffle	\$520	\$2,810
Refund		\$60
Haiti Student & Ministry*	\$600	\$9,760
Haiti Coffee Collection*		\$745
Religious Education		\$1,034
Religious Ed. Fundraiser		\$395
Liturgy Donations		\$1,297
Word Among Us	\$6	\$844
Catholic Virginian		\$440
Catholic Relief Services*		\$50
Diocesan Collections*		\$37
All Saints		\$1,226
Bulletin Ads		\$1,020
Flowers	\$90	\$320
Easter Lilies		\$420
Human Development*		\$150
Military Service*		\$32
Retired Religious		\$197
World Mission*		\$160
Kissell Family Collection *		\$1,605
Funeral Donation		\$25
Peter's Pence *	\$10	\$50
Ascension Offering	\$70	\$80

Total Collection (*Not Included)	\$4,624	\$207,220
Weekly Budget	\$5,250	\$231,900
BUDGET SHORTFALLS	-\$626	-\$30,695

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Dear Parishioners,

As a pastor, you are always learning and growing. The steepest learning curve happens on the “practical” side of leading a parish. For a long time, I thought fundraising fell on the “practical” side of being a pastor, a necessary evil our parish had to endure occasionally, like kids needing to eat their vegetables before getting dessert. But I was wrong. Fundraising is a ministry, and it is so much more.

It is not just asking for money to support worthy causes. It is about *inviting* families to take an active role in supporting the larger Church to help those around us. It is about coming together to provide real, immediate help to those in need.

As you know, over the last couple of months, I have spoken about the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal. I hope you have gained an understanding of what it means to support the Appeal. Yes, our parish is a direct beneficiary as we receive money back through the parish sharing component. However, supporting the Appeal is also about supporting the Catholic Church outside of our parish. For example, did you know that the Appeal:

- Helps supply groceries as well as heating, rent and shelter assistance to children, families in need and the elderly across the Diocese.
- Expands opportunities for college students to deepen their commitment to the Catholic Church.
- Provides a variety of assistance to mission parishes such as funds for capital improvements, outreach ministries and specific ministry costs.

As of today, we are 91.9% versus our parish goal of \$12,820. While we are so blessed to see people contributing to the Appeal at our parish, there is still much more to be done. The goal of the Appeal every year is participation. **Therefore, it is my prayerful hope that every family in our parish will make a gift or pledge to support the 2021 Appeal.**

If you have already made your gift, 12-month pledge or recurring gift, THANK YOU! We are so grateful for your commitment. If you have not yet had the opportunity, you may contribute securely and quickly online right now at <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/>.

Finally, if you have any questions at all about the Appeal or anything related to the life of our parish, please do not hesitate to contact the Office at 757-539-5732 or office@stmarysuffolk.org. We would be happy to hear from you!

Thank you very much for all you do for our parish and for your consideration of our request.

Gratefully in Christ,

Fr. Emmanuel Mensah





St. Mary's Women's Club Scholarship

St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church

The St. Mary's Women's Club Scholarship was established in honor of all past and present members of St. Mary's Women's Club.

AMOUNT: \$300 (non-renewable; fall semester tuition; amount may increase after donations from club members are accounted for)

REQUIRED CRITERIA:

1. Member of St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church
2. Graduating senior who has been accepted into an institution of higher learning
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation (i.e. from church, school, community activities, or work)
4. Essay—200-400 words –“Living a Catholic life on Campus” Describe how you will live your faith as you move on into higher education.
5. Transcripts
6. Résumé which may include:
 - Church activities
 - School and extra curricular activities
 - Community Service/Volunteer Activities
 - Leadership activities/skills
 - Awards, honors, and special recognitions
 - Work, hobbies or special interests
7. Application received in the church office by **May 20th 2021.**



Applications that do not meet the required criteria will not be considered.

Selection will be made by a panel of judges from St. Mary's Women's Club. If there are no qualified applicants in a given year, funds will remain in the St. Mary's Scholarship Fund.

For questions/information/application contact: Sharon Criner, 503-7989 cell, please leave a message

Applications are also in the Church Office



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

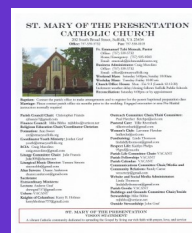
be a **PRAYER PARTNER**

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE CHURCH BULLETIN IN YOUR EMAIL YOUR INFORMATION WITH THE CHURCH MAY NEED TO BE UPDATED.

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





KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
SUFFOLK COUNCIL 7363

*James J. Riley, Sr.
Memorial Scholarship*

2021 APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY: All graduating seniors from High School who are planning for post-secondary education and are actively involved in the betterment of St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church through active religious and community involvement. Applicant must have been accepted by an accredited university, college, or trade school as a full-time student prior to scholarship award.

Five hundred dollars (\$500) will be awarded to one graduating senior who is currently registered as a parishioner at St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church in Suffolk, Virginia. The scholarship is not renewable and is awarded every year to a different applicant.

ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. The Order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy worldwide to service in communities.

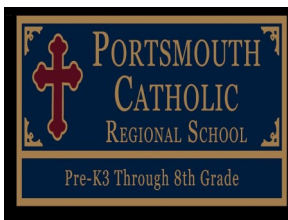
The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to 15,342 councils and 1.9 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam, Saipan, Lithuania, Ukraine, and South Korea.

The James J. Riley, Sr. Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Knights of Columbus - Suffolk Council 7363 Charter Grand Knight, Jim Riley. As our Charter Grand Knight, Jim was instrumental in the formation of Suffolk Council 7363 and the successes we ultimately achieved throughout the years. Suffolk Council 7363 was established on June 24, 1979.



Online **VIRTUS** training is being offered through the diocese if you are interested in volunteering at St. Mary's.

Please call Ann Sweet for more information.



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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

Lavonne Fletcher, 672-4794

Charity - Unity - Fraternity - Patriotism



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SUFFOLK COUNCIL #7363**

www.kofc7363.org

Meetings:

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

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