



## 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 the Parish Office 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:

Julie Francis, [cre@stmarysuffolk.org](mailto:cre@stmarysuffolk.org)

### Youth Ministry:

Jordan Graf, [youth@stmarysuffolk.org](mailto:youth@stmarysuffolk.org)

### OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Geralyn Bryne, Contact Parish Office.

### Adult Faith Formation:

Jordan Graf, [youth@stmarysuffolk.org](mailto:youth@stmarysuffolk.org)

### Church Ministries

#### (Contact the Parish Office if not otherwise noted):

**Altar Servers:** Jorge & Johanna Arocho, [j8arocho@gmail.com](mailto:j8arocho@gmail.com)

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Dave Von Rump, [dvonrump@aol.com](mailto:dvonrump@aol.com)

**Lectors:** Dave Von Rump, [dvonrump@aol.com](mailto:dvonrump@aol.com)

**Liturgical Music Director:** Julie Francis

**Liturgy Committee:** Andrew Graf

**Pastoral Care:** Tillie Rivenbark, 757-934-1803

**Sacristans:** Andrew Graf

### Additional Ministries:

**Altar Flowers:** Sandy Nance, 757-373-9928

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mike Bibbo, [fs7363@vakofc.org](mailto:fs7363@vakofc.org)

### Communications:

**Bulletin Coordinator:** Shirley Schneider, [smofp.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:smofp.bulletin@gmail.com)

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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.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th  
Ash Wednesday Mass Times: 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### MASS INTENTIONS:

#### Saturday, February 7

5:00 p.m. In Memory of Pat Amanda Legrand,  
requested by Frank and Kathy Legrand  
In Memory of Becky Salp,  
requested by Tom Salp

#### Sunday, February 8

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mary's  
10:00 a.m. In Memory of Dr. KNV Sankavan,  
requested by Dr. Nellie Sankavan  
In Memory of Deceased Dowd relatives,  
requested by Aggie Dowd

#### Tuesday, February 10

6:30 a.m. For Souls in Purgatory  
10:00 a.m.

#### Wednesday, February 11

10:00 a.m. For the Conversion of Sinners  
In Memory of Gladys M. Hebda,  
requested by her daughter

#### Thursday, February 12

6:30 a.m. For the Clergy  
10:00 a.m.

#### Friday, February 13

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

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 intentions.

#### Altar Flowers:

In Honor of Parishioners of St. Mary's (anonymous)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL OR SHUT-IN PARISH FAMILY MEMBERS:

Jay Annas, Mary Barnes, Peg Cicirelli, Kathy Hansinger, Donald Hartman, Margie Hayden, Kathy Mallet, Ron Pyle, Mary Stevens, Josephine Walters

### FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Flora Dontsap, Rafael Soriano, Joshua Graf, Chris Rosado, Devin Pisani, and Joyce Jankielsztajn

## Current Notices

Eucharistic Adoration will be on March 6th and 7th

### WOMEN'S CLUB:

Please note that because of Ash Wednesday, the monthly meeting of the Women's Club will be on **Friday, February 13th** instead of February 18th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

### HAITI MINISTRY SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER FUNDRAISER:



The Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner will take place on February 17th from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Social Hall. Tickets are available from members of the Haiti Committee following weekend Masses. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under the age of 10.

### LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m. and will be preceded by a Lenten Simple Supper at 6:00 p.m.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

K-8 Formation Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall classrooms. For more information on Religious Education, contact Julie Francis at cre@stmarysuffolk.org

### CONFIRMATION:

The final Confirmation class will be held on Sunday, February 15 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (following the 10:00 a.m. Mass). Class will be held in the classrooms above the Social Hall. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jordan Graf at youth@stmarysuffolk.org.

### 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.

### COFFEE AND DONUTS FELLOWSHIP:



During February and March, because of the inclement weather, our sponsors are Kim and Kevin Katula, Aggie Dowd, and Tillie Rivenbark. February 8th will be the delayed birthday lunch for Fr. Ongen, and February 22 will be the regular Fellowship.

### SALVATION ARMY FOOD DONATIONS:

Congratulations to St. Mary's parishioners for donating 548.2 pounds of food to the Salvation Army in 2025, and thanks to Paul Fletcher for transporting them!

Please keep donating because there is much need!





**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:**

Join the Tuesday morning A.F.F. class for "Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John" presented by Ascension Press on Tuesday mornings. Classes meet at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall. The Tuesday evening class is continuing with *The Acts of the Apostles* Bible study at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. They will be starting a Bible Study on the Angels on Tuesday, February 24. The Sunday evening class is continuing their study of *The Catechism in a Year* by Ascension Press. 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 any study at any time (even if you didn't sign up beforehand)! Materials for all the studies will be provided.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE HAITI MINISTRY!**

The Haiti Ministry continues to offer Singing Rooster coffee, Haitian Tin Art, and Peace Cycle plastic products for sale. These are available on Fellowship Sundays, or on Saturdays after Mass on request. Our coffee costs have increased, and therefore all coffee products are now \$12.00. Please don't forget our Haiti sisters and brothers in Christ who continue to be in dire need. We thank you for your continued support.

*Ongoing Events***EUCCHARISTIC 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.

**HAITI STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM:**

Please continue to help our twinning parish, Our Lady of Lourdes in Belladere, Haiti. A \$100.00 donation will support one Haitian student for one year. Currently, there are 200 students, so please be generous. Contact Paul Fletcher to help, [fletcherdpaul@gmail.com](mailto:fletcherdpaul@gmail.com).

**SALVATION ARMY PARISH OUTREACH:**

Please donate pantry items and place them in the bin in the vestibule as often as possible. Much help is needed. Contact Paul Fletcher for questions, [fletcherdpaul@gmail.com](mailto:fletcherdpaul@gmail.com).

**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](http://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.

**FATHER'S CORNER**

It's easy to judge, it's more difficult to understand.  
Understanding requires compassion, patience, and  
a willingness to believe that good hearts  
sometimes choose poor methods.  
Through judging, we separate.  
Through understanding, we grow.

**MUSIC MINISTRY:**

St. Mary's Music Ministry is open to all parishioners age 16 and older. Biweekly 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 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Traditional Choir sings at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Mass and at the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass.

For more information about participating in the Music Ministry, contact: Julie Francis, at 757-539-5732 or [cre@stmarysuffolk.org](mailto:cre@stmarysuffolk.org).

*Meetings*

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** Bible Studies take place on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m., 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 (except June, July, and August) at 6:30 p.m.

**MEDITATION:**

*... so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God (1 Corinthians 2:5).*

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians gives a series of snapshots of this vibrant, growing, and challenging Church. He praises their strengths and addresses their struggles, and in today's second reading, he reminds them that their foundation rests, not on any human wisdom, but on the power of God. For Paul, this wasn't some vague kind of power; it was the power of the crucified and risen Jesus.

When Paul came to Corinth, he preached and reasoned with Jews and Gentiles alike to bring them to the Lord. He surely encouraged them to search the Scriptures for themselves as well. But the heart of his preaching and the bedrock of his faith was Christ's death and Resurrection. The revelation of the risen Lord had opened Paul's eyes and transformed his life. So he wanted the Corinthians' faith to be rooted in God and His power to change their lives. He wanted their faith to be deep, dynamic, and life-changing.

Paul never tired of reminding the Corinthians that the wisdom and power of God were their foundation. He would say the same to us because he knows how easy it can be to rely only on our own strength and wisdom. We need to look to Jesus, risen and victorious, and place our trust in Him.

So, let's expand our thinking today and step out, trusting in our mighty God. Let's turn to Him first when we're concerned about our loved ones. Let's pray boldly for God to work in their lives. And if it takes time to see an answer, let's keep praying! God's power can change hearts far beyond what we can do on our own. Our best preaching or persuading, or even the witness of our lives, can't compare with what the power of God can do. To begin, we need only to trust and pray – and watch to see what He will do.

*"Lord, I trust in Your power and love!"*



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