



## St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday: Closed



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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, [j8arocho@gmail.com](mailto:j8arocho@gmail.com)

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

### Additional Ministries:

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

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

### Communications:

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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

**Prayer Partners:** Ed Collum, Contact Parish Office.

### Respect Life:

Whitney Lothamer, 937-654-8398

### Women's Club:

Cathy Van Wassen, Contact Parish Office.

**Weekday Masses are cancelled on November 18-19.**

### MASS INTENTIONS:

*Saturday, November 15*

5:00 p.m. In Memory of Amanda Legrand,  
requested by Frank and Kathy Legrand  
In Honor of Patrick Dowd, requested by Aggie Dowd

*Sunday, November 16*

8:00 a.m. For St. Mary's Parishioners

*Thursday, November 20*

6:30 a.m. For the Souls of Clergy and Religious

*Friday, November 21*

10:00 a.m. Reparation for the 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 Memory of Kathryn O'Rourke, requested by Tillie Rivenbark*

### PLEASE PRAY:

*For our ill or shut-in parish family members:* Mary Barnes, Peg Cicirelli, Kathy Hansinger, Donald Hartman, Margie Hayden, Kathy Mallet, Ron Pyle, Mary Stevens, and Josephine Walters

*For those serving in the military:* Flora Dontsap, Rafael Soriano, Joshua Graf, Chris Rosado, and Joyce Jankielsztajn

## Current Notices

### NOVEMBER IS ALL SOULS MONTH:

Please write the names of any deceased loved ones in our "Book of Remembrance" located at the front of the church on the left side of the altar. These written names will be remembered in prayer throughout the month of November.

### NOVEMBER 21ST IS THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF MARY

Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 23rd, we will celebrate our parish feast day and give thanks at our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. Parish Life will host this event and will provide the main dishes of roast beef, turkey and gravy, spiral ham, mashed potatoes and green beans. Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Sign-up sheets are posted.

### NOVEMBER 30TH IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Sunday Mass readings for the new liturgical year will be from the Gospel of Matthew (Year A), and the Weekday Mass readings will be from Cycle 1.

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:

On Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m., Fr. Ongen will celebrate at St. Mary's the 2025 Advent Reconciliation Service. Fr. Mensah of Good Shepherd and Fr. Emmanuel of St. Jude will also be here to hear Confessions. Reconciliation is urged during Advent, because it is a season of preparation and reflection, focused on getting closer to God before Christmas. Please Join us!

**Eucharistic Adoration in December will take place on December 5th and 6th.**

### WOMEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER:

Thank you for your participation in the Gift Card Fundraiser. Your Gift Cards can be picked up after the weekend Masses this weekend and November 22nd/23rd. Profits from this sale are used for parish needs, programs, and community outreach. Thank you for your generosity.

### GIVING TUESDAY:

Support our parish through #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday, happening on December 2, 2025. Give Early. **Advanced giving begins on November 17th. We need your help to improve the walkways around our church.** Please donate and help us reach our goal to replace them! And please share with family and friends who may want to donate to this worthy campaign! If you know of someone who may be willing to match donations, please reach out to the office at: [office@stmarysuffolk.org](mailto:office@stmarysuffolk.org).

### WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING:

St. Mary's Women's Club will meet this Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. This month, our meeting will include a talk by Emily Martin of Hook Law Firm in Suffolk. She is a certified Elder Law attorney. She will speak about navigating end-of-life issues and longterm care planning. This advice will help caregivers who need to make difficult decisions. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for our membership, but new members to the Women's Club are always welcome. Also this month, our Women's Club members will bring to our meeting this week staple pantry items for the Salvation Army. Thanksgiving items are welcome, along with pantry staples, such as peanut butter, canned chicken and tuna, common spices, olive oil, and canned vegetables.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

- K-8 Formation classes: 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:00 p.m., Social Hall classrooms.
- Next Class is Monday, November 24th, 6:00 p.m.
- Next *First Reconciliation Class* is Sunday, November 23rd at 11:15 a.m. in the Parish Office building.

For more information on Religious Education, contact Julie Francis at [cre@stmarysuffolk.org](mailto:cre@stmarysuffolk.org).

### YOUTH GROUP:

The Youth Group will be assisting the Knights of Columbus with the Christmas Tree Lot setup on Saturday, November 22nd. **All** high school students are welcome to join! The Knights will be providing lunch. **There will be no youth group class in the evening.** If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Jordan Graf at [youth@stmarysuffolk.org](mailto:youth@stmarysuffolk.org). Please join the Youth Group in the *One Can CAN make a Difference* annual food drive during the month of November! Please place all donations under the Our Lady of Fatima Mosaic in the back of church. All donations will go to the Genieve Shelter, which provides safe refuge for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 23.

### 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 to 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. The next meeting is November 20th.

### ALTAR SERVERS MINISTRY:

Thank you to Duane Anderson for his many years of service training our altar servers. Thanks also to Jorge and Johanna Arocho who will be taking over this ministry. They can be reached at [j8aroch@gmail.com](mailto:j8aroch@gmail.com).

### SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP:

November Coffee and Donuts are on Sunday, November 16th. We sincerely thank Jerry and Lina Byrne, and Lisa Ridge for funding this enjoyable parish community event.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:**

The Adult Faith Formation Committee would like to share our ongoing Bible studies! The **Tuesday morning class** is continuing the Gospel of Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled by Ascension Press at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall.

The **Tuesday evening class** is continuing the Acts of the Apostles study at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. They are using the Ignatius Press Bible study. All materials will be provided.

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.

Signups 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)!

If you missed the just-concluded "Jesus and the Eucharist" video study, you can still watch the videos at: <https://manna.eucharisticcongress.org/discover/jesus-and-the-eucharist-small-group-study-english?> Copies of the handouts are available in the Church Library on the second floor of the Social Hall. This is a powerful video study that will help you to understand the amazing gift of the Eucharist in a new way. If you do not have time for all 7 sessions, concentrate on Sessions 4, 6, and 7.

**Please note the new email address for sending notices for the bulletin:** [smofp.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:smofp.bulletin@gmail.com).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS TREE SALE:**

The Knights of Columbus will begin selling Christmas Trees on November 23rd at Noon at 2432 Pruden Boulevard until the trees sell out. Hours will be: Monday through Thursdays, from 6:00-9:00 p.m., Fridays, from Noon-9:00 p.m., Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., and Sundays, from Noon-6:00 p.m.

## Ongoing Events

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

It 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 IN PRAYING 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.

## 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.

**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 for the Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Traditional Choir sings for the Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Mass and 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).

**FATHER'S CORNER:**

At the end of life, what really matters is not what we bought, but what we built,

Not what we received, but what we shared,

Not our competence, but our character.

And not our success, but our significance.

Give a life that matters. Live a life of love.

**MEDITATION:**

*Not a hair on your head will be destroyed.* (Luke 21:18)

In today's Gospel, Jesus provides a warning to His disciples. A time will come when there will be not only "earthquakes, famines, and plagues," but even the magnificent Temple will be destroyed. (Luke 21:11) Their adversaries will hand them over to prison, their own family members will betray them, and some of them will even be put to death on account of His name. (21:16)

And yet, as frightening as His words are, Jesus assures them that "not a hair" on their heads would be destroyed. (Luke 21:18) How could that be?

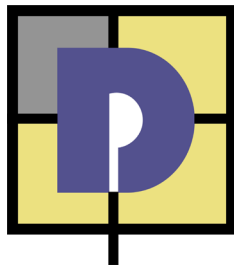
Jesus' words make sense, both then and now, only if we look beyond this life to the next. He is promising that we will "secure" our lives for heaven if we persevere through hardship and struggle and trust in His grace no matter what comes. (Luke 21:19) Then, when our life here on earth ends, we can look forward to the promises of living forever with our Lord.

This promise can give joy and purpose to our lives even now. This life is what Jesus offered His disciples; that's why they left everything to follow Him. Then, when He gave them the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, He gave them a share in His *own resurrected* eternal life. They knew that sin and suffering, death and desolation, no longer had the final word. Eternal life had already begun for them.

This is the joyful witness of apostles, martyrs, and all the saints. And it can be your witness as well, no matter your situation. So don't let today's Gospel frighten you. You can know the comfort of the spirit and the joy of Jesus' victory *today*. You can stay faithful because Jesus will be with you in ever circumstance. He will give you all the grace you need here and now, along with the sure and certain hope of eternal life in heaven. You can trust in His loving care, now and forever!

*"Jesus, with You by my side, I have nothing to fear – whatever my future holds!"*

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