



## 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)

**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:

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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.

**MASS INTENTIONS:***Saturday, November 22*

5:00 p.m. For the Souls in Purgatory  
In Honor of Patrick Dowd, requested by Aggie Dowd

*Sunday, November 23*

10:00 a.m. In Memory of Kathryn O'Rourke,  
requested by Tillie Rivenbark  
In Memory of Donna Roncarti,  
requested by Ed Collum  
In Honor of Blazhia Parker,  
requested by Aggie Dowd

*Tuesday, November 25*

6:30 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory

*Wednesday, November 26*

10:00 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory

*Thursday, November 27*

6:30 a.m. No Mass

10:00 a.m. No Mass

*Friday, November 28*

10:00 a.m. No Mass

*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*

**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

**Reconciliation on Saturday is now from 3:30-4:45 p.m.**

**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 have a Eucharistic Procession around the block and then participate in Benediction in the Social Hall. Following Benediction, we will celebrate the feast day of St. Mary of the Presentation 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.

**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 C), and the Weekday Mass readings will be from Cycle 2.

**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!

**GIVING TUESDAY:**

Support our parish through #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday, happening on December 2, 2025. Give Early. **Advanced giving began on November 17th. We need your help to pay for the new 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). Check out our site at the link online at: <https://www.igivecatholic.org/organization/St-Mary-Of-The-Presentation-Church>.

**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. Profits from this sale are used for parish needs, programs, and community outreach. Thank you for your generosity.

For those who missed this Gift Card Fundraiser, the Women's Club will have a second campaign beginning the weekend of November 29-30. The order forms can be found in the vestibule or online at [stmarysuffolk.org](http://stmarysuffolk.org) and are due by December 8. These gift cards can be picked up on after the weekend Masses on December 13-14.

**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:**

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.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:**

As a reminder, due to Thanksgiving, there will be NO Confirmation class on Sunday, November 30. Confirmation classes will resume Sunday, December 14. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jordan Graf at [youth@stmarysuffolk.org](mailto: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. The next meeting is Thursday, December 11th.

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



**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.

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)!

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.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP:**

We sincerely thank Jerry and Lina Byrne, and Lisa Ridge for sponsoring November Coffee and Donuts. These are enjoyable parish community events.

**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 Blvd. Until the trees sell out, hours will be: Monday through Thursday 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***EUCHARISTIC 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:**

A wise man said:

The most dangerous anger comes from someone with a good heart.

They hold it in, stay calm, and forgive.

Until one day, they can't anymore.

Don't push a good person too far.

When a good heart reaches its breaking point,

There's no turning back.

Don't take kindness for weakness.

**MEDITATION:**

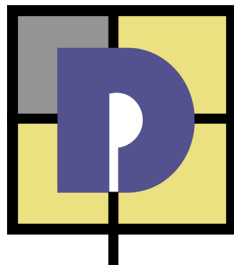
*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.* (Words spoken by an unnamed character mentioned in Luke 23: 42 who was crucified alongside Jesus. He is traditionally referred to as St. Dismas.)

Every year on Holy Thursday, the king or queen of England distributes gifts to various men and women who have demonstrated "outstanding Christian service" by making a difference in the lives of their local communities.

This image of a good and generous king is appropriate today, even if it isn't Holy Thursday! That's because today marks one hundred years since Pope Pius XI established the feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today, instead of considering an earthly king, we turn our attention to the "King of kings and Lord of lords" (Revelation 19:16), whose "kingdom will have no end" (Nicene Creed).

Jesus, our King, came to give us greater gifts than any gift an earthly king could ever give. In today's Gospel, in fact, we see him giving the gift of eternal life to the "good thief" Dismas who is crucified next to Him. Then, dying on the cross, He gave us the greatest gift: His own life for our salvation. And from that point on, He has been continuously offering us His love, mercy, and forgiveness. As Pope Pius XI proclaimed, Jesus came, "not to be ministered unto but to minister," and to give Himself "as a model of humility" (*Quas Prima 20*, the encyclical written by Pope Pius XI establishing today's feast day). What a wonderful King we have! When Dismas on the cross asked Jesus to remember him, Jesus promised, "Today, you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43). Let's follow this man's example and honor our King by surrendering our lives to Him. Let's open our hands and receive His overflowing gifts of mercy, love, and forgiveness. Most of all, let's praise our King for giving us the greatest gift of all: eternal life!

*"Lord Jesus Christ, you are my King. I surrender my life to you."*  
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