



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, 4:00 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

Youth Ministry:

Jordan Graf, youth@stmarysuffolk.org

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Geralyn Bryne, Contact Parish Office.

Adult Faith Formation:

Jordan Graf, youth@stmarysuffolk.org

Church Ministries

(Contact the Parish Office if not otherwise noted):

Altar Servers: Duane Anderson

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Liturgy Committee: Andrew Graf

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Sacristans: Andrew Graf

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Respect Life:

Whitney Lothamer, 937-654-8398

Women's Club:

Cathy Van Wassen, Contact Parish Office.



Saturday, October 25

5:00 p.m. In Memory of Amanda Legrand
(requested by Frank and Kelly Legrand)

Sunday, October 26

8:00 a.m. For Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00 a.m. In Memory of John Dowd
(requested by Aggie Dowd)

Tuesday, October 28

6:30 a.m. For the Conversion of Sinners

Wednesday, October 29

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

Thursday, October 30

6:30 a.m. For the Clergy

Friday, October 31

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

Mass is the most powerful prayer on earth. Pray for your loved ones in a special way united to the Eucharist. Contact Kim at the Parish Office at 757-539-5732 to request a Mass for your special intentions.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

In memory of Charlie Kirk, requested by Dorothy Cogswell

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

ALL SAINTS PARTY:

The All Saints Party will be held on Monday, October 27th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. There will be a Parade of Saints, food, games, activities, and prizes! Children of all ages are welcome! Come dressed as your favorite saint and join us for a night of faith, fun, and fellowship, and win a prize! Contact Julie Francis at 757-539-5732 or cre@stmarysuffolk.org for more information.

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.

MINISTRY FAIR:

The Parish Council will host its annual Ministry Fair on Saturday, November 1st, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and again on Sunday, November 2nd, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. This is an opportunity for our parishioners to learn about the various ministries at St. Mary's that are in need of help and to volunteer for one or more of them. Members of each ministry will be available to answer any questions or concerns.

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 meetings in November are November 6th and 20th.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

The Adult Faith Formation Committee would like to announce upcoming Bible studies! The Tuesday morning class will begin the *Gospel of Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled* by Ascension Press on Tuesday, October 28. Classes meet at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall. Online access to the workbook is available at: <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/luke-the-story-of-salvation-fulfilled>.

The Tuesday evening class will start The Acts of the Apostles study on November 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. This group will be 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)!

ROMEO MEETING:

The next gathering of Retired Old Men Eating Out (**ROMEO**) will be on the last Tuesday of the month, October 28th, at Holland's Market, downtown Suffolk, at 10:00 a.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration will take place
on November 7th and 8th.**

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP:

November Coffee and Donuts are on Sunday, November 2nd, November 16th, and November 30th. We are grateful to Maria and Jeff Ferrin, Geralyn Byrne, and Johana and Hugo Rodriguez for funding these enjoyable parish community events.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS:

Please be aware that Daylight Saving Time ends November 2nd, so set your clocks back one hour!

Ongoing Events

EUCCHARISTIC 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 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, fletcherpaul@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, fletcherpaul@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 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:

Meets 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 aged 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.

FATHER'S CORNER:

Life will challenge you.

People will doubt you.

You may even doubt yourself.

But if your heart is in the right place and your vision is clear, don't stop.

Even slow progress is still progress.

You're allowed to take your time.

JUST DON'T QUIT!

MEDITATION:

"Pray always without becoming weary (Luke 18:1).

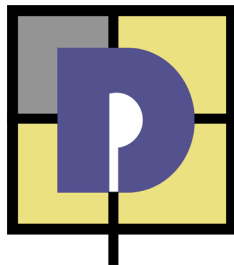
Jesus' words in today's Gospel can sound impossible: Pray always? Without growing weary? How can we do that? It's so easy to grow weary in prayer, especially in those situations when God seems slow to answer. How do we not give up? What can we do when prayer feels hard? Let's see what our readings tell us.

Be open to receiving help from your brothers and sisters. In the first reading, Moses lifts up his staff in prayer on a mountaintop while Joshua and his army battle Israel's enemy, the Amalekites, in the valley below. But Moses begins to grow weary, so Aaron and Hur support his arms so that he can keep praying (Exodus 17:12). Because of his friends, Moses was able to persist, and that gave Israel the advantage over their enemy. It's not always easy to ask for help when we're struggling. But asking someone to pray for us – or with us – opens the door to God's grace! A friend can intercede for us and offer support when we're weary. Through their presence, they can show us that God is with us. Turn to the Scriptures. In the second reading, Paul offers words of encouragement to his young disciple, Timothy. Paul senses that his martyrdom is near (2 Timothy 4:6), so he urges his friend to rely on something that is undying: the word of God. "All Scripture," he says, "is inspired by God" (3:16). Scripture has divine power and can bring us hope when we are weary. It can bolster our faith and fill our minds with God's truth. When we want to give up, we can remember, "My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2).

Rely on God. Whenever we struggle in prayer, we can ask God for this strength. Jesus himself intercedes for us, and the Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26). Like the widow in today's Gospel, we can keep bothering the Lord until he comes through. He's our loving Father. He will always help us. We are never alone!

"Lord, teach me to remain prayerful all day long!"

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