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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

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: Jorge & Johanna Arocho, j8arocho@gmail.com

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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

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS:**Saturday, March 21**

- 5:00 p.m. In memory of Joe Questore,
requested by Ann Questore
In memory of Alberta Slattery,
requested by Aggie Dowd

Sunday, March 22

- 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00 a.m. In memory of Bob Taylor,
requested by Shirley Taylor

Tuesday, March 24

- 6:30 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory
10:00 a.m. In memory of Alberta Slattery,
requested by Aggie Dowd

Wednesday, March 25

- 10:00 a.m. In memory of Jacky and Judy Burkhard,
requested by Mike and Colleen McCarrier
In memory of Ursula Heil,
requested by Mike and Colleen McCarrier

Thursday, March 26

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

Friday, March 27

- 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.*

***Please note that during the Season of Lent
no flowers will be displayed.***

PLEASE PRAY:

For our ill or shut-in parish family members:

Jay Annas, Mary Barnes, Peg Cicirelli, Kathy Hansinger, Donald Hartman, Margie Hayden, Kim Katula, Kathy Mallet, Ron Pyle, Mary Stevens.

For those serving in the military:

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

Current Notices

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on
Thursday, April 2nd after the Mass of the Last Supper.

EASTER LILIES:

To celebrate this glorious Easter feast day, parishioners are asked to make the altar beautiful with Easter Lilies. The form to order the lilies is inside this Bulletin *and must be returned to the Parish Office by Monday, March 30th.*

PLEASE NOTE:

- There will be **no daily Masses the week after Easter, Tuesday through Friday, April 7th through 10th.**
- The Parish Office will be **closed on Friday, April 3rd and Monday, April 6th.**

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

Palm Sunday: Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem – Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 28th and on Sunday, March 29th Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m. – Mass of the Last Supper,
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday: 3:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. – Celebration of the Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY:

The Knights of Columbus will host its second Fish Fry on Friday, March 27th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased from any KOC member. The meal, which consists of Fish, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, and Hush Puppies, is dine-in or take-out! *The Women's Club will offer baked goods for a donation during these two events.*

EASTER BASKET BLESSING:

Fr. Ongen will bless Easter food and candy at 12:00 Noon on Saturday of Holy Week (April 4th). Parishioners are encouraged to participate in this longtime Polish tradition that has spread around the world. These foods are blessed to commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus as we break our Lenten fast and joyfully remember that Jesus is Risen and alive with us. (Please take a copy of the Easter Food Blessing handout in the vestibule for a full explanation of this tradition.)

- Please be in your pew by 11:45 a.m.
- Food should be in an Easter basket or on a platter, layered, and covered with a clean white cloth.
- The food should be a representative amount of each food you will be consuming on Easter Sunday.
- The food will be brought up to the altar to allow Father to bless it.

COFFEE AND DONUTS FELLOWSHIP:

Fellowship will be on March 22nd and is sponsored by LAarni Lily and the Will Campbell family. Parish Life will sponsor an **Easter Craft Sale** during this event.

WOMEN'S CLUB GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER:

The WC Gift Card fundraiser is in progress. Orders must be placed by noon this Monday, March 23rd. The funds raised support our parish. Order forms are available in the Vestibule. The gift cards you order will be available for pick up on the weekend of March 27th and 28th. We deeply appreciate your continuing support.

PARISH LIFE:

- **The 43rd Anniversary of Fr. Ongen's ordination** to the priesthood will be celebrated this Sunday, March 22nd in the Social Hall along with the Coffee and Donuts fellowship.
- **Easter Sunday Brunch** will take place after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. **Parish Life is asking the parish to sign up to bring Side Dishes to share at this celebration.**
- **The Easter Egg Hunt** will take place at the back of the Social Hall after the Sunday Easter brunch. **Parish Life is asking for donations of Easter candy, needed by Sunday, March 29th.**

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EASTER FLOWERS

Lilies & Spring Varietals



**EASTER
FLOWERS**



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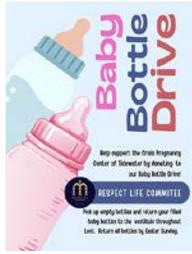
In Memory/Honor of (Please Print Legibly)

Please return to the office or place in Collection basket
Check made out to St. Mary of Presentation – "Easter Flowers" in memo line.

DUE NO LATER THAN: Monday, March 30th

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

K-8 Formation Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall classrooms.

RESPECT LIFE:

The Respect Life Committee is continuing the Baby Bottle Lenten fundraiser. Please take a baby bottle from the Vestibule after Mass and fill it with your spare change, cash, or you can write a check to St. Mary's Respect Life Committee. As soon as your bottle is full, please return it to the bin in the Vestibule. All proceeds will go to the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater. Please be generous!

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.

*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 at 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 at fletcherpaul@gmail.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY:

St. Mary's Music Ministry is open to all parishioners aged 16 and older. Bi-weekly 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.

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.

**FATHER'S CORNER**

*Don't let angry people pull you into their chaos.
Some people hurt others just to feel better about themselves.
Be grateful you're not one of them.*

MEDITATION:

John 11:1-45

I have come to believe that you are the Christ. (John 11:27)

Martha's faith was being tested. Surely she thought that once she sent word to Jesus that Lazarus was sick, He would come quickly to heal him. And yet John tells us that although Jesus "loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus," He "remained for two days in the place where he was" (John 11:5, 6). How painful it must have been for Martha to watch helplessly as her brother died! How she must have wondered why Jesus hadn't come sooner!

When Jesus does finally show up, Martha doesn't hide her disappointment. If He had arrived in time, she tells Him, "my brother would not have died" (John 11:21). Yet her faith remains firmly intact: "Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you" (11:22). And when Jesus tells her that her brother will rise, she proclaims her belief "in the resurrection on the last day" (11:24). Martha must have been overjoyed when Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb!

Martha's faith even in disappointment can be an inspiration for us, especially when we have "sent word" to Jesus, but He seems to be absent (John 11:3). Today's Gospel shows us that when the Lord's ways are confusing, He always has us on His heart and mind. He hears our prayers and has a plan for our lives even when we can't envision it. Martha came to believe that Jesus had the power to raise the dead and that His plans were higher than hers. Even though He hadn't healed her brother, she still trusted Him. So when you are in a place of waiting or disappointment, you can bring your pain to Jesus. You can allow Him to reassure you that He is your loving Savior.

He will strengthen your faith and hope. He will help you see His goodness in this life and, even more, in the life to come. Always remember that Jesus hears your prayers. He will never, ever forsake you.

"Lord, I put my trust in you!" (Reprinted with permission from *Word Among Us*)



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