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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

Extraordinary Ministers: Dave Von Rump, dvonrump@aol.com

Lectors: Dave Von Rump, 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

Communications:

Bulletin Coordinator: Shirley Schneider, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS:**Saturday, February 28**

5:00 p.m. In Memory of Msgr. Herman Heidi,
requested by Aggie Dowd

Sunday, March 1

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00 a.m. In Memory of Mitchell Andrew Culp,
requested by Moira Devlin Culp

Tuesday, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 4

10:00 a.m. For the Conversion of Sinners

Thursday, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

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

Eucharistic Adoration will be on March 6th and 7th.

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPER AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Stations of the Cross will continue on Friday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. and will be preceded by a Lenten Simple Supper at 6:00 p.m. These two events will continue through Friday, March 27th. On Good Friday, April 3rd, Stations of the Cross will be held at 3:00 p.m. and there will be no Simple Supper.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY:

The Knights of Columbus will host its much-anticipated annual Fish Fry **TWICE** this Lent on Fridays, March 13th and 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 takeout!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

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

First Sacraments Class:

PLEASE NOTE: The previously scheduled First Sacraments Class that was canceled due to the winter storm has been **rescheduled for Sunday, March 8th**, at 11:30 a.m.

YOUTH GROUP:

The next Youth Group class will be held on Saturday, March 7, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. **All** High School students are welcome to join! Dinner will be provided. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jordan Graf at youth@stmarysuffolk.org.

YOUTH GROUP CHILI COOKOFF:

The Youth Group's Annual Chili Cookoff will take place this year on Saturday, March 7th following Mass, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Purchase tickets for \$10.00 from any member of the Youth Group. Also, sign up to see if you can win the top prize for *bringing the heat* to St. Mary's. Sign-up sheets are located in the Social Hall and Vestibule. Enter the competition, or just come and enjoy home-cooked chili.

RESPECT LIFE:

The Respect Life Committee will hold a Baby Bottle fundraiser during Lent. Take a baby bottle after Mass and fill it with your spare change, cash, or you can write a check to St. Mary's Respect Life Committee. Once your bottle is full, please return it right away to the bin in the Vestibule and, as Fr. Ongen would say, **take another!** All proceeds will go to the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater.

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:**

Fellowship in March will be on March 8th and March 22nd, sponsored by Tillie Rivenbark and Laarni Lily and the Will Campbell family.

SHINE CONFERENCE:

The SHINE Conference is a diocesan-wide gathering for all those who are doing the works of social ministry, living out the Catholic Social Teachings of the Church, and/or who are interested in learning about ways to engage in the Social Teachings of the Church. The theme of this year's Conference is **Communicating with Vulnerable Communities: Strategies that foster Fruitful Dialog.** The Conference will be held on March 7th at Holy Rosary Church in Richmond. All are invited to attend.



ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP



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BRING THE HEAT!

6-8:00 PM

Hot Prizes for the best chili!

Saturday March 7, 2026

Following Mass in the Social Hall



ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Join the **Tuesday morning** A.F.F. class for “No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion” for five weeks, beginning March 3rd. Classes meet at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall.

The **Tuesday evening** class will continue “What Do We Really Know About Angels?” and meets in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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.

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI RETREAT CENTER IN HAMPTON:

Upcoming retreats are **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**, March 6-8, and the **Annual Women’s Retreat**, March 20-22. For more information, please go to: www.philippians2foundation.org.

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 Haitian 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.

HAITIAN 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.



FATHER’S CORNER

Life is strange.

We arrive with nothing, fight hard for everything,

And leave this world carrying nothing but memories.

What remains is how we lived,

And the love we left behind.

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: 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 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.

MEDITATION:

He took with Him to a high mountain Peter, James, and John – Peter the Rock; James destined to be the first apostle martyr; and John the visionary of the future glory of the Apocalypse. These three were present when He raised from the dead the daughter of Jairus. All three needed to learn the lesson of the cross and to rectify their false conceptions of the Messiah. Peter had vehemently protested against the cross, while James and John had been throne-seekers. All three would later on sleep in the Garden of Gethsemane during His agony. To believe in His Calvary, they must see the glory that shone beyond the scandal of the cross.

On the mountaintop, after praying, He became transfigured before them as the glory of His divinity flashed through the threads of His earthly raiment. It was not so much a light that was shining from within. It was not the full manifestation of divinity which no man of earth could see; nor was His body glorified, for He had not risen from the dead, but it possessed a quality of glory

The wonder was not this momentary radiance around Him; it was rather that at all other times, it was repressed. As Moses, after communing with God, put a veil over his face to hide it from the people of Israel, so Christ had veiled His glory in humanity. But for this brief moment, He turned it aside so that men might see it; the outgoing of these rays was the transitory proclamation to every human eye of the Son of Righteousness. As the cross came nearer, His glory became greater. (Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, *Life of Christ*, Kindness of *Magnificat*, March 1, 2026)



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