

# 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, 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:

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## Youth Ministry:

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## OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults):

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## Adult Faith Formation:

Jordan Graf, youth@stmarysuffolk.org

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Women's Club: Cathy Van Wassen, Contact Parish Office.

You shall call his name

Jesus,

for he will save his people  
from their sins.

– Matthew 1:21

**THIS SUNDAY BEGINS THE ANNUAL  
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th  
(only one month from today!)**

**Mass Times on Ash Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

*Saturday, January 17*

5:00 p.m. *In Memory of Grace and Godfrey Schmidt,  
requested by Aggie Dowd*  
*In Memory of Amanda Legrand,  
requested by Kathy and Frank Legrand*

*Sunday, January 18*

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

10:00 a.m.

*Tuesday, January 20*

6:30 a.m. *In Reparation for Sins against  
Life, Charity, and Chastity*

10:00 a.m.

*Wednesday, January 21*

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

*Thursday, January 22*

6:30 a.m. *For the Clergy*

10:00 a.m.

*Friday, January 23*

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 the Parish Office at 757-539-5732 to request a Mass for your special intentions.

**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, Devin Pisani, and Joyce Jankielsztajn

*Current Notices*

**The next Eucharistic Adoration  
will be on February 6th and 7th.**

**RESPECT LIFE:**

*March for Life 2026!* Please join us for our Second Annual Trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 23rd, 2026. It's a fun-filled day, making new friends and being a voice for the unborn. Cost of the trip is only \$15.00. Transportation by Charter Bus is provided for the all-day event. For registration and more information, see the flyer in the pews or contact Whitney at [respectlife.stmarys@gmail.com](mailto:respectlife.stmarys@gmail.com). Don't wait to sign up! Available seats will go fast!

**NINE DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA:**

This is an Annual Novena urged by the U.S. Bishops for the Protection of Human life. It includes daily intentions, reflections, and simple actions to build a culture of life. Please go to <https://www.respectlife.org/9days-signup> for more information.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS FELLOWSHIP:**

The next Sunday Fellowship will be on January 25th. Continued thanks to the Women's Club and Kevin and Kim Katula for sponsoring these popular events this month.

**SIDEWALK FUNDRAISING:**

The online #iGiveCatholic Giving Campaign is over, but if you forgot to make a donation, please go to <https://stmarysuffolk.org/>, or place a check in the collection basket, marking it for the new pavement. *So far, we have raised \$14,940.00 of the \$15,000.00 needed. We are so close, but we still need your help to pay the bill for these new sidewalks!*

**WOMEN'S CLUB BROWN BAG BINGO:**

The Women's Club invites you to their Annual Adult Brown Bag Bingo evening of fun on Friday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., Open to all adults, it is an evening of fellowship, prizes, and laughs! Play for a chance to win! Bring an item worth \$10.00 in a brown bag to play three BINGO cards. Refreshments will be provided by the Women's Club.

**SECOND COLLECTION ON JANUARY 24 AND 25  
IS FOR THE DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE CAMPAIGN:**

The Diocese of Richmond supports a number of issues and initiatives that are based on the foundational Catholic moral principle that all human life is sacred, from conception until natural death. Donations to this collection provide grants to support these efforts. Please consider supporting this worthy campaign that is helping to change the culture of our society that far too often devalues and destroys human life.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

K-8 Formation Classes are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:00 p.m., Social Hall classrooms. **The next class will be on Monday, January 26th.** For more information on Religious Education, contact Julie Francis at [cre@stmarysuffolk.org](mailto:cre@stmarysuffolk.org)

**YOUTH GROUP:**

The next Youth Group Class will be held on Saturday, January 24th, from 6:00-8:00 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](mailto:youth@stmarysuffolk.org).

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:**

The next Confirmation Class will be held on Sunday, January 18th from 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (following the 10:00 a.m. Mass). Class will be held in the classrooms above the Social Hall. 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. For more information, contact Geralyn Bryne through the Parish Office.

**HAITI MINISTRY SHROVE TUESDAY  
PANCAKE DINNER FUNDRAISER:**

The Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner will take place on February 17th from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Social Hall. Tickets are available now from members of the Haiti Committee, following weekend Masses. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under the age of 10.

# Adult Brown Bag BINGO



Friday, January 30, 2026  
7:00pm  
Parish Social Hall

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Bring an item worth \$10  
in a brown bag to play  
three BINGO cards

Refreshments  
provided by the  
Women's Club



**Join us for an evening of fellowship,  
prizes, and laughs!**

**Doors open at 6:45pm**

**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.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:**

Join the Tuesday morning A.F.F. class for "Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John," presented by Ascension Press on Tuesday mornings. Classes meet at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall. The Tuesday evening class is continuing with The Acts of the Apostles Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. They will be starting a Bible Study on Angels on Tuesday, February 24. 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)! Materials for all the studies will be provided.

*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 a.m. 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 [fatchedpaul@gmail.com](mailto:fatchedpaul@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 [fatchedpaul@gmail.com](mailto:fatchedpaul@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 at the Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Traditional Choir sings at the Saturday 5 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](mailto:cre@stmarysuffolk.org).

**FATHER'S CORNER:**

*Gratitude is one of the sweet shortcuts in finding peace of mind and happiness inside. No matter what is happening outside of us, there's always something we can be grateful for.*

**MEDITATION:**

*To the Church of God ... to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours. (1 Corinthians 1:2)* At the beginning of his First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul says that he was "called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God." (1 Corinthians 1:1) That calling changed him and reoriented his life. Then he goes on to tell the Corinthians that God had called them, too – to be holy, with everyone else who calls upon the name of Jesus. (1:2). Through Baptism, they had been called to see and love each other as fellow members of Christ's body.

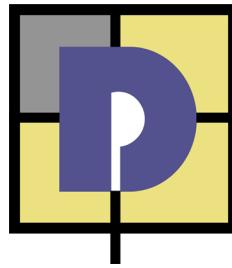
This was an important reminder for the Corinthians because Paul goes on to tackle some problems he has heard about in their community, starting with factionalism and disunity. Paul urges them, in light of their calling, "that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose." (1 Corinthians 1:10) God had called them to be part of His own family, and that meant allowing Him to uproot any selfishness or pride that would give rise to prejudices, divisions, and other barriers between them.

Today, we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and this year's theme comes from Ephesians 4:4: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." That might remind you of today's first reading. We are called, and that calling changes us. It's meant to lead us to unity with everyone who belongs to Jesus. It's meant to urge us to love each other to the point that we're united.

So how do we start? A first step is to let Jesus help you see and love other Christians as fellow members of His body. So, for the rest of this week, join believers around the world in praying ... for unity.

*"Lord Jesus, on the night before You died for us, You prayed that all Your disciples may be perfectly one, as You are in Your Father and Your Father is in You. Make us painfully aware of our lack of faith in not being united. Give us the faithfulness to acknowledge, and the courage to reject, our hidden indifference, distrust, and even enmity towards one another. Grant that we all may meet one another in You, so that from our souls and our lips there may ever arise Your prayer for the unity of Christians as You will it and by the means that You desire. In You, who are perfect Love, grant us to find the way that leads to unity, in obedience to Your love and Your truth. Amen."*

(prayer composed by Fr. Paul Couturier, 1881-1953, a French priest who devoted his life to Christian unity. Reprinted with permission from The Word Among Us)



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