

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 Whitney Lothamer at cre@stmarysuffolk.org 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:
Whitney Lothamer, 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: Johanna Arocho, j8arocho@gmail.com
Extraordinary Ministers: Dave Von Rump, dvonrump@aol.com
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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

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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, October 31

5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, November 1

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. In Memory of Mitchell Andrew Culp, requested by Moira Devlin Culp

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 intention.

November Papal Intention:

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity with those who have less.

PLEASE PRAY:

For our ill or shut-in parish family members:

Jay Annas, Mary Barnes, Erwin David, Kathy Hansinger, Margie Hayden, John Lee, Kathy Mallet, Helen Neal, Ron Pyle, Jim Ross, Mary Stevens, Romer Stone, Joe Wenzler.

For those serving in the military:

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

Please offer prayers of thanksgiving for the full recovery of Pope Leo XIV.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

In Memory of Sue Von Rump, requested by Dave Von Rump.

Current Notices

Please note: Because of a Priests' Convocation, there will be no Adoration in November and no weekday Masses from November 2 through 6.



ALL SOULS' DAY:

November 2nd is the Feast of All Souls. Please remember to sign St. Mary's "Book of Remembrance" on the left side of the altar. Masses during November will be offered for all the deceased whose names are recorded there.



COFFEE AND DONUTS FELLOWSHIP:

The next Sunday fellowship will be held on November 8th, sponsored by Mike, Janice, Faith, and Kaleigh Bibbo.

FEAST DAY AND THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION:

The Parish Life Ministry will host St. Mary's Feast Day celebration and Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 22nd.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

K-5 students meet weekly for one hour (from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) following the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. For questions about K-5 classes, contact Whitney Lothamer at cre@stmarysuffolkva.us.

Don't forget to join the **All Hallowtide Celebration** at St. Mary's this Saturday, October 31st from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Learn about the Saints and Catholic traditions. Enjoy music, food, games, prizes, contests, and a fire pit for roasting S'mores. Come join the fun!

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Middle School students, grades 6-8, meet on the same night as Youth Group – that is, on alternate Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. For questions about Middle School classes, contact Whitney Lothamer at cre@stmarysuffolkva.us.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Classes for Youth Group typically meet every other Saturday. The full schedule can be found at stmarysuffolk.org. For questions regarding the Youth Group, contact Jordan Graf at youth@stmarysuffolk.org.

ONE CAN *CAN* MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

The Youth at St. Mary's are spearheading their annual campaign to help those in need. Please join them in the *One Can CAN Make a Difference* food drive during the month of November. Please bring a canned good or two and place your donations under the Our Lady of Fatima Mosaic at the back of church. All donations will go to the Genieve Shelter. This shelter provides safe refuge for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 22nd.

CONFIRMATION CLASS:

The next Confirmation class will be held on Sunday, November 1st, from 11:15 a.m. (following the 10:00 a.m. Mass) to 12:30 p.m. Class will be held in the Social Hall classrooms. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jordan Graf at **youth@stmarysuffolk.org**.

GIFT CARDS BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:

The Women's Club Gift Card fundraiser is back in time for early Christmas shopping. It begins this weekend so start your Christmas shopping early or get ready for Black Friday! Gift cards make wonderful gifts for family, friends, teachers, or anyone on your holiday list. Simplify your shopping while also supporting the Women's Club! Order deadline is NOON, Monday, November 9th. Cards will be available for pickup after the Masses on the weekends of November 15th and 22nd. The order form is included in this bulletin and is in the church vestibule.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

The **Tuesday morning** class continues a 20-week study of "Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom." ***Please note:*** This class has returned to the 11:15 a.m. start time.

The **Tuesday evening** class continues a study of St. Paul's Letters to the Romans. 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 either study at any time (even if you didn't sign up beforehand)!*** *Materials for all the studies will be provided.*

NEW SOFTWARE FOR PARISH REGISTRATION:

The Diocese of Richmond has transitioned Parish Family Registration from ParishSOFT to Camino Life. Please register at Camino Life to either become a member of St. Mary's parish or to access your family information. Go to the St. Mary of the Presentation website at stmarysuffolk.org to join Camino Life today.

SCAM ALERT!
No priest, parish staff member, or volunteer will ***ever*** contact you by email or text to ask you to purchase a gift card. Do **NOT** respond to these emails or texts; simply delete them and report them as scam. For more information on these scams, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

Meetings

Adult Faith Formation: Bible Studies take place on 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 (September through May) at 6:30 p.m.

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 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. The Traditional Choir sings at the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. (Vigil) Mass and at 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. For more information about participating in the Music Ministry, contact: Julie Francis, at 757-539-5732 or cre@stmarysuffolk.org.

FATHER'S CORNER

Your life doesn't have to be perfect to be beautiful.

Some of the happiest people are not the ones who have everything.

They are the ones who learned to appreciate what they already have.

MEDITATION:
. . . a great multitude, which no one could count. (Revelation 7:9)

St. John's description of heaven is breathtaking: holy men and women from all over the world joining the angels praising God before his throne! It's also a good scene to contemplate on today's Solemnity of All Saints. We celebrate the saints we know and love—patron saints, Confirmation saints, those our parish is named after—and all the other men and women whose names we may never know. And we remind ourselves that each of us is meant to be a part of this great assembly!

That's because holiness—sanctity—is for everyone. Recalling the Second Vatican Council's universal call to holiness, Pope Leo XIV said, "Holiness . . . is not a privilege for the few, but a gift that requires every baptized person to strive for . . . the fullness of love towards God and towards one's neighbor" (Audience, April 8, 2026).

You were born to be a saint! But that doesn't mean you need to be exactly the same as any one saint, like Francis of Assisi or Mother Teresa. Do you remember that multitude "from every nation, race, people, and tongue" (Revelation 7:9)? God has destined you to be a saint in your own place and time, in your own vocation, according to the shape of your life. Your circumstances will guide your path to holiness. As the Council fathers put it, "The classes and duties of life are many, but holiness is one" (Lumen Gentium, 41). The one thing every saint has in common is that they let the Lord lead them as they grow in love for him and for the people around them.

How encouraging! The way we get there might differ, but our destination is the same: heaven, where we will praise God with that "great multitude"!

"Jesus, help me to follow you so that I can join all the saints in heaven!" (Reprinted with permission from Word Among Us.)

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