



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:

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

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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, March 14

5:00 p.m. In memory of Father Zaccharia,
requested by Aggie Dowd

Sunday, March 15

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 17

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

10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 18

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

Thursday, March 19

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

Friday, March 20

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

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.
- Please Note that **Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on Sunday, March 29th.**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

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: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES.

Visit the website for more information and to donate online: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE:

St. Mary's Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on Thursday, March 19th, at 7:00 p.m. If you can't make this one, Good Shepherd Church in Smithfield will hold a Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, March 17th, and St. Jude in Franklin on Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPER AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Stations of the Cross will continue on Friday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. and will be preceded by a Lenten Simple Supper at 6:00 p.m. ***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 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 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 on 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 pickup 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 next 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.***

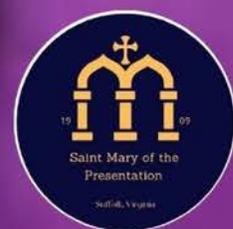
Lenten Reconciliation Service

Thursday, March 19

7pm



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Happy 43rd Sacrodoal Anniversary

Rev. FR. Rogellio "Ongen" Largoza



Celebration in the Tommy

Lee Social Hall

Sunday March 22, 2026

Following 10:00 am Mass



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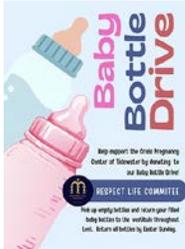


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

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

YOUTH GROUP:

The next Youth Group class will be held on Saturday, March 21st, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall! Dinner will be provided. *All* High School students are welcome! If you have any questions, please reach out to Jordan Graf at youth@stmarysuffolk.org.

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.

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.

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.

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**

We all have days where we don't know how we will go on.

Loved ones hurt us. Finances worry us.

Sickness may overtake us. We lose people we love.

But God will always be there to guide us through tough times.

Keep the faith.

MEDITATION:

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (Parable of the Prodigal Son)

When [the older son] refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. (*Luke 15:28*)

We often read this familiar parable from the perspective of the younger son who leaves his father's house for a life of debauchery and finally comes to his senses and returns. We focus on the father's watchfulness and eager welcome of his wayward child, and we are comforted and encouraged by his compassion. But let's not miss the father's concern for his older son.

Remember, Jesus did not address this parable primarily to the many sinners who were hanging on his words. Rather, he spoke mainly to his critics, who may have been feeling indignant about the way he welcomed "sinners" (*Luke 15:2*). They also may have felt a twinge of bitterness as they heard this parable. The father's mercy toward this undeserving younger brother seemed unfair. But that's precisely the point. God's grace isn't "fair" according to our standards of fairness! Like the father in the parable, our Father's lavish mercy isn't proportional to the gravity of the sin or the depth of the sinner's repentance. His grace is totally undeserved. It isn't about what we have done. It's about his generous and loving character.

Look again at the father. Yes, he embraces his long-lost son and throws a party for him. But right away he notices his other son's absence and goes looking for him. He pleads with him to join the celebration. He listens patiently as the son expresses his anger and disgust. But then he urges him to soften his heart. He assures him, "You are here with me always; everything I have is yours" (*Luke 15:31*). He insists on speaking of his younger son as "your brother" (*15:32*), urging his older son to seize the good and join the joy. Whether you identify with the older son or the younger son, God is inviting you to come to him and join the feast at his table. Whether you've wandered far from your heavenly Father and are returning or you have served him for years, he is inviting you to join him in the rejoicing.

"Father thank you for your grace and mercy. Where would I be without it?" (Reprinted with permission from Word Among Us)



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