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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

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:

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Community Liaison: Paul Fletcher, fletcherdpaul@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, August 8**

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

Sunday, August 9

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. In Memory of Barbara Wenzler,
requested by Joe Wenzler
In Memory of Fr. Peter Tran,
requested by Tillie Rivenbark
In Memory of Patrick McCarrier,
requested by Mike and Colleen McCarrier
In Memory of Terry Schmidt,
requested by Aggie Dowd

Tuesday, August 11

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

Wednesday, August 12

10:00 a.m. In Memory of Patrick McCarrier,
requested by Mike and Colleen McCarrier

Thursday, August 13

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

Friday, August 14

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 intention.*

ALTAR FLOWERS:

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

PLEASE PRAY:*For our ill or shut-in parish family members:*

Jay Annas, Mary Barnes, David Erwin, Kathy Hansinger, Donald Hartman, 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, Rafael Soriano, Joshua Graf, Chris Rosado, Devin Pisani, and Joyce Jankielsztajn

Current Notices

**Please note: There will be no Adoration
in September or October.**

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP:**

Coffee and Donuts Fellowship will be held on August 9th, sponsored by Bambet Odango, Rayha, and Family.

RESPECT LIFE:

Please don't forget that **Summer Nights Out** at Cazadores Restaurant will continue on August 14-15. Mention St. Mary's between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. and 10% of your bill will be donated to St. Mary's Respect Life Committee.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION:

Registration for Kindergarten through Grade 8, and for the classes for the Sacrament of First Communion and First Penance begins on August 1st. Sign up online or in the Parish Office with our new Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE), Whitney Lothamer. If you have any questions, email cre@stmarysuffolk.org, or call 757-539-5732.

**ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC:**

Come join us on Sunday, August 23rd, for our Annual Mass and Picnic in the Park. Mass will start at 11:00 a.m., followed immediately by the Picnic at Noon. The event will take place at Sleepy Hole Park as usual. Please bring family and friends. All are welcome! **Please note: There will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass on the day of the Picnic.**

CATECHISTS NEEDED:

Help our Children Encounter Jesus! St. Mary's is seeking Catechists for the upcoming year, September 2026 through May 2027. Classes for Grades PK-5 will be on Sundays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Middle School will meet Saturdays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact Whitney Lothamer at 757-539-5732 or cre@stmarysuffolk.org.

HAITI STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM:

The current school year has ended and the children of Mt. Carmel School in Dosele, Haiti, send their deep gratitude to those who supported our Haiti Student Sponsorship Program. As we begin the new sponsorship year of 2026-2027, the Haiti Committee once again seeks your support. **As of July 13th, 2026, we only have 58 sponsors for 114 students, so we need your help.** A \$100.00 donation funds one Haitian student for one year. Make out your check to St. Mary's with the notation "Haiti Student Sponsorship." Updated information and photos from Fr. Evenson are on the St. Mary's Haiti Page.

SALVATION ARMY OUTREACH MINISTRY:

On Thursday, July 23rd, volunteers from St. Mary's prepared and served meals to 60 people at the Salvation Army Food Kitchen. St. Mary's parishioners also donated 247.9 lbs. to the Salvation Army Food Bank. Please continue to donate pantry items and place them in the bin in the vestibule as often as possible. Continuing help is needed. Contact Paul Fletcher with questions, fletcherpaul@gmail.com.

COALITION AGAINST POVERTY IN SUFFOLK (CAPS):

CAPS headquarters will be moving from their current location on Main Street to 129 N. Saratoga Street in Suffolk on Tuesday, August 11th. The move will coincide with their Grand Opening. During Fiscal Year 2026, CAPS provided \$42,766.21 in emergency assistance to 86 families and helped feed approximately 100 neighbors each month. CAPS is always looking for volunteers. Please consider helping them. For more information, go to <https://capsuffolk.org> or call 757-935-5497.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS:

St. Mary's is in need of Altar Servers. Training will be provided and the schedule is flexible. Interested youth must have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Adults in good standing are required to be Virtus-trained before attending server training. For more information, please contact Johanna Arocho at 757-287-6852 or j8arocho@gmail.com.

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

The **Tuesday morning** class will resume on Tuesday, August 11th with a 20-week study on "Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom." Classes meet at 11:15 a.m. (after Mass and the Rosary) in the Social Hall.

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 and 9:20 a.m.

SALVATION ARMY PARISH OUTREACH:

Please continue to 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.

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Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment
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OF Richmond

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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 Mondays 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.

**FATHER'S CORNER**

*Forget who hurt you yesterday.
But don't forget those who loved you yesterday.
Forget the past that makes you cry,
And focus on the present that makes you smile.
Forget the pain,
But remember the lessons you learned.*

MEDITATION:

The Lord will be passing by. (1 Kings 19:11)

Today's readings seem to have a lot in common: Great displays of God's power, natural disturbances, reasons to fear. But the most important thing that happens in them is the fact that God makes His presence known. Whether it's in Jesus' walking on the water or in the tiny whisper that Elijah heard, the Lord comes to His children.

Fleeing a threat to his life, the prophet Elijah was so frustrated that he didn't want to continue his mission. So he sat under a tree and asked to die. But the angel of the Lord fed him and guided him to a mountain where "the Lord [would] be passing by." (1 Kings 19:11) God was not in the strong wind, in the earthquake, or in the fire, however. He was in "a tiny whispering sound." (19:12) In today's Gospel, The Disciples were in a boat that was being tossed by the wind and the waves when they saw Jesus coming "toward them walking on the sea." (Matthew 14:25) Of course, they were terrified!

You can probably relate. There are moments in life when it can feel as if you are being tossed by the "wind" or shaken by an "earthquake": a serious illness, the loss of a job, a loved one who walks away from the Lord. When unexpected situations happen, you might want to look for "shelter" in "a cave." (1 Kings 19:9) You might be afraid or you might have "little faith." (Matthew 14:31) Because it might feel as if the Lord is absent, as if He doesn't care, or as if you're beyond His help.

But God wants to reassure you. He is passing by! He's inviting you to the "mountain"—a quiet place where you can pray and pour out your heart—to spend time with Him. He wants you to remember that He comes to you, He stretches out His hand, and He holds you and keeps you steady. Then He says: "Take courage . . . do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27) "Lord, I know you come to my aid. Help me to trust in you." (Reprinted with permission from *Word Among Us*.)



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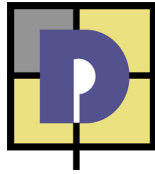
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