



## 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](mailto:cre@stmarysuffolk.org)

### Youth Ministry:

Jordan Graf, [youth@stmarysuffolk.org](mailto:youth@stmarysuffolk.org)

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

Geralyn Bryne, Contact Parish Office.

### Adult Faith Formation:

Jordan Graf, [youth@stmarysuffolk.org](mailto:youth@stmarysuffolk.org)

### Church Ministries

#### (Contact the Parish Office if not otherwise noted):

**Altar Servers:** Jorge & Johanna Arocho, [j8arocho@gmail.com](mailto:j8arocho@gmail.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](mailto: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, February 21**

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

**Sunday, February 22**

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. In Memory of Deceased Schmidt Family Members, requested by Aggie Dowd

**Tuesday, February 24**

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

10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, February 25**

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

**Thursday, February 26**

6:30 a.m. For the Clergy

10:00 a.m.

**Friday, February 27**

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.

**Altar Flowers:**

In Honor of the Parishioners of St. Mary's (anonymous)  
**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, February 27th 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 be holding 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. **The next class will be on Monday, February 23rd, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

**FIRST SACRAMENTS CLASS:**

The next First Sacraments class is this weekend on Sunday, February 22nd, at 11:30 a.m., following the 10:00 a.m. Mass, and will be held in the Parish Office second floor classroom. **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 CHILI COOKOFF:**

The Youth Group's Annual Chili Cookoff will take place this year on Saturday, March 7th following Mass, from 6:00-8:00 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:**

The next fellowship will be on February 22nd, and Tillie Rivenbark is the sponsor.

**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. 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](http://www.philippians2foundation.org).

**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. Beginning March 3rd, the group will begin “No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion” for five weeks. Classes meet at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall.

The **Tuesday evening** class is continuing The Acts of the Apostles Bible study at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. On Tuesday February 24, the class will begin “What Do We Really Know About Angels?”

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.

**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 Haiti 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.

**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, [fletcherpaul@gmail.com](mailto: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, [fletcherpaul@gmail.com](mailto:fletcherpaul@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.

**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](mailto: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**

*At the end of life, what really matters is  
Not what we bought, but what we built.  
Not what we got, but what we shared.  
Not competence, but our character.  
Not our success, but our significance.  
Give a life that matters. Live a life of love.*

**MEDITATION:**

*Afterwards he was hungry. (Matthew 4:2)*

Of course, Jesus was hungry! Who wouldn’t be, after forty days of fasting? Surely His stomach ached and His head throbbed. It’s true that He is the Son of God who needs nothing. But He was also a real human being with real needs. And so this Divine Son . . . got hungry.

Matthew wants to make sure we understand this truth. Jesus decided to become a man and face trials in a human body like our own. In His hunger, He confronted the temptation to provide for Himself instead of trusting God—a test our first parents had failed. Is God truly good? Will He provide for me?

In Eden, the serpent had asked, “Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees?” (Genesis 3:1). Now, Jesus heard a similar enticement: “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread” (Matthew 4:3). It seemed logical: Would God really want you to be famished? Isn’t there a better way to bring in the kingdom?

But Jesus held fast to the word of God: “It is written: ‘One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God’” (Matthew 4:4). He was recalling the Exodus, when God provided manna for His hungry people so that they could learn to rely on Him. In the wilderness, Jesus defeated the devil by trusting His Father and aligning Himself with His will. At the same time, He showed us how to battle our own temptations.

We all face testing. Our Lenten fasting is difficult, our best-laid plans go awry, someone we love falls ill. In our “wilderness,” we are tempted to doubt the goodness of God’s plan. In our “hunger,” we wonder if He will provide. But Jesus promises that we will not be tested beyond our ability (1 Corinthians 10:13). And He is with us to give us strength. Cling to the Lord today—He knows what it is to be hungry.

“Lord, help me to trust in Your ways and resist temptation.”  
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