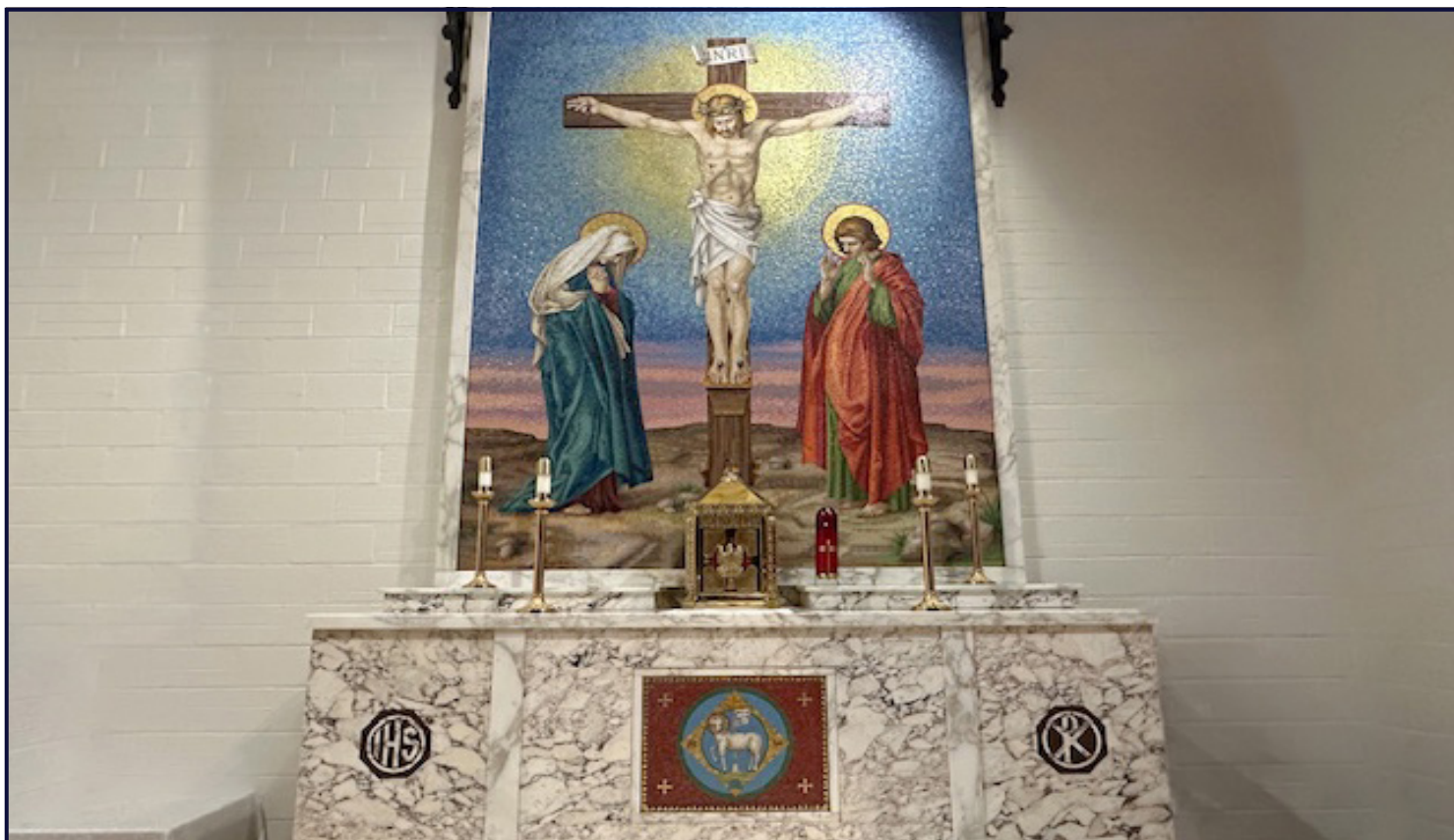




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Mass Times:

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:

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: Jorge & Johanna Arocho, j8arocho@gmail.com

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Pastoral Care: Tillie Rivenbark, 757-934-1803

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Elaine Reyes, Contact Parish Office

Respect Life:

Whitney Lothamer, 937-654-8398

Women's Club:

Cathy Van Wassen, Contact Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS:**Saturday, July 25**

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

Sunday, July 26

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 28

6:30 a.m. For The Conversion of Sinners

10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 2910:00 a.m. In Reparation for the Sins against
Life, Charity, and Chastity**Thursday, July 30**

6:30 a.m. For the Clergy

10:00 a.m.

Friday, July 31

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 intention.***MIDDLE SCHOOLERS:**

Hey, Middle Schoolers! Join us for a day of Epic Fun! Epic is a one-day high energy event for middle school youth that builds community and friendships and encourages zeal for the Catholic faith.

When: August 8, 2026

Where: Powhattan, VA

Time: 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Registration: \$55.00. Transportation will be provided.

The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule, or you may contact Whitney at cre@stmarysuffolk.org.

**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.



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 a scam. For more information on these scams, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

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

Ali Anderson, Mary Barnes, David Erwin, Kathy Hansinger, Donald Hartman, Margie Hayden, Kathy Mallet, Helen Neal, Ron Pyle, Jim Ross, 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 next month
will be on August 7th and 8th.**

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP:**

Coffee and Donuts Fellowship will be held on July 26, sponsored by Matt Streeter and Family, and on August 9th, sponsored by Bambet Odango, Rayha, and Family.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC:

This is St. Mary's favorite event so mark Sunday, August 23rd on your calendars now so that you don't miss it! It will be held at Sleepy Hole Park as usual, and it is the perfect chance to wish Fr. Ongen a wonderful vacation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Help Our Children Encounter Jesus. St. Mary's is seeking Catechists for the upcoming year, September 2026-May 2027. Classes for Grades PK-5 will be on Sundays from 11:15 a.m.-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.

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 training. For more information, please contact Johanna Arocho at 757-287-6852 or j8arocho@gmail.com.

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. A \$100.00 donation funds one Haitian student for one year. *Your generosity is greatly needed because last year we helped only 95 students*, whereas the year before we helped 167 students. Currently, there are 200 students, so *please* be generous. Make out your check to St. Mary's with the notation "Haiti Student Sponsorship."

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.

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.

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 fletcherdpaul@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 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 the 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**

Life won't always be perfect.

But waking up each day is quite a blessing.

Another day means another chance to begin again.

Don't take it for granted.

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.

MEDITATION:

... the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old. (Matthew 13:52)

Have you ever watched the sequel to a movie without having seen the original? It could be a great, exciting story. But if you haven't seen the original movie, you probably won't understand everything that's going on because you don't know what came before.

Understanding the kingdom of God is a little like that. We can't fully understand who Jesus is and what He came to do unless we see "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52). To get the full picture, we need to see Jesus' teachings and His acts of healing and mercy in the light of God's centuries-long covenant relationship with the people of Israel.

That's why Matthew so often points out how Jesus has fulfilled promises from the Old Testament. In his infancy narrative, Matthew quotes Micah 5:2 as a prophecy of the Messiah's birth in Bethlehem (2:6). In chapter eight, when he describes Jesus healing and delivering so many people, he connects it to Isaiah's suffering servant, who bears our pain (Isaiah 53:4). And when Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey, Matthew reminds us that Zechariah 9:9 promises a king and savior coming to us riding on a donkey.

Christianity didn't come from nowhere. It is a living outgrowth of everything that came before in God's relationship with mankind, especially with Israel. If you want to see the richness of God's plan, pay attention to the Old Testament! Matthew's Gospel is a great resource. Keep your eyes open for the times when Jesus fulfills something that has been promised. Spend time praying with those passages. And become like a "scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven" by putting together the old and the new (Matthew 13:52).

"Jesus, I want to know the richness of all that You've done for me and for all people!" (Reprinted with permission from Word Among Us.)



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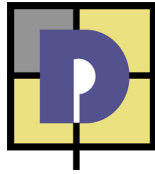
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