



## 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:

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### 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):

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### 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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**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 7

- 5:00 p.m. In memory of Amanda Legrand,  
requested by Frank and Kathy Legrand  
In memory of Margaret Franczak,  
requested by Donna and Mark Franczak

Sunday, March 8,

- 8:00 a.m. In Memory of Sebastian Cassaro,  
requested by the Sweet Family  
10:00 a.m. In Memory of Fr. George Ham,  
requested by Aggie Dowd

Tuesday, March 10,

- 6:30 a.m. For the Conversion of Sinners  
10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 11

- 10:00 a.m. In Reparation for the Sins against Life,  
Charity, and Chastity

Thursday, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

- 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 intentions.*

***Please note that during the Season of Lent  
no flowers will be displayed.***

**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 Basket Blessing: 12:00 noon  
Vigil Mass: 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday:

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

**LENTE PENANCE SERVICE:**

Thursday, March 19th, 7:00 p.m.

**LENTE SIMPLE SUPPER AND STATIONS  
OF THE CROSS:**

Stations of the Cross will continue on Friday, March 13 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 host its first Fish Fry this Friday, March 13th and again on March 27th from 4:00-7:00 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.*

**COFFEE AND DONUTS FELLOWSHIP:**

Fellowship in March will be on March 8th and March 22nd, sponsored by Tillie Rivenbark and LAarni Lily and the Will Campbell family. The Parish Life Committee *will sponsor an Easter Craft Sale during both of these events.*

**WOMEN'S CLUB GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER:**

The WC Gift Card fundraiser begins this weekend, March 7th and 8th. Orders must be placed by noon on Monday, March 23rd. Many popular retailers are participating. The gift cards are perfect for graduations, birthdays, and other special occasions, or simply for your own daily shopping. The funds raised support our parish. Order forms are available in the bulletin this weekend. The ordered gift cards will be available for pickup on the weekend of March 28th and 29th. We deeply appreciate your continuing support.

**PARISH LIFE:**

- **The 43rd anniversary of Fr. Ongen's ordination** to the priesthood will be celebrated on 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 parishioners 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. A container will be placed in the Vestibule for the donated candy.***

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

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

**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

- Please be aware that **Daylight Savings Time begins at 1:00 a.m. Sunday, March 8th** to be on time for Mass!
- **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.**

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SECOND  
COLLECTION:**

There will be a second collection next weekend, March 14th and 15th, for the **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people around the world. Please consider giving to this collection and spread Christ's love to those most in need. Visit the website for more information or to donate online: [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

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Across the globe, war, natural disasters, political strife, extreme poverty, and human trafficking combine to affect families in ways often unimaginable. Families are separated by migration for long periods of time, sometimes indefinitely. A decrease in the availability of visas makes prompt reunification unrealistic. Unaccompanied minors are exploited. Difficult and expensive legal systems keep families apart.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection values families. It works to provide for their basic humanitarian needs, protect vulnerable children, reunite families, and encourage legislation that reflects the importance of family in society. The reach of this Collection spans the globe, helping families on every continent from an array of ethnicities and backgrounds, addressing a myriad of needs.

**St. Mary of the Presentation Catholic Church**

Please support our church in this fundraising event. The percentage that is next to the Gift Card Type/Value indicates the amount that goes directly to St. Mary.

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>

**\*\*\*Order due date - on, or before noon March 23rd. Cash or check, \* make a check payable to St. Mary's Church. On memo line, "Fundraising." Return order form and money either in the collection basket, bring to the office, or mail to: St. Mary of the Presentation, 202 S. Broad St, Suffolk, VA 232434. If you do not see a favorite retailer listed, contact JoAnn Farabaugh – 724-388-2475.**

<b>Clothing, Accessories, Department Stores</b>				<b>Dining-On the Go</b>			
<b>Gift Card Type\Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Gift Card Type\Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bath & Body Works \$10 \$25	12%		\$	Arby's \$10, \$25	8%		\$
Belk \$25, \$100	8%		\$	Domino's Pizza \$10, \$25	8%		\$
				Dunkin' \$10, \$25	3.5%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25	8%		\$	Hardee's \$10, \$25	5%		\$
Kohl's \$25, \$100	7%		\$	KFC \$10, \$25	6%		\$
Michael's \$25	7.5%		\$	Little Caesar's Pizza \$20	8%		\$
Old Navy \$25, \$100	14%		\$	McDonald's \$10,\$25	3%		\$
Target \$25, \$50,, \$100	2.5%		\$	Papa John's Pizza \$10	8%		\$
TJMaxx/Marshalls/Home Goods \$25, \$100	6%		\$	Starbucks \$10, \$25, \$50	4.5%		\$
Walmart \$25, \$50, \$100	2.5%		\$	Subway \$10, \$50	6%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25, \$100	8%			Taco Bell \$10, \$25	5%		\$
<b>Dining-Casual</b>				Wendy's \$25	6%		
<b>Gift Card Type\Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Total</b>	Jersey Mikes \$25	6%		
Applebee's \$25, \$50	8%		\$	<b>Gift Card Type\Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Total</b>
Moe's SW Grill \$25	7%		\$	Amazon \$25 \$50 \$100, \$250	1.5%		\$
Chipotle \$10, \$25	9%		\$	Best Buy \$25, \$100, \$250	4%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$10, \$25	8%		\$	Home Depot \$25, \$100, \$500	4%		\$
Olive Garden \$25, \$100	8%		\$	Lowe's \$25, \$100, \$500	4%		\$
Outback Steakhouse \$25,\$50	10%		\$	Visa \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 <b>No activation fee needed!</b>	1.25%		\$
Panera \$10, \$25, \$50	8%		\$	PetCo \$25	9%		\$
Red Lobster \$25	8%		\$	PetSmart \$25	6%		\$
Red Robin \$25	8%		\$	Food Lion \$25, \$100	3.5%		
Texas Roadhouse \$25,\$100	8%		\$	Publix \$25, \$100	2.5%		
<b>**Total Due - All Columns</b>							\$

**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. 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. Please be generous!

**Please note:** The Respect Life Committee will hold its monthly meeting at Cazadores Restaurant on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join us for fellowship and to discuss upcoming Pro-life events.

**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:**

Join the **Tuesday morning** A.F.F. class for the five-week Lenten Bible Study *"No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion,"* which runs through March 31st. Classes meet at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall.

The **Tuesday evening** class will continue *"What Do We Really Know About Angels?"* and meets in the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m.

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.

**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.

*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.

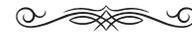
**PARISH COUNCIL:** Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**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.

**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](mailto:fletcherpaul@gmail.com).

**FATHER'S CORNER**

*Trusting God won't make the mountain smaller  
but it will make climbing easier.*

**MEDITATION:**

*Is the Lord in our midst? (Exodus 17:7)*

Today marks the third Sunday of Lent, and your enthusiasm for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving may be fading by now. Perhaps your Lenten sacrifices have been more challenging than you anticipated, or you don't feel any closer to God. Like the Israelites in today's first reading, you may wonder, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" (Exodus 17:7).

God had freed His people from slavery, yet they doubted that He would provide for them. In their thirst, they grew impatient and hardened their hearts despite all He had done for them. They even argued that slavery in Egypt was better than freedom in the desert! So they demanded that the Lord quench their thirst. In His mercy, God granted their request. Moses struck the rock, and water flowed forth for the people to drink.

In today's Gospel, we meet a Samaritan woman who also has a deep thirst. She comes to draw water, but Jesus asks her for a drink. She wonders: Who is this? Jesus replies, "If you knew..., you would have asked him and He would have given you living water" (John 4:10). She doesn't grasp who Jesus is, but her thirst opens her heart to Him. "Give me this water," she asks, and Jesus reveals Himself to her (4:15). He is the One who offers the waters of eternal life. He is the One who knows her past. He is the promised Messiah.

Unlike the thirsty Israelites who grumbled, her heart is soft, receptive to God's presence. And in His goodness, Jesus quenches her thirst, and she leaves her water jar to tell everyone about Him.

Jesus wants to reveal Himself to you—do you recognize Him? He speaks to you through the Scriptures at Mass today; He invites you to quench your thirst as you receive Him in the Eucharist. He is present in both the simple and the profound moments of life, in your dirty dishes and a beautiful sunrise. So, open your eyes and "harden not your heart" (Psalm 95:8). The Lord is in your midst!

*"I'm thirsty, Lord! Soften my heart so that I can recognize you today!"  
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