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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

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Pastoral Care: Tillie Rivenbark, 757-934-1803

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Elaine Reyes, Contact Parish Office

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Whitney Lothamer, 937-654-8398

Women's Club:

Cathy Van Wassen, Contact Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS:**Saturday, May 30**

5:00 p.m. In Honor of Mary Jividen and Family,
requested by Aggie Dowd
In Memory of Jim Carroll,
requested by RoseAnne Hoover

Sunday, May 31

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

Tuesday, June 2

6:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. In Honor of Matthew Dowd,
requested by Aggie Dowd

Wednesday, June 3

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

Thursday, June 4

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

Friday, June 5

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 Honor of the Parishioners of St. Mary's – Anonymous.

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 next month will be on June 5th and 6th.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS FELLOWSHIP:**

Coffee and Donuts Fellowship will be held today, May 31, sponsored by Johanna and Hugo Rodriguez.

WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Congratulations to the 17 Catechumens and Candidates who joined the Catholic Church and our St. Mary's family during the Easter Vigil this year. May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire these new members just as He did The Apostles at the first Pentecost.

THE EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE IS COMING TO VIRGINIA NEXT WEEK!

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an opportunity to bring the joy and hope of Jesus directly into our communities through Eucharistic processions and adoration, Mass, community service projects, and more. We will be united as we go out on mission, encounter one another, and accompany each other in a renewal of faith.

While the faithful are encouraged to join all along the way, a group of nine "Perpetual Pilgrims" will travel the entire route of the pilgrimage up the East Coast. In our area, they will carry the Blessed Sacrament to Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond, St. Bede in Williamsburg, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Newport News. For more information, please see the enclosed flyer and contact the individual parishes or go to: <https://richmonddiocese.org/office/national-eucharistic-pilgrimage/>.

**PARISH LIFE SPAGHETTI DINNER:**

The Parish Life Ministry will host a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, June 6th, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. The menu will include Spaghetti with Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, and a dessert. Please come out and enjoy good company, good eats, and help support all the functions that Parish Life sponsors throughout the year. Tickets are \$12.00 and will be sold after the weekend Masses. Tickets are also available upon request. Contact Elaine Reyes, Lauren Kahoe, or any other Parish Life Member.

WOMEN'S CLUB:

Congratulations to Layla Criner, daughter of Sharon and Travis Criner, who is the recipient of this year's Women's Club scholarship. Layla will be attending Radford University in the fall to study chemistry and astronomy. Congratulations, Layla!

WEEKDAY MASS NEEDS:

St. Mary's is in need of substitute sacristans, altar servers, and readers at the 10:00 a.m. weekday Mass to cover these ministries when the current ministers are ill or on vacation. Training will be provided. Please contact Aggie Dowd at 603-475-1874 or ags7171@gmail.com.

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.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Route in Diocese of Richmond

Upon arriving in the Diocese of Richmond on June 2, there will be a Eucharistic procession from St. Gerard, Roanoke, to the Basilica of St. Andrew, Roanoke, followed by Mass at the basilica in the evening. A fellowship dinner and witness talk will follow at Roanoke Catholic School.

The next day, June 3, will begin with Mass at Our Lady of Nazareth, Roanoke. The pilgrimage moves to Charlottesville, where there will be Mass and Holy Hour at St. Thomas Aquinas, Charlottesville, in the afternoon. In the evening, one of the pilgrims will give a witness talk at St. Benedict, Richmond. There will also be dinner followed by Mass in Spanish at the parish of Sacred Heart, Richmond.

The morning of June 4 will include a Eucharistic procession through downtown Richmond. Pilgrims will visit Holy Rosary, Richmond; St. Patrick, Richmond; and the Pro-Cathedral of St. Peter, Richmond, before stopping at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart for Mass, celebrated at 11:00 a.m. by Bishop Barry C. Knestout.

That afternoon, the pilgrims will make their way to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newport News, for Mass, a holy hour with praise and worship, followed by a holy hour in Spanish.

The final day, June 5, will begin with morning Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, then move to Williamsburg, where there will be a Eucharistic procession around the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. A special presentation on saints, Mass, and lunch will follow at St. Bede, Williamsburg. From there, the pilgrims will travel to the Diocese of Arlington to continue their journey.

The route ends with 24 hours of Eucharistic adoration in the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Philadelphia followed by a closing Mass and Eucharistic procession through the streets of the city.

The route is dedicated to St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, an Italian-American religious sister who cared for the immigrants and poor in New York during the turn of the 20th century, and who was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized a saint.

Statement by Bishop Barry C. Knestout on the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

I am thrilled that the Diocese of Richmond has been invited to be part of this year's National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. I have heard of the fruits of past pilgrimages in other dioceses and believe the Blessed Sacrament is a powerful source of grace that can transform our lives in faith, hope and love.

As we mark our nation's 250th anniversary, it is important to place celebrations in the context of faith – especially here in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which was home to many of our nation's founding fathers, and played such an essential role in enshrining religious liberty within our nation.

The Diocese of Richmond has been a home of faith for more than 200 years, since our founding as a diocese. At times during this history, Catholics in Virginia have endured many challenges, and have still grown in faith, hope, and love. Catholics have experienced hostility, opposition, bigotry and suspicion – but we have also experienced welcome and gratitude for our contributions, patriotism, and participation in American life and culture.

Joining in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be a way to recognize the history of the Commonwealth, as well as the role of Catholics in the birth and growth of the nation. The Diocese of Richmond, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the entire nation will greatly benefit from the grace and blessings of this Eucharistic pilgrimage.

The stops along the pilgrimage route in our diocese are for everyone – from the faithful who are part of our parish communities to those who are simply inquiring or curious about the Catholic faith. My hope is that Christ's Eucharistic presence will communicate our beautiful faith and embrace all who long to know the truth and love of Our Lord.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life, and the central expression of our beliefs. I look forward to sharing our deep faith and the profound power of Eucharistic devotion with the wider community as we accompany the Lord and each other on this pilgrimage.

— Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout

St. Mary's Parish Life

Spaghetti

Saturday June 6, 2026

Dinner

Spaghetti and Meatballs

Salad & Bread

Dessert

\$12



3pm-8pm



St. Mary's Social Hall 201 S. Broad St. Suffolk, VA

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 is studying *Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life*. This 10-week study is a personal and fresh look at Jesus – who He is and what He is really like. Classes meet at 11:15 a.m. (after Mass and the Rosary) in the Social Hall.

The **Tuesday evening** class is continuing a study on the book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary* by Brant Pitre. It will explore all the Catholic teachings about the blessed Mother of God. Classes meet at 6:30 p.m. 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 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 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.

**FATHER'S CORNER:**

*Sometimes we need someone to simply be there,
not to fix anything,
or to do anything in particular,
but just to let us feel we are supported and cared about.*

MEDITATION:

The Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity. (Exodus 34:6)

If you had to describe God in just a few words, what would you say? In today's first reading, God gives us his own answer: "merciful and gracious" and "slow to anger and rich in kindness" (Exodus 34:6). So on this feast of the Holy Trinity, let's celebrate the fact that God has revealed himself in such a moving way.

"Father, I praise you because you are always in control. Your plans can't be deterred by the schemes of any enemy. I am your child, loved and cherished, called and set apart for you, and I know I can rest in you. I trust you, I worship you, and I thank you for drawing me and my loved ones close to you.

"Jesus, you revealed the humility of God when you came to us as a child under the authority of a mother and a father. Because of your lowliness, I'm not afraid to acknowledge my weakness and littleness. You showed us how important it is to obey your heavenly Father when you stayed behind in Jerusalem as an independent preteen. You showed it again when you humbly submitted to John's baptism, resisted the temptations of the devil, and emptied yourself on the cross. Because of you, I can say yes to my Father. I can resist temptation. I can even bring your love and healing to those around me.

"Holy Spirit, you are the glory of God who has been poured out to give us a glimpse of heaven. You are the One who transforms and comforts me. I am so grateful that you are with me and in me as I walk this journey on earth. Thank you for filling me, dwelling in me, teaching me, and guiding me every day of my life. Come and fill me afresh today!"

"I praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!" (Reprinted with permission from *Word Among Us*.)



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