

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery  
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## OUTDOOR MASS NEWS & UPDATES

**On Sunday, April 24, 2011**, the Friends of St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery held the 11th Annual Easter Sunrise Mass. The celebrant for the Mass was Rev. James Parke, former Pastor of the Church of the Ascension. The music was provided by music ministers from the St. Gregory the Great Contemporary Choir & Holy Trinity Catholic Church. It was a beautiful morning for a sunrise Mass! The event was a great success with approximately to 200 people in attendance. *Plan to attend April 8, 2012!*

**On Sunday, November 6, 2011  
the Friends of St. Mary's  
will host the 13th Annual  
Mass for All Souls  
In the Chapel Mausoleum**

**The Rosary will be prayed at 1:30 p.m. The Mass will follow at 2:00 p.m. The Celebrant for the Mass will be Fr. Brian Rafferty, Pastor of St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church.**

**Please make plans to join us!  
For more information or to volunteer contact-  
John Langlois at 757-499-7202.**

### *In Memoriam*

#### *Requiescat In Pace*

*Marie Louise Adams*

*Claudine Barry*

*Virginia Broadnax*

*John J Bruns, Sr.*

*John J Bruns, Jr.*

*Eunice Craddock*

*Mario D'Auria*

*John Ellis Jr.*

*Frances Erbe*

*John A. Erschek*

*Mary Ann Fiano*

*Rachael Annarino Haynes*

*Reon Hillegass, Jr.*

*Ann E Hipple*

*Thomas V. Holahan*

*George W. McKinney*

*Irma Nolan*

*Adrian Carlo Nuzzo*

*Catherine Pasag*

*Joanne M Randolph*

*Gloria Saliba*

*D. Bernadine Tatman*

*David Scott Thomas*

*Salvatore J. Tretola*

*John J. Woodard, Sr.*

*Carolina M. I. Angulo Zarate*

*Henry Milton Ziegenfuss*

*Matthew T. Zingraff*

### **Vandalism Update**

All of the statues, monuments, and headstones that were vandalized in the early hours of January 1, 2011 have been reset and resealed. The statue of Mary atop the columbarium has been replaced. The statue of Mary and the base in the triangle garden near the front gate are to be repaired and reset by Arthur Woodard.



### ~ St. Mary's Volunteers In Memoriam ~



We have lost several people in 2011 who have played a huge part in the recent history of St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

**John J. Woodard, Sr.**, President of Woodard Realty LLC, father of board member, Joanie Woodard and Friend of St. Mary's, passed on April 20th. John was willing to help whenever and wherever it was needed. He was a major financial backer on several projects such as the chairs and the Sacred Vessels used for the outdoor Masses, as well as, the base and the Statue of Mary in the triangle garden. He is buried in the Constantino/Venuto family plot next to his wife of 50+ years, Mary Venuto Woodard.

**Reon Hillegass, Jr.** President of Hillegass Lighting, Honorary Board Member and former Board President, passed on July 7th. Reon had a deep affection for St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. He served on the Board of Directors for many years until his health began to decline. Reon is buried in the Hillegass family plot near the Alhambra Memorial.

**Mary Ann Fiano**, a Friend of St. Mary's, passed on September 5th. Mary was a volunteer who assisted on many occasions with lighting the votive candles.



**Columbarium Info**

The structure is located in front of the Garden Mausoleum under the statue of the Blessed Mother. It houses 96 niches. Single niches are very limited and sell for \$1,350.00. Companion niches sell for \$2,500.00.

**Bronze Vases & Lamps**

Bronze vases & lamps for placement on the mausoleum & columbarium doors are available for sale. Crypt vases are \$250.00, Crypt lamps are \$300.00, Niche vases are \$200.00. These items must be purchased at the cemetery office and are installed by cemetery staff.

For information on the **NEW CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM** Please contact: Alesia Raper at the Cemetery Office 757-627-2874



**Plots Available**

It is true!  
Plots are still available at St. Mary's Cemetery!  
Please contact Alesia for more information.  
Please leave a message if she is away for any reason and she will get back with you!

**Tandem Crypt For Sale**

One tandem crypt [2 casket spaces] in the garden mausoleum is available for sale. It is located on the Holy Trinity Patio on the 3rd level. It sells for \$8,374.00 which is a savings compared to the \$11,165.00 for the same size space in the Chapel Mausoleum.

**USGenWeb Archive Online**  
**Cemetery Burial Records**  
<http://www.usgwarchives.net/va/norfolkcity/cemeteries/stmarys/sm-a.html>

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**Votive Candles**

If you are interested in purchasing a votive candle to burn on holy days and holidays, please use the enclosed form to place your request for 2012. With an annual donation of \$125.00, a beautiful votive will burn on the graves for an estimated four days and nights. Proceeds from the votive candles help underwrite the costs of cemetery beautification projects including general maintenance, flowers, and headstone repairs for forgotten graves. Proceeds are also supplied to the St. Mary's Cemetery Endowment Fund. The first lighting of the 2012 year will be on Good Friday, April 6, 2012 and the candles will burn through Easter Sunday. Other holidays include: Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, All Soul's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

*For more information or to purchase a votive candle, please contact Alesia at (757) 627-2874.*

Don't currently have a Votive Candle?  
For a \$75.00 donation, a candle will be placed on your family's plot for All Souls Day Thanksgiving & Christmas 2011.

**SMCC News Tidbits**  
SMCC is now on the web!  
Thanks to the efforts of board member Martin Thomas and web designer, Jessica Blair! Check it out!  
[www.stmaryscemeterynorfolk.com](http://www.stmaryscemeterynorfolk.com)  
The site contains a detailed history of the cemetery, available property for sale, links to the interment database, copies of the Newsletters, & contact information. Plans are to add links to the Diocese of Richmond & H.D. Oliver Funeral Home.

Be sure to complete and return the enclosed Votive Candle Order Form!  
Also, included on the order form is information on other items to be offered for purchase through St. Mary's.

**~ Mailing List Information ~**

**We need your help to keep the mailing list updated, current and keep down unnecessary postal expense!**

If you are receiving multiple copies of *The Herald* or had an address change, or know someone who has had a change, please contact Joanie Woodard, board member & Newsletter Editor, to correct information at (757) 583-4391.

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