

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

In Memoriam

Requiescat In Pace

Anna Weaver Andrews

Ida Bontemps

Wesley J. Boutalis

Mary Rose Bowden

Richard Bruun

William W. Callahan

Betty Chapman

Muriel D. Charton

Shirley Didomenico

Anna T. Dunn

Agnes J. Meloni Forte

Patricia G. Geiger

Megan Jarvis

Brenda Lawson

Catherine H. Newsome

Elizabeth Jane Plant

Norma B. Rouse

Olivia R. Sansone

Zenobia Spasaro

Irene Tocce

2012 Easter Sunrise Mass

On Sunday, April 8, 2012, the Friends of St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery held the 12th Annual Easter Sunrise Mass. The celebrant for the Mass was Fr. Tran, retired Air Force Chaplain. The music was provided by music ministers from the St. Gregory the Great Contemporary Choir & Holy Trinity Catholic Church. The event was a great success with approximately 200 people in attendance.

Plan now to attend Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013!

2012 Mass for All Souls

On Sunday, November 4, 2012, the SMCC Board and the Friends of St. Mary's will host the 14th 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.

A reception will follow the Mass.

Please make plans to join us!

**For more information or to volunteer contact-
John Langlois at 757-499-7202.**

Since November brings us the Thanksgiving holiday it seems the perfect time for the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery Board along with the Friends of St. Mary's to thank all of our volunteers who have given so generously of their time and talent over these past 14 years. It is because of you that we have been able to have successful events that have helped to promote the Cemetery as a beautiful historic location! A special thank you to the priests, the musicians, the extraordinary ministers, the Norfolk Sheriff's department, the parking assistants, the candle lighters... without you we would not have been able to come this far!

Thank you!

Information on the Chapel Mausoleum

The SMCC Sales Manager for the new Chapel Mausoleum, Ms. Patricia Roberts, will be available after the Mass for All Souls on Sunday, November 4th, 2012 to answer any questions you may have regarding the new Chapel Mausoleum.

~ More Vandalism at St. Mary's ~

The DeCosi Family Mausoleum located at the north end of the cemetery sustained minor damage several weeks ago due to vandalism. The structure was untouched; however, some of the metal railing that encircles the mausoleum was damaged and will require welding. ***If you notice any suspicious activity while visiting a loved one's gravesite, please notify Alesia immediately at the cemetery office!***



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.

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!

Cameos Available

The Cameos display a photo of your deceased loved one and can be mounted on either the mausoleum doors or on headstones.
For more information please contact Alesia at 757-627-2874

For information on the new Chapel Mausoleum
Please contact:
Patricia Roberts at 757-925-1400
Email:
info@stmaryscemeterynorfolk.com



**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 2013.** 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 2013 year will be on Good Friday, March 29, 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, for the remainder of 2012 or for 2013 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 2012.

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
The site contains a detailed history of the cemetery, available property for sale, links to the interment database, copies of the Newsletters, & contact information.

~ 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.

You may email any additions, corrections or changes to:
StMarysNews@aol.com

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.