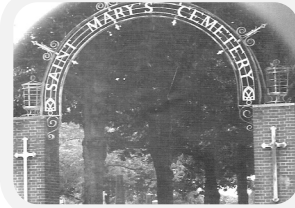


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3000 Church Street, Norfolk, VA 23504

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OUTDOOR MASS NEWS & UPDATES

Please plan to join us for the

Easter Sunrise Mass

April 5, 2015 ~ 6:30 a.m.

in front of the Garden Mausoleum

We have seating for approximately 100.

You are welcome to bring your own lawn chair!

Celebrant for the Mass will be **Fr. Don Cavey-Chaplain** with the VA Hospital in Hampton.

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

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*Mark your calendar!*

*Plan to attend the*

*17th Annual All Saints/ All Souls Mass Sunday, November 1, 2015!*

*Rosary - 1:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 2:00 p.m.*

### *In Memoriam*

*Theodore N Bacalis*

*Angela Bailey*

*Julia M. Broadmax*

*Mary Theresa Callahan*

*Thomas H. Cannon*

*Mary L. Cecil*

*Marco Corral*

*James Patrick Duncan*

*Jim Gearheart Jr.*

*Mary Lech*

*Darrell A. Leonard*

*Helen M. Manosh*

*Mary Francis Miller*

*Clara Peltier*

*Monsignor William L Pitt Jr.*

*William T. Prince*

*Sarah Anne Reilly*

*Anthony Francis Rossi*

*Christopher Walker*

*Helen E. Walker*

### ***Requiescat In Pace***

The SMCC Board is accepting donations for the proposed replacement statue of the Blessed Mother Mary to be erected in the triangle area at the main entrance of the cemetery. The triangle memorial will be in memory of those interred at St. Mary's Cemetery, but whose locations cannot be verified. Please write "Triangle Memorial" in the memo section of your check.

**Please keep the following and their families close in prayer as they go through some serious health concerns.**

**Fr. Dan Klem-** *SMCC Board Member and Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Norfolk*

**Sheila Burke-** *Long time SMCC Volunteer Outdoor Mass Reception Hostess.*

**Ilona Webb-Bruner-** *SMCC Sales Manager*

*Also- Jim Gearheart- long time Friend of St. Mary's and Board Member who recently passed on March 15, 2015.*

## 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 2015.

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 2015 year will be on Good Friday, April 3, 2015 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 see enclosed form or contact Alesia at (757) 627-2874.***

### SPRING CLEAN UP TIME!

Christmas and other winter decorations that were not in permanent containers were removed in early March to prepare for the upcoming mowing and trimming season. Please note that the cemetery regulations prohibit the planting of trees, shrubs or any sort of ground cover on the lots, as well as, placing anything not in permanent containers that will interfere with the normal mowing and trimming operations. Thank you for your support in this!

### ~ Mailing List Information ~

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

If you are receiving multiple copies of *The Herald* or have 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



**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.

**For information on the Chapel Mausoleum**  
**Please contact:**  
**Ilona Webb-Bruner**  
**757- 663-2830**  
**Email: [ibmrb@cox.net](mailto:ibmrb@cox.net)**

**Limited Ground Plots Available**

There are a limited amount of ground plots still available at St. Mary's Cemetery!  
 Please contact Alesia at 757-627-2874

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



**SMCC News Tidbits**  
 SMCC is now on the web! 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.

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**HEADSTONE HIGHLIGHT—Con't. from Vol. 49**

**Confederate Officer Rediscovered, Remembered at St. Mary's by Joseph Pierro**

A recent investigation has revealed St. Mary's Cemetery to be the final resting place of a young Norfolk native who gave his life in the defense of his homeland.

Born in the city and educated at Norfolk Academy, John F. Sale was a nineteen year old carpenter when newly-seceded Virginia called for men to rally to her cause in the spring of 1861. Sale enlisted as a private in the Norfolk Junior Volunteers, soon re-designated as Company C of the 12th Virginia Infantry. He and his regiment spent the first year of the war defending the Lower Peninsula, then retreated with the rest of the Southern units in the region following its capture by Federal forces in May 1862. Joining the main Confederate force assembled near Richmond, Sale and the 12th Virginia participated that summer in the battle of Seven Pines, then served subsequently with General Robert E. Lee and his storied Army of Northern Virginia for the remainder of the war, participating in every one of its legendary campaigns.

In recognition of his steadfast service throughout those blood-drenched years, Sale was regularly promoted through the ranks, eventually being elected as second lieutenant by the men of his company in October 1864. But the honor, and the responsibility, were short-lived. In the second of three days of desperate fighting west of Petersburg known as the battle of Hatcher's Run, Sale was wounded on February 6, 1865, by a shot that pierced his right arm, passed into his body, traveled through his right lung, and lodged in his bowels. For six agonizing days he convalesced in a Petersburg hospital, where he received the last rites of the Catholic Church. Sale succumbed to his injuries on the twelfth—just 42 days shy of his twenty-third birthday—and was buried in Petersburg's Blandford Cemetery.

The remains of John F. Sale were long believed to lie there still, in one of its thousands of unmarked Confederate graves. But while recently editing Sale's wartime letters and diary for publication, Richmond-based historian Joseph Pierro uncovered conclusive evidence that in December 1865, the bodies of Sale and another Catholic compatriot from Lee's army were disinterred from Petersburg, and, in a great civic ceremony, transported to Norfolk for a joint funeral mass at St. Mary's Church, followed by their respective re-interments in St. Mary's Cemetery.

As was common in the prostrate and bankrupt South, no permanent memorial was erected, and the fragmentary records of the cemetery for that period quickly led Sale's grave to be lost to history. Upon realizing the omission, Pierro presented his findings to the St. Mary's Cemetery board, and received permission from a Sale descendant to make application to the Department of Veterans Affairs for a military headstone. The request was granted, and the monument now stands in the Sale family plot.

John F. Sale's oft-expressed wish throughout the war—to return once more to the company of his friends and family in Norfolk—had indeed been fulfilled, if in tragic style. And after a century and a half of anonymity, the location of his remains is now marked by one of the newest additions to St. Mary's grounds, affording long-overdue recognition of his heroic sacrifice.

If you would like to share special history information on family or friends interred in St. Mary's to be highlighted in the St. Mary's Newsletter, please contact Joanie Woodard, the Newsletter Editor @ 757-583-4391 or Email: [StMarysNews@aol.com](mailto:StMarysNews@aol.com)