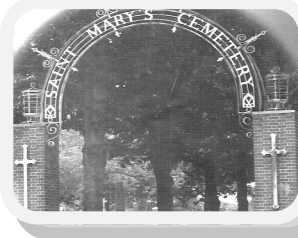


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OUTDOOR MASS NEWS & UPDATES

Please plan to join us for the
17th Annual All Saints / All Souls Mass
Sunday, November 1, 2015
In the Chapel Mausoleum
Rosary—1:30 p.m.
Mass —2:00 p.m.

Celebrant for the Mass will be **Fr. Brian Rafferty**
Pastor of St. Stephen, Martyr Catholic Church

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

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*Mark your calendar!*

*Plan to attend the 2016 Easter Sunrise Mass on March 27, 2016*

## ~ St. Mary's Volunteers In Loving Memory ~

**Jim Gearheart**— Active St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery Board Member and long time Friend of St. Mary's, passed away March 15, 2015. Jim is best known for spearheading the effort to power wash all of the monuments and headstones in the cemetery in the early 2000's. His calm, gentle approach to any task taken will be greatly missed!

**Sheila Burke**— Long time SMCC Outdoor Mass Volunteer and Reception Hostess, passed away on March 27, 2015. Sheila will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to have known this remarkable lady. As she entered her 70's and then her 80's, she continued to give freely of her time, over the years, to host so many wonderful receptions after our outdoor Masses no matter how miserable the weather! Sheila's two daughters, Jean and Kerry, plan to continue in their mother's footsteps by hosting future Mass Receptions. Sheila was a longtime member of St. Pius X Catholic Church.

*Please keep both families in your prayers!*

**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.

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

**Frank Callahan**—Former SMCC Board Secretary and Catholic Virginian Correspondent.

### *In Memoriam*

*Joseph Baecher Jr.*

*Elinor Bean*

*Julia Burke*

*Sheila Burke*

*Marie Dailey*

*Abbey Doan*

*Joseph Earl Edwards*

*Daniel Garvin*

*James "Jim" Gearheart*

*Patrick Johnakin*

*James Mansfield*

*Orazio Merlo*

*Frank Panella*

*Albert Petruelis*

*Augustine Riganto*

*Mary Helen Simmons*

*Raymond Tahhan*

*Violet Iboya Veres*

*Leander Weston*

*Margaret Wood*

*James Woodhouse Jr.*

### *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.

Note: Water is currently not available throughout the cemetery due to a break in the line. Plans are to have it repaired in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your patience.



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

**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.

**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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**Chapel Mausoleum Information**

Ilona Webb-Bruner will have an information table set up at the reception following the All Saints / All Souls Mass on Sunday, November 1, 2015. She will be able to answer your questions about the availability and cost of either niches or crypts in the Chapel Mausoleum dedicated in 2003.  
*Please take a moment to explore your options to have St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery as your final resting place.*

**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 2016. 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 or to purchase a votive candle, please contact Alesia at (757) 627-2874.**

If you are interested in purchasing a candle for All Souls Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas 2015 contact Alesia for pricing!

The St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery Board along with the Friends of St. Mary's would like to thank all of our volunteers who have given so generously of their time and talent over the years. It is because of you that we have been able to have successful events that have helped promote the Cemetery as a beautiful historic location!

A special thank you to the priests, the musicians, the extraordinary ministers, the reception hosts, 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!*

**~ Mailing List Information ~**

**We need your help to keep the mailing list updated, and current 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.