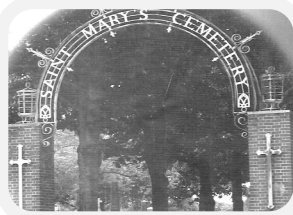


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## OUTDOOR MASS NEWS & UPDATES

**Please plan to join us for the  
Annual  
Easter Sunrise Mass  
April 20, 2014  
6:30 a.m.  
in front of the Garden Mausoleum**

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*

*16th Annual All Souls Mass Sunday, November 2, 2014!*  
*Rosary - 1:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 2:00 p.m.*

## SPOTLIGHT ON MARTIN THOMAS JR.

Martin Thomas Jr. has served on the St. Mary's Cemetery Board of Directors for nearly four years and also serves as the cemetery's legal counsel. He was instrumental in the design and implementation of the cemetery's website.

He is an attorney with the Decker Law Firm and serves on various boards and commissions to include the Norfolk Architectural Review Board, Bank of Hampton Roads, and the Pete Decker Children's Charity Board. As a member of the Wards Corner Optimist Club and the Knights of Columbus Council #3548, he also serves on the Ocean View St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

Martin is a resident of the Wards Corner neighborhood in Norfolk and serves as vice president of the Wards Corner Civic League and is the founder of the Wards Corner Now Civic Group. He is also a member of Christ the King Catholic Church. Martin truly lives by the motto of "Helping People" and is commended for his outstanding support of St. Mary's Cemetery.



### *In Memoriam*

*Henry Stokes Ashley Jr.*

*Vivian Carreiere*

*Tanya Lee Day*

*Virginia Smith Gerloff*

*Corinne Decker Harr*

*Marion Ruth Johnson*

*Barbara Ann Lancaster*

*Eda B. McLaughlin*

*Baby Robert Mitchell*

*Catherine C. Panella*

*Mary Claire Pinard*

*Jean Sciortino*

*Elizabeth C. Sears*

*Charles Weston Jr.*

*Keelan Erik Williams*

*Charles Zito*

***Requiescat In Pace***

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!*

### 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!



**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:**  
**Kelly @ 757-633\*2259**  
 Kelly\_galbraith\_39@hotmail.com

**Kelly will have an information table set up after the Easter Sunrise Mass !**

**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**



**REMINDER!**  
**Votive Candles**  
**The first lighting for 2014 will be on Good Friday, April 18th.**

**St. Mary's Cemetery Board & Staff**

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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 2014. 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 2014 year will be on Good Friday, April 18, 2014 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.**

**Benefit Show Coming to the Sandler Center!**  
 The producers who brought you *Late Night Catechism* will present the musical *Happy Days* at the Sandler Center in Virginia Beach on Saturday, April 26th at 8pm. The pre-Broadway show will benefit Camilla Hall, the retirement home for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund, the Bon Secours Care-a-Van and other worthy charities. **Please note the flyer included in this edition of the Herald.** Tickets are \$30.00 per person. For more information or reservations please call John Langlois at 757-681-7202

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 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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