

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery  
3000 Church Street, Norfolk, VA 23504

# THE HERALD



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## OUTDOOR MASS NEWS & UPDATES

**Please plan to join us for the 2017  
Easter Sunrise Mass!**

**Sunday, April 16 2017, 6:30 a.m.  
In front of the Garden Mausoleum  
[Rain Location—in the Chapel Mausoleum]**

**The Celebrant for the Mass will by Fr. David Koch**

**David Dzedziak, Joanie Woodard,  
Jamie Walker, Nicole Reynolds & Michelle Katz  
of the St. Gregory the Great Contemporary Choir  
will lead the music.**

**A reception will follow hosted by  
Kerry McCauley, Jean Burke, Tommy & Wanda DiNardo  
Seating available, but feel free to bring you own lawn chair!**

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**For more information or to volunteer contact-  
Jim Fitzpatrick at 757-482-9121.**

### *In Memoriam*

*Katharine Bauer  
Helen Perkins Bremus  
Ellen Murray Callahan  
Wladimir Chaplynski  
Dominica D'auria  
Martha Cleghorn Gorman  
Catherine M. Hillegass  
Jean Hillegass  
David Robert Howell  
John Michael John  
Gwendolyn Page Langwell  
Barbara McCarrick  
John F. McGowan  
Allan Douglas Meekins  
Joseph Vincent Ollice  
Norman G. Patry  
Joseph A. Sansone III  
Marie Verstynan  
Loretta Rossi Wack  
Mary H. Williams  
Rosemary Zimmer*

***Requiescat In Pace***



*Anyone with information on  
Annie Zoby Hoffler who  
passed away in January 1943  
& Samuel Thomas Hoffler who  
passed away May 1943 are asked  
to contact Alesia  
at the cemetery office at  
757-627-2874*

### **The New Blessed Mother Statue and Base Has Been Ordered!**

SMCC is still accepting donations to offset the cost for the replacement statue and base 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.

For a \$300.00 donation we will engrave the name of the family or an individual [one line limit] on the base.

**Please be sure to write "Triangle Memorial" in the memo section of your check.**

### **ST. MARY'S CEMETERY IN TRANSITION!**

The Diocese of Richmond is getting more involved in managing its cemeteries and church columbariums. In September 2016, Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo established an Office of Cemeteries at the Pastoral Center and appointed Deacon Edward Handel as the Diocesan Director of Cemeteries. For the past several years, many of the diocesan cemeteries including St. Mary's have been struggling financially and Deacon Ed seeks to turn things around by implementing the new Diocesan Catholic Funeral Services Program. Beginning on July 1, 2017 management of St. Mary's Cemetery will be turned over to Deacon Handel and the existing cemetery board will be dissolved. In addition to an office at the Richmond Pastoral Center, Deacon Ed will maintain an office in Williamsburg and can be reached at 757-255-5699 or email at [ehandel@csmmission.org](mailto:ehandel@csmmission.org) if you have any questions or suggestions.



**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 for more information.

**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**

**Please call the cemetery for information on the pricing and availability in the Chapel Mausoleum**



**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.

**Diocesan Director of Cemeteries**

**Deacon Edward Handel**

**925-523-1306**

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

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*Honorary Board Members:*

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| Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo                | 804-359-5661 |
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*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 2017. 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 2017 year will be on Good Friday, April 14, 2017 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.*

***A Message from the SMCC Board and Members of the Friends of St. Mary's***

The St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery Board along with the Friends of St. Mary's would like to take this time to thank all of our supporters and our volunteers who have given so generously of their time and talent over the years, to help us bring life and awareness back to an aging cemetery. 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 and source of pride to the local Catholic Community. We have come such a long way over the past 19 years! 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 do the things we have done. Of course, a special thank you to all of our loyal supporters who have come to the events- rain or shine, in the heat or cold. *God Bless you all! Thank you!*

***The SMCC Board and The Friend's of St. Mary's.***

**SPRING CLEANUP!**

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 cemetery regulations prohibit the planting of trees, shrubs, or any other ground covers on lots or placing anything not in permanent containers that would interfere with normal mowing and trimming operations. Thank you for your support.