

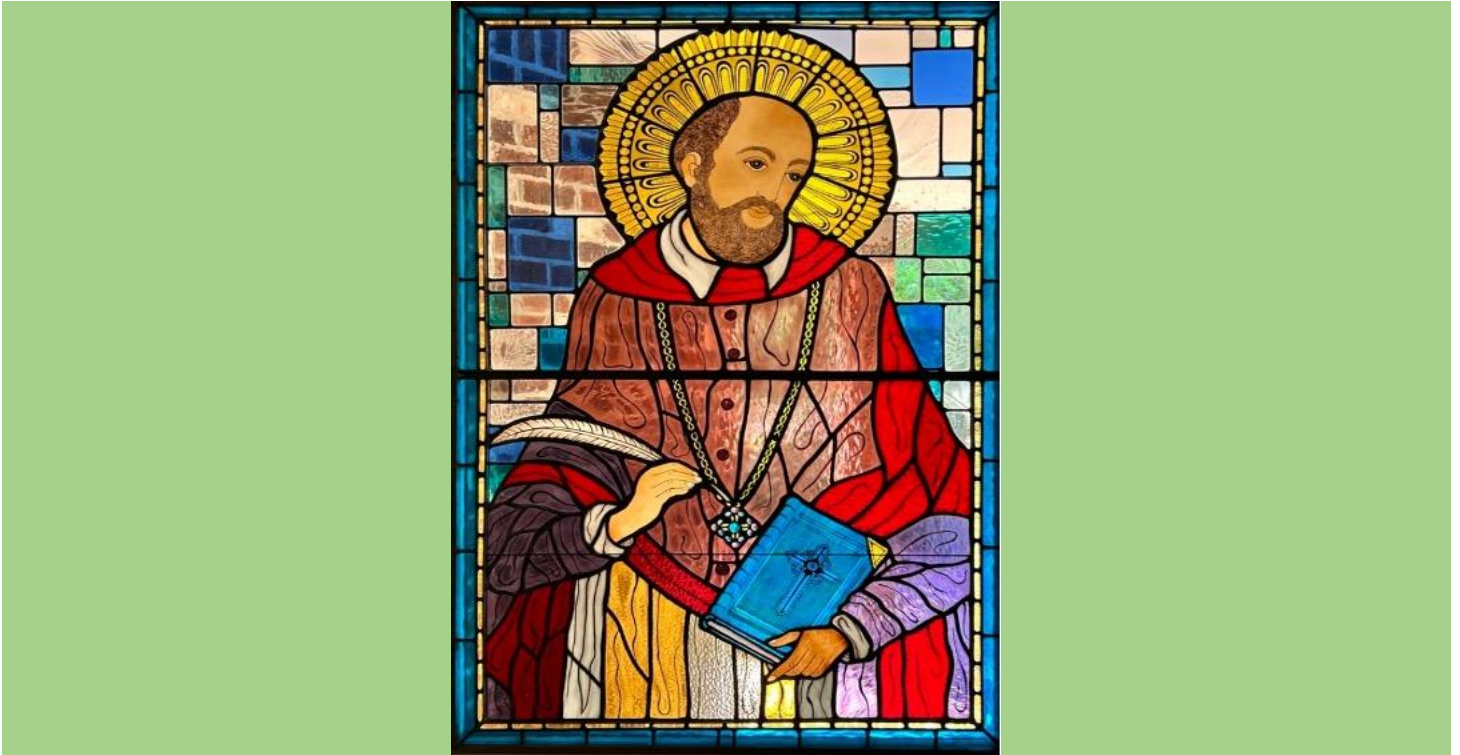
Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

September 3, 2023

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of Yvonne Walls, Mother of Marie Walls and Grandmother of Keegan.



First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9:
God's word has brought me derision.

Responsorial Psalm 63:
"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2:
"Discern what is the will of God."

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27:
Take up the cross and follow the Lord.

Greeter: P. Reardon

Usher: E. Lipinski / J. Oliver

Lectors: M. Flaherty / P. Hyer

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: T. Darby / M. Haas / H. Yacobucci

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Please submit any announcements for the bulletin to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday at 4:00 PM

Our Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Mass: 11:00am

Tuesday Daily Mass: 9:00am

Friday Daily Mass: 9:00am

Holy Days: 6:30pm

Every 1st Friday: Devotions to the Sacred Heart Mass at 9:00am followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Every 1st Saturday: Fatima Devotions Rosary at 9:30am followed by Mass at 10:00am

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation on request.

Marriage: call the priest at least six months in advance.

Baptism: call the priest at least one month in advance.

Anointing of the Sick at any time upon request.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Jeremiah lashes out at God in today's first reading for the misery he must endure as a prophet. Saint Paul, who knew well what it was like to be persecuted, urges the Romans to sacrifice their will to God's. In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that they must deny themselves and take up their crosses. Suffering is a part of life and is a necessary part of our calling as the Lord's disciples. May God's word strengthen us so that we may better endure suffering on our journey.

This week in the Liturgy of the Church

TUES Sep 5 9:00 AM Weekday Mass Tuesday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time
FRI Sep 8 9:00 AM Weekday Mass /Followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

Upcoming Events in the Life of our Parish

WED Sep 13 6:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting / Parish Commons Area

SUN Sep 17 12:00PM Hospitality Sunday
Join us for food and fellowship after Mass!

SUN Sep 24 2:00 PM Church of Francis de Sales Annual Picnic
USCG Station Milford Haven
Please RSVP with Rita Engle

MON Sep 25 *Please plan to participate in having your picture taken for our new parish directory. Check your e-mail and mailbox for more information!*

WED Oct 4 6:00 PM Adult Faith Formation and Dinner
Please RSVP with Ed McNamee

MON Oct 23 *Please plan to participate in having your picture taken for our new parish directory. Check your e-mail and mailbox for more information!* Please note that because of the wonderful sign-up response, we have added the second date.

Our Announcements

There will be a meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers after Mass on Sunday September 10, 2023.

SAVE THE DATE: *Sunday, September 24, 2023* – Our Church of Francis de Sales Annual Picnic will be held at the Coast Guard Station at Milford Haven at 2:00 PM. Please sign up in the Commons area or see Rita Engle if you plan to attend.

SAVE THE DATES: *Monday, September 25 and Monday, October 23, 2023*. Please plan to participate in having your picture taken for our new parish directory. Check your e-mail and mailbox for more information! Please note that because of the wonderful sign-up response, we have added the second date.

Pope John Paul II said, “In Mother Teresa’s smile, words, and deeds, Jesus again walked the streets of the world as the Good Samaritan.” JIM TOWEY was a trusted advisor and personal friend of Mother Teresa of Calcutta for 12 years. On *WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, at 7 PM*, he will be speaking at the ***Church of Saint Therese in Gloucester***. All are welcome. His talk will be followed by a reception and copies of his book *To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa* will be available for purchase.

SAVE THE DATE: *Saturday, October 14, 2023*, 5:00-7:00 pm, The John B. VanOver & Chris Hale Oktoberfest Dinner. Tickets are \$30 (children 8 and under eat free). Presales only – No tickets sold at the door! For tickets contact Pat or Ed Lipinski.

Special Intentions for Mass: If you would like to have a Mass offered for the intention of a loved one, friend, or another special request, please stop by the parish office and we will be happy to assist you!

Message from Fr. Koo:

Saint Mary’s Catholic School in Richmond is seeking several caring, motivated, and dedicated part-time After School Care staff members for the 2023 – 2024 school year. They offer an enriching learning environment where students can complete homework and participate in other structured learning opportunities.

Duties for this position include keeping proper supervision of After School Care participants, maintaining classroom order and discipline, as well as encouraging the engagement of students in fun and easy learning activities.

Required Qualifications:

Successful candidates must have prior experience working with elementary and/or middle school students in a classroom or group setting, be flexible and reliable, and have the ability to work collaboratively with other team members.

After School Care positions are offered Monday through Friday during the hours of 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Please send a letter of interest, resume, and Diocesan Application (found at <https://richmonddiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/CDR-Application-For-Employment-11-17-16.docx>) to, Principal, at jobs@saintmary.org.

Follow Your Vocation to Serve

Do you think you may be called to serve the Church in a new role? The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is hosting three informational sessions this fall for men who might have a calling to ordained service to the Church and to the bishop as a permanent deacon, and are interested in discerning their calling while learning about the commitment it involves.

Qualifications for formation to the permanent diaconate include, but are not limited to the following:

A Roman Catholic for a minimum of five years at time of application.

Registered parishioner within the Diocese of Richmond for five years at the time of application, and active in the parish community.

Between the ages of 30 and 59 at the time of application.

Committed to and living out values of justice, charity and service.

Demonstrates grateful fidelity to all that the Church teaches, openness to formation and has demonstrated leadership.

Following these sessions, a new cohort of permanent deacons will be formed in 2024. Our permanent deacons are assigned to a parish where they exercise liturgical and catechetical ministries within their parish communities. Deacons hold roles both in their church and in a variety secular professions, showing how unique this vocation is. Please prayerfully discern whether you may be called to join a thriving and essential vocation to serve the Church in a new way. For those interested, visit the Permanent Diaconate page on richmonddiocese.org or email gmanuso@richmonddiocese.org. If you feel the call, talk to your pastor!

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**Please Pray for Our Military Men, Women,
and Their Families**

MSgt Kristin Buludis	Daughter of Randy & Terry Dobson	US Air Force	Langley AFB, VA
CPT Andrew Bohn	Son of Jeff Bohn & Suanne Dittmeier	US Army	Fort Gregg Adams, VA
CAPT Ryan Carey	Son of Jack & Ginny Carey	US Navy	Naples, Italy
SSgt Cameron Farrell	Great-nephew of Elaine Lynch	US Air Force	Tyndall AFB, FL
E6 John Robert Pizzicar	Son-in-law of Jim & Deona Pavik,	US Navy	Fort Meade, MD
LT Patrick Sopko	Son of Suzanne and Ron Sopko	US Navy	Norfolk, VA
2LT Spencer Walsh	Grandson of Pat & Jimmy Walsh	US Army	Fort Hood, TX

Austin Tice, freelance journalist and former Marine Captain, captured in Syria on August 14, 2012
Locations of overseas deployments are not listed for the security of all military members.

Our Parish Ministry and Mission Leads

Parochial Administrator, Liturgy	Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah
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Lectors Ministry	Ed McNamee
Liturgy	Michelle Oliver
Memorial Bricks	Paul Flaherty
New Members	Pat Lipinski
Faith Formation - Parish Catechetical Lead	Ed McNamee
Parish Life	Rita Engle
Parish Outreach	Helen Yacobucci
Pastoral Care	Mary Flaherty
Pastoral Council Chair	Eric Chadwell
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Sacramental Preparation - Baptism	Ed McNamee
Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation	Jessie Miller
Sacramental Preparation – 1 st Sacraments	Michelle Haas
Ushers	Ed Lipinski
Webmaster	Ed McNamee

To get in touch with any of our ministry or mission leaders,
or to offer your time and talents, please contact the Parish Office.

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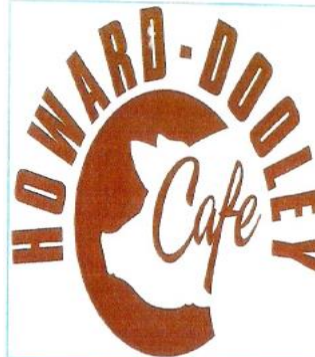
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