

Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

November 5, 2023

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of Beth O'Reilly.



First Reading: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10:

Worship the one God who created us, and keep faith with one another.

Responsorial Psalm 131:

“In you, Lord, I have found my peace.”

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13:

God is as a gentle mother caring for her children.

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12:

Jesus teaches that we have only one master who is the Christ.

Greeter: P. McNamee

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Roman Catholic Church
176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

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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:

We are reminded today that we have all been called to a life of service before God. Malachi specifically addresses the priests, who of all people should not be setting a poor example. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that the apostles gave their very selves in their work and ministry. Finally, Jesus warns the crowds what will happen if one exalts oneself. With humble hearts, let us ponder God's word.

This week in the Liturgy of the Church

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| FRI | Nov 3 | 9:00 AM | Weekday Mass Friday of the 30 th Week in Ordinary Time. First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Mass will be offered for Pamela Watson and Family. |
| SAT | Nov 4 | 9:30 AM | First Saturday: Mass will <u>not</u> be celebrated on this day; however, it will continue on the first Saturday in December on December 2 nd . In celebration of the Fatima Devotion the Rosary will be recited at 9:30 AM. |
| TUES | Nov 7 | 9:00 AM | Weekday Mass Tuesday of the 31 st Week in Ordinary Time. |
| FRI | Nov 10 | 9:30 AM | Weekday Mass Friday of the 31 st Week in Ordinary Time. |

Upcoming Events in the Life of our Parish

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| SAT | <u>New Date:</u> Nov 18 | 9:00-4:00 PM | Church of Francis de Sales Yard Sale & Bake Sale (rain or shine). |
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FdS Parish Offertory Income

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024
[Through the end of August 2023 – 3-months]

Parish Offertory Collection will be provided in the Sunday Bulletin on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month

Thank you for your continued financial support of our Parish so that we can maintain a living parish and be a light of Christ to all.

Our Announcements

Mary Marshall will be out of the office on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, for Election Day.

Altar of Remembrance: The Environment Committee has set up the Altar of Remembrance. If you have pictures of loved ones who have passed away and you want them included on this altar, please bring them to the church on Sundays during the month of November. Please make sure to include the loved ones' name as well as your name along with the picture(s), so we can return them to you after the altar has been taken down in late November. Please see Pat Lipinski concerning this, if you have any questions or pictures.

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!

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(enter through front of building)

Donations: Donations will be accepted before and after Sunday mass (Cathy Schirmer will direct you where to place your donated items, in the church). For those unable to drop off on Sunday or need to make arrangements for pick-up, please text or call Cathy at 203-417-4704 to coordinate.

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**Tickets on sale now for \$15.00
\$20.00 at the door**

| LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER | | |
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| | Kathleen Cala | |
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| | Patsy Lynch | |

Please Pray for Our Military Men, Women, and Their Families.
Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform in our country's time of need.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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| 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 |
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| 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

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| Parochial Administrator, Liturgy | Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah |
| Parish Administrator | Paul Flaherty |
| Parish Secretary | Mary Marshall |
| Altar Servers | Jon Oliver |
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| Faith Formation - Parish Catechetical Lead | Ed McNamee |
| Parish Life | Rita Engle |
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| 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,
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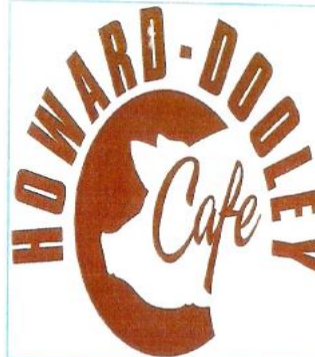
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