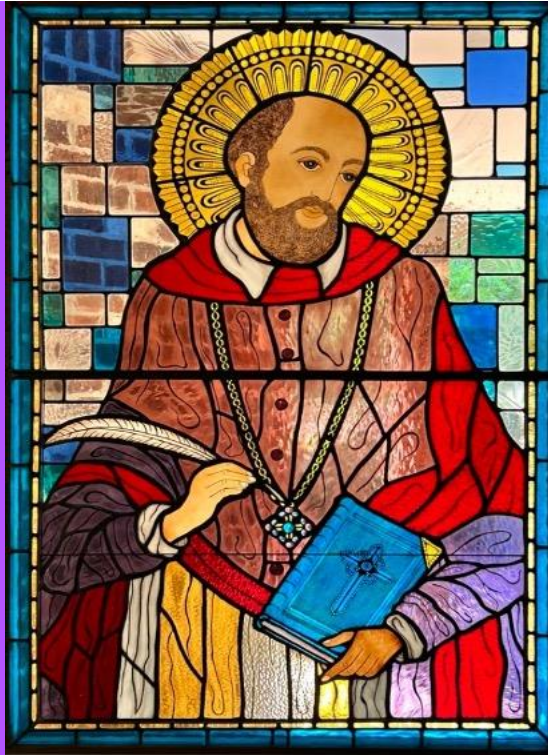


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176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent



First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15:

God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood.

Responsorial Psalm 25:

“Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.”

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22:

The water of the flood prefigured Baptism, which saves you now.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15:

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to Him.

Greeter: J. Miller

Usher: D. Darby / A. Downs

Lectors: P. Sanderson / S. Sanderson

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: J. Dawson / T. Darby / H. Yacobucci

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Roman Catholic Church
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Please remember to read our church website at: <https://www.FdSChurch.org>

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:

After the Great Flood, God made a covenant with us. Never again would a flood destroy the whole earth. Centuries later, God sent Jesus as the new covenant. As we hear in the second reading, Jesus suffered for our sins to lead us to God. In today's Gospel, Jesus emerges from forty days in the desert, proclaiming that this is the time to repent and believe. Let us heed His message as we listen to God's word.

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

TUE Feb 20 9:00 a.m. Weekday Mass Tuesday of the 1st Week of Lent.
 FRI Feb 23 9:00 a.m. Weekday Mass Friday of the 1st Week of Lent.

Upcoming Events in the Life of our Parish

TUE Feb 20 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Soup
 TUE Feb 27 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Soup

FdS Parish Offertory Income Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 [Through the end of January 2024 – 7-months]				
Month	Budget	Actuals	Actual Less Budget	Percent Actual / Budget
December Totals	\$13,083	\$11,061	(-\$2,022)	(-15%)
Year To Date to 01/31/24	-\$91,583	\$108,239	+\$16,656	+ 18%
<p><i>THANK YOU.</i></p> <p><i>YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY IS CRUCIAL FOR OUR FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH TO LIVE – PREACH – TEACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.</i></p>				

Our Announcements

Please welcome our new parishioner, Roland J. Bowman.

As we participate in the Lenten Season and observe the Passion of Our Lord, please join us for Stations of the Cross and Soup on Tuesday, February 20th and Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Flower Donation: For a \$15 donation in remembrance of a family member or friend you can take a potted plant home with you after the Easter Season and transplant it in your garden.
Thank you for helping to make our altar look beautiful this Easter Season.

If you desire a **Tax Statement for 2023**, please add your name to the list on the round counter in the commons. You can also call Mary Marshall in the office to request one.

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!

CRS RICE BOWL

What is CRS Rice Bowl? Annually the Church of Francis de Sales works with the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to sponsor the Lenten Rice Bowl. The Rice Bowl is a Lenten Program for Catholic families to put their faith into action. By following the daily reflections and activities in the Rice Bowl Lenten Calendar, you can provide needed funds for families in need both globally and locally. Seventy five percent of Rice Bowl funds are spent globally, and twenty five percent will go for local needs.

The theme for the Rice Bowl this year is Bread of Life, as Jesus said in John 6:35 "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Your donations can help families gain dignity and provide support for their family. Your donation of \$40.00 can obtain chickens to provide protein-rich eggs for one family, or \$80.00 can buy a goat that will provide milk and income or \$150.00 will build a garden for nutrition and income. All donations received small or large, will help our family around the world.

Pick up your CRS Rice Bowl from the table in the Commons and start your Lenten alms giving and return them to the church the Sunday after Easter, April 7, 2024.



The Claude V. Simmons Scholarship Academic Year 2024-2025

The Claude V. Simmons Scholarship Fund supports graduating high school seniors who are obtaining a Bachelor's Degree by attending a 4-year college or university and are qualified active members of the Church of Francis de Sales in Mathews County, Virginia. This is a 4-year renewing scholarship.

Current recipients and new applicants must submit an electronic application or renewal application for the 2024-2025 academic year to the Mathews Community Foundation by Tuesday, **March 05, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

Supporting documents are required as outlined in the application form on the Community Foundation website (i.e., Student Financial Information Form as well as a statement of reflection on personal growth and faith as a parishioner of the Church of Francis de Sales).

This link can be used by students who wish to apply: [CFengage | High school - Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula](#)

On this page, students can access all the scholarship opportunities available to them by typing "Mathews" into the search bar. They will need to scroll until they find the Claude V. Simmons Scholarship, and there is a button that says "Apply Now," which will take them to our online scholarship's portal. They will need to create an account to apply, but if they are applying for multiple scholarships, they can use the same account to apply to them all.

Mr. Lincoln Boykin of the Community Foundation is available to answer any questions regarding the scholarship and to assist in submitting the application. Mr. Boykin can be reached by calling 804-436-1600 (Kilmarnock Office) or 804-725-3454 (Mathews Office).

More info about scholarships and a timeline for this year's awards is here: [CFengage | Community Foundation Scholarships](#)

Recipients will be selected based on greatest financial need.

Should you have additional questions, please contact Michael Henig at 804-725-7750 or call the Parish Office at 804-725-2776.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER		
Parishioners	Family	Friends
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	Marie Pribble	
	Steve Bryne	
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**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.**

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	Stationed Overseas
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
1 st LT Spencer Walsh	Grandson of Pat & Jimmy Walsh	US Army	Fort Hood, TX
1 st LT Grace Walsh	Granddaughter-in-law 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 (updated 2/14/24)

Parochial Administrator, Liturgy	Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah
Parish Administrator	Paul Flaherty
Parish Secretary	Mary Marshall
Altar Servers	Jon Oliver
Bulletin	Elaine Lynch
Bulletin Advertisements	Paul Reardon
Columbarium	Paul Flaherty
Commemorative Pavers	Paul Flaherty
Counters Chair	Christine Dehnert-Fernald
Environment	Pat Lipinski
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tina Darby
Faith Formation - Elementary	Michelle Haas
Faith Formation - Adult	Ed McNamee
Faith Formation - High School	Courtney Hudson
Finance Council Chair	Leon Iveson
Funeral Coordinator	
Greeters	Jessica Miller
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Lectors Ministry	Ed McNamee
Liturgy	Michelle Oliver
Music Ministry	Cathy Schirmer
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
RCIA	Cheryl Henig
Sacramental Preparation - Baptism	Ed McNamee
Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation	Jessie Miller
Sacramental Preparation – 1st 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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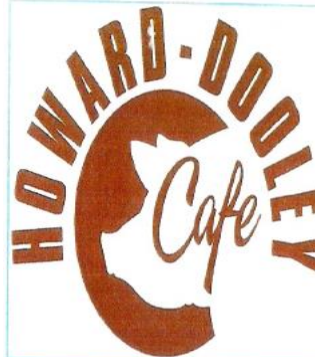
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