Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane - Mathews, Virginia 23109

September 15, 2024 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intention for this Sunday is for the Repose of the Souls of Gladys and Roland Sigl.



First Reading: Isaiah 50:4c-9a: I gave my back to those who beat me.

Responsorial Psalm 116: "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."

> Second Reading: James 2:14-18: Faith, if it does not have works is dead.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35: You are the Christ... the Son of Man must suffer greatly.

Greeter: J. Miller Ushers: R. Dobson / A. Downs Lectors: C. Kuhns / M. Flaherty Eucharistic Ministers: M. Haas / M. Flaherty Counters: P. Noonan / J. Noonan

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Roman Catholic Church

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

Pastor: Reverend Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah Rectory: 804-286-9271

Parish Administrator: Paul Flaherty

Parish Secretary: Mary Marshall

Parish Office: 804-725-2776 Office Hours: Monday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m.-Noon

E-mail: office@fdschurch.org

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 p.m.

Our Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m. Tuesday Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m. Friday Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m. Holy Days: 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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:

Isaiah, attacked and rejected for speaking out assuredly had a difficult cross to bear. But today we hear him insisting that he is willing to face all his opponents, for he trusts in God. James writes that faith must be put into action, which may lead to carrying a difficult cross. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the crowd that each person must take up his or her cross if they wish to save their life. As we listen to the readings, let us ponder which crosses we are reluctant to carry and pray for the strength and resolve to shoulder them.

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

 TUES
 September 17
 NO
 Weekday Mass on this date!

FRI September 20 <u>NO</u>Weekday Mass on this date!

FdS Parish Offertory Income Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 [Through the end of August 2024 – 2-month]						
Month	Budget	Actuals	Actual Less Budget	Percent Actual / Budget		
August Totals	\$14,583	\$11,031	(-\$3,552)	(-24.4%)		
Year To Date to 08/31/24	\$29,167	\$25,234	(-\$3,933)	(-13.5%)		
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH						

Our Announcements

Fr. Koo will be traveling back on Friday, October 4, and due to celebrate Mass on Sunday, October 6. Fr. Robert Brownell will celebrate Mass this Sunday, September 15th.

<u>ALL ARE WELCOME!</u> Please join us for <u>Hospitality Sunday</u> on the third Sunday of each month right after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Commons Area. The next Hospitality Sunday will be held <u>this Sunday, September 15th</u>.

We are having our <u>Bake Sale on Saturday, September 21st at the Farmer's Market</u> <u>from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</u> This will be our last bake sale for the season.

<u>Oktoberfest Tickets</u>: It is that time of the year again! <u>Oktoberfest tickets are available after Mass in the</u> <u>Commons area.</u> Please note that tickets will not be sold at the door the day of the event. If you are able to work this fundraiser on <u>Saturday, October 19th</u>, please see Pat Lipinski. Your support with this fundraiser is greatly appreciated!

<u>Special Intentions for Mass</u>: 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!

Parishioners	Family	Friends
Jean Tanner	Dottie Long	Allen Robins
Sharon Simmons	Rita Guarino	Joy Long
Alice Mercer	Patsy Lynch	William Scott Smit
Gloria Bosley	Fred Moody	Nan Seals
Matthew DeForge	James McLaughlin	Kenneth Marshall
Grace Hall	Margaret McLaughlin	Lourdes Parker
Cathy Walker	Ruth Brown	Tom Justis
Rita Engle	Timothy Farrell	Maureen Connolly
Paul Reardon	Maria Hurst	Norm Connolly
Nicholas Koch	Catherine Bennett	Francis McLoughlin
Bitsy Riffe	Justin Bennett	Joan Haury
Joe Hudgins	David Colligan	Don Parker
David Valenta	Melissa Wilson	Doug Seals
	Vicki Krieger	Larry Whitfield
	Marie Pribble	Sherrod Pugh
	Steve Byrne	Willis Ward
	Paul Oliver	Janet Letizia
	Cindy Lockemy	Callie Penic
	Riley Hunt	Carl Roane
	Kathryn Turner	
	Elizabeth Scott	
	Margaret Mann	
	Linda Giuliani	

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.

CAPT Andrew Bohn Operations Officer for Task Force Grant	Son of Jeff Bohn & Suanne Dittmeier	US Army	Washington, DC
CAPT Ryan Carey	Son of Jack & Ginny Carey	US Navy	Stationed Overseas
MSgt Cameron Farrell	Great-nephew of Elaine Lynch	US Air Force	Tyndall AFB, FL
LT Patrick Sopko	Son of Suzanne and Ron Sopko	US Navy	Norfolk, VA
1 st LT Spencer Walsh 1 st LT Grace Walsh	Grandson of Pat & Jimmy Walsh Granddaughter-in-law of Pat & Jimmy Walsh	US Army US Army	Fort Hood, TX 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.

PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION

Our Parish Ministry and Mission Leads (updated 9/11/24)				
Pastor, 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				
Faith Formation - Elementary	Michelle Haas			
Faith Formation - Adult	Ed McNamee			
Faith Formation - High School	Courtney Hudson			
Finance Council Chair	Michael Henig			
Funeral Coordinator				
Greeters	Jessica Miller			
Grounds Manager	Allen Downs			
Hospitality / Funeral Receptions				
Lectors Ministry	Ed McNamee			
Liturgy	Christine Varone / Mary Flaherty			
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			
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults	Cheryl Henig			
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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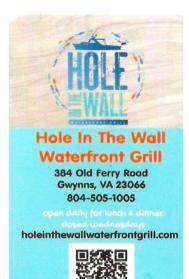






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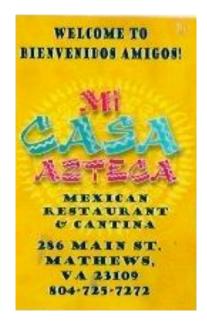
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