

# Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intention for this Sunday is in Memory of Mary & Paul Manozzi, Parents of Rita Engle.



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## Our Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses: Tuesdays and Fridays 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 6:30 p.m.

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

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

## Sacraments

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

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

Reconciliation on request.

*Anointing of the Sick at any time upon request.*

## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

*Micah 5:1–4a:*

*From Bethlehem shall come the ruler of Israel.*

*Psalm 80:*

*“Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.”*

*Hebrews 10:5–10:*

*Behold, I come to do your will.*

*Luke 1:39–45:*

*Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth.*

Drawing closer to Christmas, we sing, “Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.”

Micah turned to Bethlehem and saw the face of the Messiah. Elizabeth saw and heard her pregnant cousin and recognized the face of the Lord. Even John the Baptist in his mother’s womb turned to Mary’s voice and leaped for joy. May we see the face of God in God’s word, in the spirit of the season, and in the people we know and love.

### **Serving This Week Sunday, December 22, 2024:**

Greeter: P. Walsh

Ushers: C. Hall / E. Chadwell

Lectors: E. McNamee / P. Hyer

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Dawson / K. DeForge / S. Haas

Counter: C. Dehnert-Fernald / J. Dawson

### **Serving Next Week Sunday, December 29, 2024:**

Greeter: J. Miller

Ushers: R. Dobson / A. Downs

Lectors: E. McNamee / M. Flaherty

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Henig/M. Henig/K. DeForge

Counters: C. Hudson / C. Hudson

**This Week in the Liturgy of the Church**

**TUES**    **December 24**    **Christmas Eve Mass**    **Liturgy begins at 4:30 p.m. with singing of Christmas Carols. 4:30 p.m.**

**WED**    **December 25**    **Christmas Day Mass**    **Mass Intention is for the Repose of the Soul of Bob Tanner. 11:00 a.m.**

**FRI**    **December 27**    **NO Weekday Mass on this date!**

<b>FdS Parish Offertory Income</b>				
<b>Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025</b>				
<b>[Through the end of November 2024 – 5-month]</b>				
<b>Month</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Actual Less Budget</b>	<b>Percent Actual / Budget</b>
<b>November Totals</b>	\$14,583	\$14,646	<b>+\$63</b>	<b>+0.4%</b>
<b>Year To Date to 11/30/24</b>	\$72,019	\$72,211	<b>+\$192</b>	<b>+0.27%</b>
<p><b><i>THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT. OUR PARISH'S COSTS CONTINUE TO RISE AND WE REQUEST YOU CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR DONATIONS SO WE CAN MEET OUR FUTURE OPERATING EXPENSES.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>LET US CONTINUE OUR MISSION AS A CATHOLIC PARISH TO LIVE, PREACH, AND TEACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.</i></b></p>				

## Take a Bite out of Hunger

Hands Across Mathews needs our help. Since August, local donations and food purchased from the peninsula food bank have not been enough to keep food on our shelves. We have been buying food weekly. In addition, a few local churches and organizations have been hosting food drives. As we go into the Holiday Season let's challenge ourselves to help our neighbors keep food on their table.



### Needs:

- Canned Proteins (Tuna, Chicken, Ham etc.).
- Beans, Soups, Stews & Chili.
- Canned Vegetables & Fruit.
- Peanut Butter & Jelly.
- Boxed Meals, Rice, Pasta & Sauce.
- Cereals & Oatmeal

Please join us over the next few weeks and let's help restock the shelves. Extra bins will be placed at the back of the church for your donations. Thank you!

## Our Announcements

**The liturgy for Christmas Eve Mass, Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, will start at 4:30 p.m. with the singing of Christmas Carols.** Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior remembering the Christmas Hymns we all hold dear.

Father Koo has decided to bring back to our Sunday Mass the **Presentation of Gifts by parishioners.** If you or your family are interested in carrying the gifts to the Altar, please see Ed Lipinski or Jon Oliver

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**Please submit any announcements for the bulletin to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.**

**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!

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER		
Parishioners	Family	Friends
Jean Tanner	Dottie Long	Joy Long
Sharon Simmons	Rita Guarino	William Scott Smith
Alice Mercer	Patsy Lynch	Nan & Doug Seals
Gloria Bosley	Fred Moody	Kenneth Marshall
Matthew DeForge	James McLaughlin	Lourdes Parker
Grace Hall	Margaret McLaughlin	Tom Justis
Cathy Walker	Ruth Brown	Maureen Connolly
Rita Engle	Timothy Farrell	Norm Connolly
Paul Reardon	Maria Hurst	Francis McLoughlin
Bitsy Riffe	Catherine Bennett	Joan Haury
Joe Hudgins	Justin Bennett	Don Parker
Jack Carey	David Colligan	Larry Whitfield
Connie Lodge	Melissa Wilson	Sherrod Pugh
Chuck Reale	Vicki Krieger	Willis Ward
Dick & Lois Morley	Marie Pribble	Janet Letizia
	Paul Oliver	Callie Penic
	Cindy Lockemy	Carl Roane
	Riley Hunt	Nikki Traynor
	Kathryn Turner	Christopher Leavy
	Elizabeth Scott	Page Respass
	Margaret Mann	Kim Owens
	Philip Varone	Tavey Callow
	Lil Chambers	Debbie Traynor
	Martha Lynch Guerrette	Paul Bing
		Tom & Michele Teubert
		Ashley McBurney
		Bill Campbell
		Tommy Atkinson, Sr.
		Vicki Pruitt
		Walt McLaughlin

**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	Norfolk, VA
MSgt Cameron Farrell	Great-nephew of Elaine Lynch	US Air Force	Tyndall AFB, FL
LT Patrick Sopko	Son of Suzanne & Ron Sopko	US Navy	Norfolk, VA
1 <sup>st</sup> LT Spencer Walsh	Grandson of Pat & Jimmy Walsh	US Army	Fort Hood, TX
1 <sup>st</sup> LT Grace Walsh	Granddaughter-in-law of Pat & Jimmy Walsh	US Army	Fort Hood, TX

Pray for the safe return of Austin Tice, freelance journalist and former Marine Captain, captured in Syria on August 13, 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 11/15/24)

<b>Pastor, Liturgy</b>	Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Paul Flaherty
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Mary Marshall
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jon Oliver
<b>Bulletin</b>	Elaine Lynch
<b>Bulletin Advertisements</b>	Paul Reardon
<b>Columbarium</b>	Paul Flaherty
<b>Commemorative Pavers</b>	Paul Flaherty
<b>Counters Chair</b>	Christine Dehnert-Fernald
<b>Environment</b>	Pat Lipinski
<b>Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mary Flaherty
<b>Faith Formation - Adult</b>	Ed McNamee
<b>Faith Formation - Elementary</b>	Michelle Haas
<b>Faith Formation - High School</b>	Courtney Hudson
<b>Faith Formation - Parish Catechetical Lead</b>	Ed McNamee
<b>Finance Council Chair</b>	Michael Henig
<b>Funeral Coordinator</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>	Jessica Miller
<b>Grounds Manager</b>	Allen Downs
<b>Hospitality / Funeral Receptions</b>	Norah Iverson / Pam McNamee
<b>Lectors Ministry</b>	Ed McNamee
<b>Liturgy</b>	Christine Varone / Mary Flaherty
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Cathy Schirmer
<b>New Members</b>	Pat Lipinski
<b>Order of Christian Initiation of Adults</b>	Cheryl Henig
<b>Parish Life</b>	Rita Engle
<b>Parish Outreach</b>	Helen Yacobucci
<b>Pastoral Care</b>	Kathy DeForge
<b>Pastoral Council Chair</b>	Eric Chadwell
<b>Sacramental Preparation - Baptism</b>	Ed McNamee
<b>Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation</b>	Jessie Miller
<b>Sacramental Preparation – 1<sup>st</sup> Sacraments</b>	Michelle Haas
<b>Ushers</b>	Ed Lipinski
<b>Webmaster</b>	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.

(Updated 8/13/24)



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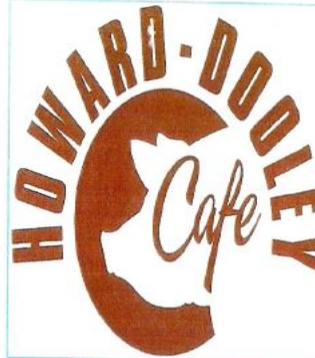
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