

Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

December 29, 2024

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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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 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

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:

1 Samuel 1:20–22, 24–28:

Samuel is dedicated to the Lord.

Psalm 84:

“Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.”

1 John 3:1–2, 21–24:

We are God’s children now.

Luke 2:16-21, 41–52:

Mary and Joseph find Jesus teaching in the temple.

On this feast of the Holy Family we are reminded of another family we belong to: the family of God. Hannah offered her son, whom she had struggled to conceive, to the LORD, to serve God as long as he lived. John reminds us that we are children of God and that if we love one another, Jesus remains in us and we in him. In the Gospel, Jesus chooses to remain in the temple for it is his Father’s house. As we too sit in our Father’s house and listen to God’s word, may we be reminded that we too are a part of a holy family.

Serving This 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

Serving Next Week Sunday, January 5, 2025:

Ushers: J. Oliver / E. Chadwell

Lectors: S. Sanderson / P. Sanderson

Eucharistic Ministers: K. DeForge/S. Haas/C. Varone

Counters: C. Hudson / C. Hudson

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

TUES	December 31		<u>No</u> Mass on this date.
WED	January 1	New Year's Day Mass 11:00 a.m.	Commemoration of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God.
FRI	January 3		<u>No</u> Mass on this date.
SAT	January 4		<u>No</u> Mass on this date.

FdS Parish Offertory Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Parish Offertory Income Collection will be provided in the Sunday Bulletin on the 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

Our Announcements

Reminder: The journey through the Bible starts from the 1st of January. Please see the attached **Official 365 Day Reading Plan for *The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)***.

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

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!

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!

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
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	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 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

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)

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	Mary Flaherty
Faith Formation - Adult	Ed McNamee
Faith Formation - Elementary	Michelle Haas
Faith Formation - High School	Courtney Hudson
Faith Formation - Parish Catechetical Lead	Ed McNamee
Finance Council Chair	Michael Henig
Funeral Coordinator	
Greeters	Jessica Miller
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Hospitality / Funeral Receptions	Norah Iverson / Pam McNamee
Lectors Ministry	Ed McNamee
Liturgy	Christine Varone / Mary Flaherty
Music Ministry	Cathy Schirmer
New Members	Pat Lipinski
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults	Cheryl Henig
Parish Life	Rita Engle
Parish Outreach	Helen Yacobucci
Pastoral Care	Kathy DeForge
Pastoral Council Chair	Eric Chadwell
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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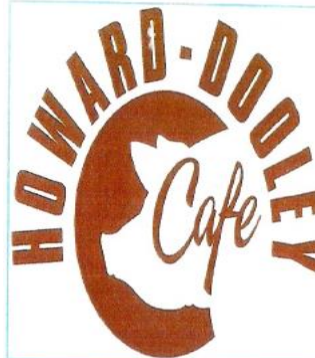
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