

Our Parish Ministry and Mission Leads (updated 11/15/24)	
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Faith Formation – High School	Courtney Hudson
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Lectors Ministry	Ed McNamee
Liturgy	Christine Varone / Mary Flaherty
Music Ministry	Cathy Schirmer
New Members	Pat Lipinski
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Pastoral Care	Kathy DeForge
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Sacramental Preparation – Confirmation	Jessie Miller
Sacramental Preparation – 1 <sup>st</sup> 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.	

# Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

January 19, 2025, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mass intention for this Sunday is for the Repose of the Soul of David Valenta.



## Roman Catholic Church

**Pastor: Reverend Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah**

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**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

**Our Liturgy Schedule:** Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses: Tuesday 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:**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 62:1–5: All shall behold your vindication.

**Psalms 96:** “Proclaim His marvelous deeds to all the nations.”

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:4–11: The Spirit distributes gifts to each person.

**Gospel:** John 2:1–11: Jesus transforms water into wine.

In today’s first reading, Isaiah celebrates a transformed Jerusalem; what had been forsaken and desolate is now delightful and—foreshadowing the Gospel—espoused. Paul tells the Corinthians that the Holy Spirit transforms each and every one of them, though in different ways. Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus transforms water to wine, saving the newlyweds from terrible embarrassment. May we never overlook God’s power to transform our lives.

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

Tuesday, January 21, 9:00 a.m. Weekday Mass  
Tuesday of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.  
Friday, January 24, 9:00 a.m. Weekday Mass  
Friday of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**SERVING THIS WEEK JANUARY 19, 2025:**

Greeter: P. Walsh  
Usher: J. Noonan / J. Walsh  
Lectors: M. Henig / S. Zheng  
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Dawson/K. Deforge/S. Haas  
Counters: C. Dehnert-Fernald / J. Dawson

**SERVING NEXT WEEK JANUARY 26, 2025:**

Greeter: P. Pastiva  
Ushers: C. Hall / J. Emerson  
Lectors: P. Hyer / E. McNamee  
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Flaherty/C. Varone/M. McDonough  
Counters: H. Keitz / R. Engle

FdS Parish Offertory Income Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 [Through the end of December 2024 – 6-months]				
Month	Budget	Actuals	Actual Less Budget	Percent Actual / Budget
December Totals	\$14,583	\$19,126	+\$4,543	+31.2%
Year To Date to 12/31/24	\$87,500	\$91,387	+\$3,887	+4.44%
<b>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.</b>				
<b>LET US CONTINUE OUR MISSION AS A CATHOLIC PARISH TO LIVE, PREACH, AND TEACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.</b>				

**Lord Hear Our Prayer**

**Parishioners:** Jean Tanner, Sharon Simmons, Alice Mercer, Gloria Bosley, Matthew DeForge, Grace Hall, Cathy Walker, Rita Engle, Paul Reardon, Bitsy Riffe, Joe Hudgins, Jack Carey, Connie Lodge, Chuck Reale, Dick & Lois Morley

**Family:** Dottie Long, Rita Guarino, Patsy Lynch, Fred Moody, James McLaughlin, Margaret McLaughlin, Ruth Brown, Timothy Farrell, Maria Hurst, Catherine Bennett, Justin Bennett, David Colligan, Melissa Wilson, Vicki Krieger, Marie Pribble, Paul Oliver, Cindy Lockemy, Riley Hunt, Kathryn Turner, Elizabeth Scott, Margaret Mann, Philip Varone, Lil Chambers, Martha Lynch Guerrette

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**PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION**

**Please Pray For Our Military Men and 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, EOD, Cameron Farrell, great-nephew of Elaine Lynch, US Air Force, Tyndall AFB, FL**

**LT Patrick Sopko, son of Suzanne Sopko & 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.**

**We welcome our visitors today.**

We hope you have been fed in body and spirit. If you are Catholic and plan to make Francis de Sales your home, please see an usher or greeter for registration information.

If you are not Catholic and would like to learn more, call the office at (804) 725-2776 to discuss our RCIA program.

**Our Announcements**

*Please note:* Hospitality Sunday, scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup> *has been cancelled* due to the heating issue in the sanctuary.

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 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!

*The beautiful flowers on the Altar this week were donated by Jim Maggard in Memory of Pat Reardon.*



**The Claude V. Simmons Scholarship  
Academic Year 2025-2026**

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 2025-2026 academic year to the Mathews Community Foundation by **March 05, 2025 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 can be found at:

[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.

**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!**

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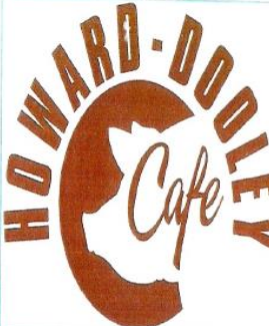
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