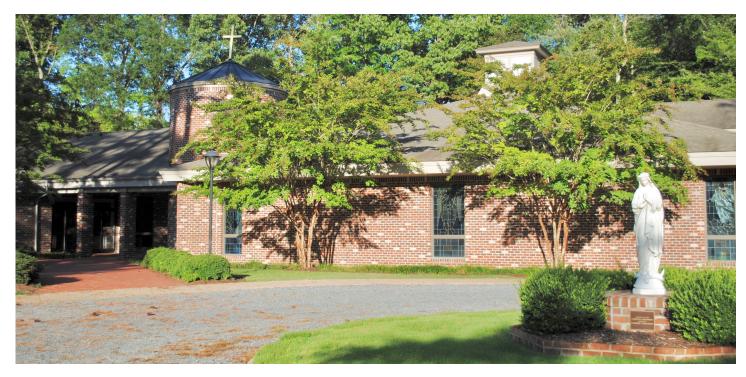
Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane - Mathews, Virginia 23109

February 5, 2023 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



PASTOR Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa Rectory: 804-286-9271

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation is celebrated communally during Lent and Advent and privately 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 is celebrated during Mass in August and February and at any time upon request.

Parish Mission Statement

We the members of the Church of Francis de Sales, dedicate ourselves to maintaining a living parish, reaching all people to reflect the work of our Catholic Community and to invite others to share with us the fundamentals of our Catholic Faith. We are the recipients of God's reconciling an empowering love and, as His people, we are committed to proclaim the Good News of God's Love, to witness, to heal, to teach and to demonstrate by our faith and actions the glory of God through Jesus Christ, His Son. Parish Administrator Paul Flaherty

> Parish Secretary Mary Marshall

Parish Office: 804-725-2776

Office Hours: Monday 8am-4pm Tuesday 8 am-4pm Friday 8am-Noon E-mail: office@fdschurch.org

> Mass Schedule Sunday 11:00am Tuesday 9:00am Friday 9:00am Holy Days 6:30pm

Announcements

First Friday devotions will continue Friday, February 3rd with Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by an hour of Eucharistic Adoration. On Saturday, February 4th, the first Saturday of the month, the Rosary will be prayed at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m. our celebrant will be Father Gerry. Please consider continuing the New Year in this prayerful way. All are welcome.

Mary Marshall will work from 8:00 a.m.-12 noon on Wednesday, 2/15/23, and she will be off on Friday, 2/17/23.

DEANERY 5 PLENARY MEETING

<u>Clergy, Staff and Parish Ministries Representatives Plenary Meeting</u>. This will take place: Thursday, February 16, 2023, 11AM to 3PM Where: Church of The Visitation, 8462 General Puller Highway, Topping, VA 23169 Theme of the day: Eucharistic Revival

Invited to the meeting are all heads/chair or representatives from: Parish Council, Finance Council, Administration, Bookkeepers, Youth Ministry, Religious Education, RCIA, Pastoral Care, Music Ministry, Liturgy, Parish Life, Justice and Peace. If you plan to attend, please inform Mary in the Office by Friday, February 10. Thank you.

The Folk Group will play at Mass on February 26th, March 5th and 19th.

If you would like a copy of your church donations/contributions statement for your <u>2022 Taxes</u>, please contact Mary Marshall in the church office. Please be sure to pick up your <u>2023 Donation/Contribution Envelopes</u>, which are on a table in the Commons area. Also, please note the <u>2023 Catholic Calendars - Rejoice O'Earth</u> are still available on a table in the Commons area.

Parish Website: The website for our parish can be found at: <u>https://www.FdSChurch.org</u>. In addition to our parish bulletin, you will find updated announcements, Mass and prayer times, and links to other reliably Catholic sites.

<u>Parents</u>—Please ensure that your children are under the supervision of an adult anytime they are within the parish property. Our primary concern is for their safety, but we also ask this to prevent disturbance, misplacement, or damage to valuable items in classrooms, kitchen, and sacristy.

<u>Volunteer Counters Needed</u>: <u>We are in need of at least 'one' additional volunteer counter to be added to the Sunday</u> <u>Counting Schedule</u>. The volunteer time would be two Sundays in a row for approximately two hours, every other month. If you are interested in volunteering for this committee, please contact Christine Dehnert-Clarke at: (804) 815-8650 or email her at: <u>cdehnert@dccocpa.com</u>

Thank you for your time in considering joining this committee and important church mission.

We are still looking for additional <u>Altar Servers</u> to serve our Lord and our parish. If you wish to be an Altar Server and have received your First Communion, please contact: Jon Oliver at: (804) 725-6702, email: <u>jonoliver0120@gmail.com</u> or Paul Flaherty at (718) 772-8327, email: <u>pjflaherty15@gail.com</u> we will train you for this endeavor.

IF YOU ARE THE LAST PERSON TO LEAVE THE BUILDING, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE ALL LIGHTS ARE TURNED OFF AND <u>ALL</u> DOORS ARE LOCKED BEHIND YOU.

If you would like to have Father hear your confession, please call the office during normal hours and an individual appointment will be set.

Please know that our Church and office are open on Monday and Tuesday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and on Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon and you are welcome to come for individual adoration. If you wish pastoral care, please call the office, (804) 725-2776, during the normal hours and we will do our best to meet your needs. Outside office hours please call Father Gerry at (804) 286-9271. Should any of the above change, we will notify you by e-mail.



The Claude V. Simmons Scholarship <u>Academic Year 2023-2024</u>

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 2023-2024 academic year to the Mathews Community Foundation by March 07, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Supporting documents are required as outlined in the application form on the Community Foundation website (i.e., Page 1 of the FAFSA Student Aid Request as well as a statement of reflection on personal growth and faith as a parishioner of the Church of Francis de Sales).

The Community Foundation website is:

https://www.cfrichmond.org/Grantseekers/Scholarship-Overview

Under "How to Apply," search for Claude V. Simmons Scholarship under list of available scholarships.

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).

Recipients will be selected on the basis of 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.

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Readings:

Isaiah 58:7-10:	When your fasting feeds the hungry, a new day dawns.
Psalm 112:	"The just man is a light in darkness to the upright."
1 Corinthians 2:1-5	: Paul's message doesn't rest on his own wisdom but on the power of the Spirit.
Matthew 5:13-16:	You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

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Father Gerry's Homily:

The common theme of today's three readings is: how a Christian should live in the world, the ideal life of a Christian. Jesus in the Gospel gives two images, which signifies the life of a Christian: salt and light. Each of these images is presented with a contrasting aspect. Salt enhances the taste of food. But then Jesus contrasts this with the suggestion that if salt becomes tasteless then it is of no use to anyone. In a similar way He talks about the lamp and its proper place on the lampstand where it gives light to the whole house and contrasts this with putting the lamp under a tub where it will give no light to anyone.

The conclusion He draws from these two strong images is that the disciple must be authentic and act always in a proper way so that others can see the good works of a faithful disciple and so be drawn to Jesus. This is what we call witnessing; doing good works so that our commitment to Christ and His Gospel are evident to everyone.

To be an authentic disciple and a good Christian is to live according to what the Prophet Isaiah says in the first reading: *"Share your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own."* And he concludes, *"Then your light shall break forth like the dawn."* Our response to the responsorial psalm today puts it simply: *"The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright."*

What we learn from today's readings, especially the Gospel, is that our life as a Christian is not to be lived in isolation or selfishly. We do not practice Christian values just for ourselves only but also for others. Because we have to be that salt which adds value to others' lives, we have to be the light that others have to follow as we guide them towards God.

Salt only becomes useful when it is mixed with other things. Jesus indicates this in today's gospel reading. You are the salt of the earth. We are not just salt; we are the salt of the earth. We should be mixed up with the earth. We should be mixed in with the world around us and add value to it. Salt purifies, preserves, and salt adds flavor. A Christian has to do the same.

Light only becomes useful when it makes us able to see things other than itself. It is only useful when it illuminates dark corners. Jesus says that we must be the light of the world. Again, the operative words are 'of the world'. We need to go about shedding light, making things visible, brightening things up.

Let us ask the Lord to give us the courage to be salt and light to all those around us. As Christians, we are called by our baptism to shed light on those we meet. What we say and what we do allows the light of Jesus to shine or be hidden under a tub. We can allow the light of Jesus to shine on those with whom we live, to shine on those with whom we work, and to shine on those in our parish and community.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Parishioners: Joe King, Ginny Grof, Rita Engle, Jean and Bob Tanner, Anna Deagle, Randy Dobson, Sharon Simmons, Peggy Kinsey, Patti Sarosy, Bonnie Goolsby, Alice Mercer, Gloria Bosley, Matthew DeForge, Paul Reardon, Sally Howland, Michelle Oliver, Neil D'Amato, Joe Hudgins, Elaine Lynch, Andrew Farr, Jim Pavik, Grace Hall, Cathy Walker and Bill Walker.

Family: Cathy Moody, Vicki Krieger, Michael Einfeldt, Mary Catherine Ort, Stephen Harrold, Ellie Kennedy, Dale Wilson, Mallory Hurst, Peg Leonard, Jordan Hurst, Brian Carroll, Karen Beal, Larry Hargrove, Melissa Smith, Francis Smith, Brett Smith, Tony Cantrell, Susan Boone, Grahame Walker, Joe Schertle, Dottie Long, Rita Guarino, Fred Moody, Jean Raines, Kathleen Cala, Shirley Schmoldt, Timothy Farrell, Jim McAndrew, Bunny McLaughlin, Ruth Brown, Maria Hurst, Andrew Sarosy, Rose Bowes, Scott Oliver, Sylvia Oliver and Catherine Bennett. The Family of Shasta Crum (niece of Terry & Randy Dobson) appreciates your continued prayers and support since her passing in May; she leaves behind her devoted husband and 5 young daughters ages 2-11.

Friends: Kresia McCoy, Zachary Reynolds, Lee Osenton, Mike Bergman, Donald Henry, Jim Renner, Charles Altar, Don & Sandy Mikulecky, Florence Foster, Bobby Tinder, Bill Smith, Nancy Taylor, John Kelly, Shirley Primovic, Jean Steel, Lourdes Parker, Laurel & Allen Robins, Bella Silvus, Mary Roberti, Robin Dale, Lori Roscher, infant Ezra Freeman, Zoe Hassim, Tom Neiger, Nancy O'Donnell, Joanne Jones, Lisa Coolahan, Marie Coolahan, Jeannie Morgan, Jennie Horner, Joy Long, John Machen, Sr., Kevin Hershey, Curt Faulkner, Joe Dunaway, Mike Bergman, William Scott Smith, Ben Leigh, Gene Alimas, Nan Seals, Daniel Hudgins, Sheila Smith, Cheryl White, Helen Shackleford, Jonathan Lewis, Madelyn & Johnny Horner, Sue Garrett, Mike Beavers, Barbara Churray, the family of Raymond Shackelford since his passing on 1-1-23, Brenda Smith and Norm Connolly.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES:

Captain Andrew Bohn, son of Jeff Bohn & Suanne Dittmeier, **U.S. Army, Army Logistics Officer Training** with Industry: FEDEX Headquarters, Memphis, TN

Captain Ryan Carey, son of Jack & Ginny Carey, US Navy, Naples, Italy

MSGT Kristin Buludis, daughter of Randy & Terry Dobson, Langley AFB, VA

SSGT, EOD, USAF Cameron Farrell, great-nephew of Elaine Lynch, Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, NC

Master Chief, Andrew Guenther, son-in-law of Eric & Monica Chadwell, USS Nimitz (CVN-68) Naval Base Kitsap, Bremerton, WA

E-4 Gregory Michel, son of Jill Edmonds-Michel, Sheppard Air Force Base, TX

E6, U.S. Navy, John Robert Pizzicar, son-in-law of Jim & Deona Pavik, Ft. Meade, MD

Lt. Patrick Sopko, son of Suzanne Sopko and Ronald Sopko, Flight Instructor for the C-2 COD, Naval Station Norfolk, VA

2nd Lt. Spencer Walsh, grandson of Pat & Jimmy Walsh, U.S. Army, Ft. Lee, VA

Austin Tice, freelance journalist & former Marine Captain, captured in Syria on August 14, 2012

<u>Updated 1-30-23</u> <u>FdS Parish Financial Report</u> (Through the end of December 2022) Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Total Income:	\$89,678	Total Offertory & Debt Reduction Budget:	\$89,900
Total Expenses:	<u>\$100,793</u>	Total Offertory & Debt Reduction Income:	\$84,481
Income - Expenses:	<mark>-\$11,115</mark>	Difference:	<mark>-\$4,519</mark>

As we reach the end of December, our Total Offertory & Debt Reduction Income was \$4,519 Less Than our planned budget. Subsequently, when you look at total income versus total expenses, we are in the Negative by \$11,115. This growing income deficit is concerning since it forces us to continue to reach into our savings account to pay our bills so we can keep the Parish operational. We are respectfully requesting an increase in Parishioner offertory support. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

Please continue to contribute to our parish on a weekly or monthly basis. The following are ways to continue your financial support to the Church of Francis de Sales:

1. When attending Sunday Mass, you can leave your Sunday Offertory in the tall basket on the table by the Baptismal Font.

2. You can bring your Sunday Offering [i.e., envelopes, check, cash] to the Parish Office [Monday & Tuesday 08:00am to 04:00pm and Friday 08:00am to 12:00 noon].

3. You can send cash or checks to the Parish Office for each week.

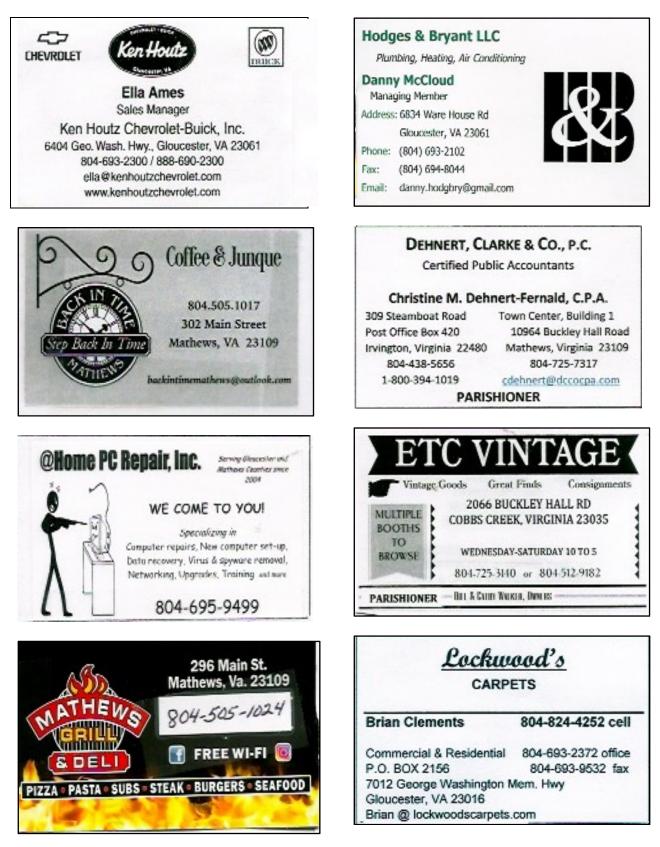
4. If you pay bills online, please consider making your weekly/monthly Offertory an online payment or set up automatic bill pay.

There are many opportunities available to support worthwhile causes, but please consider supporting our Parish first. Thank you for your continued financial stewardship.

Parish Finance Council questions may be directed to Leon Iveson at <u>AIRLFTR@gmail.com</u> or cell: (501) 749-2276.

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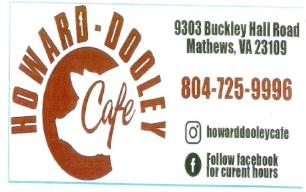


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