Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane - Mathews, Virginia 23109

March 5, 2023 Second Sunday of Lent (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

The Folk Group will play at Mass on March 5th, March 19th, April 2nd, Palm Sunday, and April 9th, Easter Sunday.

This is a reminder that our next FdS Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m.

<u>CRS RICE BOWL</u>: What is CRS Rice Bowl? Each Lent, Catholic Relief services encourage catholic families across the country to unite and put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and alms giving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn how our brothers and sisters across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

What does your donation provide? Forty dollars can purchase an infant scale to measure an infant's growth, \$80.00 can help raise chickens for eggs for protein and income, and \$120.00 contributes toward a household garden for family nutrition.

Only a portion of your contribution is used abroad. Seventy five percent of your donation supports the work of CSR. Twenty five percent stays in the diocese for local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

Faith and action produce results, by your alms giving you are proving your faith through your action and your results will be helping the underserved. Logon to the web site https://ww.crsricebowl.org for more information, videos and recipes for meatless Lenten meals.

Rice Bowls are in the Commons, please pick one up and begin your alms giving on Ash Wednesday. They should be returned on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023. Yours in Christ, Helen Yacobucci, Social Outreach Committee

If you would like a copy of your <u>church donations/contributions statement for your 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.

<u>First Friday Devotions</u> will continue Friday, March 3rd with Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by an hour of Eucharistic Adoration. On Saturday, March 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.

Parish Website: The website for our parish can be found at: https://www.FdSChurch.org. 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: cdehnert@dccocpa.com

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: jonoliver0120@gmail.com or Paul Flaherty at (718) 772-8327, email: pjflaherty15@gail.com 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 ALL 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 Academic Year 2023-2024

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.

ELIVI / ENGLER GOLLEGES					
Sunday, March 5 th	Second Sunday of Lent	11:00 A.M. @ CFDS			
Sunday, March 12 th	Third Sunday of Lent	11:00 A.M. @ CFDS			
Sunday, March 19 th	Fourth Sunday of Lent	11:00 A.M. @ CFDS			
Wednesday, March 22 nd	Lenten Reconciliation	7:00 P.M. @ COV			
Sunday, March 26 th	Fifth Sunday of Lent	11:00 A.M. @ CFDS			

LENT/EASTER SCHEDULE 2023

Tuesday, March 28th Lenten Reconciliation 7:00 P.M @ CFDS

Sunday, April 2nd Palm Sunday 10:45 A.M. @ CFDS

(The Passion of the Lord)

Holy Week (The Triduum is at CFDS this year)

Thursday, April 6th Holy Thursday 6:00 P.M. @ CFDS

Friday, April 7th Stations of the Cross 12 Noon @ COV Cemetery

Good Friday Service 5:30 P.M. @ CFDS

Saturday, April 8th Easter Vigil 8:00 P.M. @ CFDS

Sunday, April 9th Easter Sunday 11:00 A.M. @ CFDS

Tuesday-Friday, April 11th/14th NO DAILY MASS

Happy Birthday to each and every one of our CFDS parishioners for their upcoming March Birthdays!

March 2: Christine Dehnert-Fernald March 3: Matthew DeForge and Tristan Emerson

March 6: Corey Zheng

March 10: William Hospodar

March 14: Kenneth Beatley

March 15: Lois Morley

March 16: Peggy Kinsey

March 18: Claudia Hale

March 19: Mary Olson and Kristin Haas

March 22: Michele Oliver

March 23: Mary Salmon

March 24: Joseph Hudgins

March 25: Sophia Smith

March 26: Michael Pleninger, Deborah Johnson and Cheryl Wicks

March 27: Elizabeth Darby March 28: Max Sanderson March 30: George Foss March 31: Robert Hartlove March 5, 2023, Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)

Readings:

Genesis 12:1-4a: The call of Abraham.

Psalm 33: "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."

2 Timothy 1:8b-10: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel."

Matthew 17:1-9: Jesus is transfigured.

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Father Gerry's Homily:

Lent is a time of change, a time of transformation. The readings today invite us to work with the assistance of the Holy Spirit towards transforming our lives and to radiate the glory and grace of the Lord, which we have received, to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives. We are invited, like Abraham to take on a journeys of life with faith in the Lord, which on our own we couldn't have taken.

The first reading describes the transformation of a pagan patriarch into a believer in the one God. His name will be transformed from Abram to Abraham and his small family into a great nation. The Lord promised him that he will become a blessing to all people. "All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you." All Abram has to do is to obey the Lord God's command, and he does so.

The second reading, taken from St. Paul's second letter to Timothy, explains the type of Lenten transformation expected of us. We are transformed when we recognize the hand of a loving, providing and disciplining God behind all our hardships, pain and suffering and try our best to grow in holiness by cooperating with the grace of God given to us through Jesus and His Gospel.

In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed in His glory and the voice from the cloud identifies Him as the Son of God. "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, listen to him." Thus, the transfiguration is a manifestation or revelation of who Jesus really is. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him and by listening to His Beloved Son.

So the glory of the transfigured Jesus is awaiting each of us, thanks to our baptism. This is what we shouldn't lose sight of, our dignity. So, no matter what happens to us in our lives, and no matter what others say about us, if we have faith, the glory of the transfigured Christ will be also ours. God's grace has been granted to us before the beginning of time. Thus, since the beginning of time God had you and me in His plan and had His grace planned for us. This plan of God is to save us and to transform us through His Son, Jesus.

The disciples who experienced Jesus' transfiguration had to come down the mountain and return to normality, but they remembered the transfiguration. Like them we live in our normal environment, but we believe and know that God has destined great things for us. The transfiguration prepared the disciples for the scandal of the cross. Celebrating Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent reminds us of what comes after the cross because it reminds us of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead. In our worst moments of pain, doubt and fear, we should not lose hope but remember the encouragement we have received through the Scriptures that God has destined the glory of the transfiguration for each of us who believe and listen to the voice of His Beloved Son.

Therefore, let our Lenten observance lead us to the mountain-top experience where we can hear and listen to God's consoling words: "This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased."

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

<u>Parishioners:</u> 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, Bill Walker and Mike Goings.

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, Catherine Bennett and Justin Bennett. Also, please pray for the family of Eileen Ripley who passed away on 2-14-23.

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, 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, 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

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

Updated 1-30-23

FdS Parish Financial Report

(Through the end of December 2022) Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Total Income: \$89,678
Total Expenses: \$100,793
Income - Expenses: -\$11,115

Total Offertory & Debt Reduction Budget: \$89,900
Total Offertory & Debt Reduction Income: \$84,481
Difference: \$4,519

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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