Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane - Mathews, Virginia 23109

May 28, 2023 Pentecost Sunday (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

2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal: FDS Goal: \$9,210; Raised to date: \$9,345; Numbers of donors to date: 23. We made it to our Goal: 101%!

Mary Marshall will be off on Friday, May 26. The office will be closed on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.

The Folk Group will sing today, <u>Sunday, May 28, for Memorial Day weekend and First Communion.</u>

This Sunday, May 28th, there will be First Communion bags on a table in the church commons for Ally Wilson, granddaughter of Patti Sarosy, and Keegan Wells, son of Marie Wells. These bags are to collect cards and well wishes for Ally and Keegan from parishioners to share in the joy and celebration of their First Communion.

The Claude V. Simmons Scholarship Fund has been established to support post-secondary education opportunities for qualifying members of the Church of Francis de Sales in Mathews County, Virginia. This is a four-year renewing scholarship pending academic success and enrollment. We are pleased to announce that Sarah Taylor has been selected for Academic Year 2023-24 and will receive a \$5,700 scholarship. Sarah plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University in the Fall. We wish Sarah the best of luck as she pursues her post-secondary education. Please congratulate Sarah on her selection.

<u>Parish Website</u>: 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.

Volunteer Counters Needed: We are still in need of at least 'one' additional volunteer counter to be added to the Sunday Counting Schedule. 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-Fernald 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: <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 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.

Special Message From Fr. Gerry and the Finance Council:

Our Sunday Offertory and Debt Reduction Income has been steadily declining over the past year. As a result, paying Parish operating expenses is becoming more difficult each month. This trend will now force us to reach beyond our operating budget and into our savings, which will be needed when critical building maintenance issues arise. Details of our current financial status can be found in the "Financial Report" section of this bulletin. To help turn the declining income around, we respectfully request each individual parishioner prayerfully consider increasing their regular giving by a minimum of 10%. Your financial support is critical to keeping our Parish and mission operational.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and May God Bless each of you.

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

June 1st: Barbara Churray
June 5th: Denis Geary and Melanie Procopio
June 9th: Michael Henig and Kyle Mann
June 10th: Michala Anthony
June 12th: Amy Iveson
June 15th: Nicholas Mann
June 16th: Marie Walls
June 18th: Tina Darby
June 19th: James Pavik
June 21st: Patricia Walsh
June 25th: Luke Greene
June 26th: William Fernald and Larry Haas
June 27th: Kimberly Hartlove and Stacey Marsh
June 30th: James Carleton and Dalton Emerson

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Readings:

Acts 2:1-11: As on Sinai, the Lord descends in fire and wind.

Psalm 104: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13: The Spirit calls the baptized to ministry for the common good. On the first day of the week the risen Christ imparts the Holy

Spirit.

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Father Gerry's Homily:

We celebrate Pentecost Sunday, meaning fifty days after - Easter Sunday. What took place on that day, changed the lives of the Apostles and all those who were with them. It also changed those who were listening as the Apostles spoke to them about Jesus. All this change was due to the Holy Spirit who descended on them, fulfilling the promise Jesus made to them that He will send them an advocate who will explain and make them understand all that Jesus taught them.

These apostles had been hiding for fear of those who crucified Jesus, they were scared! Right from the day Jesus was arrested, most of these Apostles were living in hiding, they just ran away, except John, Mary, the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and a few friends, who were present at the Crucifixion.

They were filled with fear and were gripped by a terrible sense of failure and inadequacy. A great task had been entrusted to them, yet they had neither the will nor the strength to begin it or defend it.

But now we see these Apostles publicly proclaiming Jesus as the Christ, right in the center of Jerusalem, in the Temple area. Telling people to believe in Jesus, because He is the Savior, the Messiah.

What a huge change. This is the power of the Holy Spirit. He replaces fear with courage. He makes those who believe to do things they would not do on their own. The changed apostles on that day experienced the fidelity of Jesus to His promise. They were suddenly overwhelmed by His love for them and trust in them. Then the Spirit launched them into the world to do the most exciting and worthwhile work of all – to be witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus and to preach His Gospel of salvation to all people. It is this same Holy Spirit who guides and leads the Church today. Such that despite many problems, the Church continues to grow.

The Holy Spirit who was poured into the Apostles and the Church came to unite all people under one God and Lord. Because wherever the Spirit of God abides, there is always unity. Divisions are created by our evil ways, our evil interests. God does not discriminate because He is the one who created all of us. From now on we no longer even think of ourselves as individuals who can save ourselves in isolation from others. We are part of one another. Pentecost not only witnessed the making of new individuals, it witnessed the making of a new community of brothers and sisters who care for each other.

Therefore, the Feast of Pentecost is for us a sign of how we are all united and how we can be and live together as God's children. And our mission as Christians is that of speaking God's language: at work, among our colleagues and associates, with our friends and neighbors. Our work is to bring healing to all those who suffer because of divisions. We must be a source of Hope, unity, love, and forgiveness, because the Spirit, which we have received, is working in us to bring about a change in all people by showing them God's love.

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church! The Disciples after receiving the Holy Spirit, they are anointed now with His gifts to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ without fear. It is this same Spirit with the same gifts that works today in the Church, in us all as believers and disciples of Christ. The Holy Spirit empowers and encourages us to live and be real witnesses of the Lord.

Let us always be grateful to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit who makes us strong in our faith, and may He guide all peoples to a better understanding of each other so that all may live in peace and harmony under the care of the Risen Christ.

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, Justin Bennett, Debbie Marceau and David Colligan.

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, Norm Connolly, Johnny Brown, Jonnie Adams and family, Nicole Carzo Hill, Dan Schwartz and for the family of Doris Clements.

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**

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

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

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

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. Hood, TX

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

UPDATED MAY 9, 2023

FdS Parish Financial Report (Through the end of April 2023) Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Total Income: \$152,362
Total Expenses: \$159,281
Income - Expenses: -\$6,919

Total Offertory & Debt Reduction Budget: \$148,333
Total Offertory & Debt Reduction Income: \$142,323
Difference: -\$6,010

As we reached the end of April, our combined Total Offertory & Debt Reduction Income was \$6,010 Less Than our planned budget. While there was a slight increase in regular offertory to date, our Mortgage Reduction Income was \$6,685 Less Than our required budget. Subsequently, when you look at total income versus total expenses, we are in the Negative by \$6,919. This continued deficit in income is very 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 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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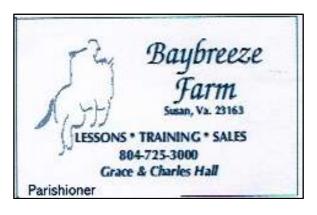
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