

Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

June 18, 2023

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



PASTOR

Very Reverend Gerry Kaggwa
Rectory: 804-286-9271

Parish Administrator
Paul Flaherty

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 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

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 and 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.

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

Announcements

Bishop Knestout has made new assignments and changes of Priests and Pastors in the diocese. Our Pastor, Very Rev. Fr. Gerry Kaggwa, has been appointed Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, in Norfolk, effective July 1, 2023. Our New Pastor will be: Rev. Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah, currently Parochial Vicar (assistant pastor), in Clarksville, South Hill and South Boston. (He is from Ghana.)

Mary Marshall will be off on the following days: Friday, June 16th, Monday, June 19th, Friday, June 23rd, Monday, June 26th, and Friday, June 30th.

The Folk Group will sing this coming Sunday, June 18th and Sunday, June 25th.

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.

Parents—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 **Altar Servers** 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

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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.

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Readings:

Exodus 19:2-6a: God makes the Israelites a holy nation.
Psalms 100: "We are His people, the sheep of His flock."
Romans 5:6-11: Through Christ we have received reconciliation.
Matthew 9:36-10:8: Jesus summoned the Twelve and sent them out.

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Father Gerry's Homily:

In the Scripture readings for this Sunday, the first reading presents the People of Israel encamped before Mount Sinai. God tells Moses, "Remind the people of my care for them, how I defeated the Egyptians and brought you here to myself." Paul in the second reading reminds the Romans of God's special care for His people when he tells them and us that Jesus died for us, so that we, who were sinners, might be reconciled with God. Jesus, the just man died not just for good people, but even and especially for sinners. The Gospel reading presents the Lord filled with grief when He saw how much the crowds need Him and how He needed many people to continue His work. Jesus then begins the Apostolic Church. He calls the Twelve apostles to carry His presence to the world. And we know that the work of evangelizing is for everyone, all the baptized, without exemption we are all preachers and carriers of the Good News.

Today we are called upon to present Jesus to the World. Jesus continues to be active in our lives through the Bible and the Sacraments. In addition, the Lord God gives us the Holy Spirit, the One Who teaches us, and reminds us of all that Jesus has said to us. We are invited to become one with Jesus, and to let the Holy Spirit work through us. We are asked to perform the works of Jesus, and through these works to reveal the power and character of God to the world. If we accept this invitation and live it out wholeheartedly, with God's grace people will see the face of Jesus in us, His followers.

We are invited to be healers in the world. People are sick in body, soul, and as well as mind. As Christians sharing Jesus' mission, we can bring healing and wholeness to people with whom we come into contact. Although we cannot raise the dead, we can help people to recover interest and a zest for living. People can be physically alive but dead in many other respects. "Cleansing the lepers" means rehabilitating and bringing back fully into our communities all those who, for one reason or another, are marginalized, rejected, despised, and ostracized on the basis of race, nationality, marital status, religion, or gender. We have to help casting out from our people the demons who possess them, first by getting ourselves liberated and then helping others to get liberated from their evil ways and addictions.

Jesus says in the Gospel, "As you go, make this proclamation: The Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons." In so many ways the Church through her ministers and all the baptized continue to carry out this mission of proclaiming the Kingdom of God and healing.

The apostles worked many miracles. In our days miracles may not be as frequent or as evident but the power is there in the Church. Every Christian is called upon to be an influence for good in society. The presence of the kingdom is announced, Christ's mission is continued and extended when we bring the compassion of Jesus into the lives of others. Through our ordinary daily contact with people, especially with the lonely and rejects, we can and ought to be instruments of acceptance, reconciliation, and healing. We don't have to go on foreign missions in order to do that. For most Christians the home, the parish, the workplace are the mission territories where we have to spread the Gospel message as best we can.

As Jesus sent His disciples to continue His work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is His continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission.

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, Bill Walker and Mike Goings.

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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 – Deployed to Poland**

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 Offertory & Debt Reduction Budget:	\$148,333
Total Expenses:	\$159,281	Total Offertory & Debt Reduction Income:	\$142,323
Income - Expenses:	-\$6,919	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 AIRLFTR@gmail.com or cell: (501) 749-2276.

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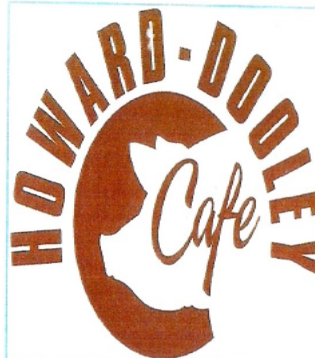
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