

Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

June 11, 2023

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ “Corpus Christi” Sunday (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

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 the following days: Friday, June 9th, Monday, June 12th, Friday, June 16th, Monday, June 19th, Friday, June 23rd, Monday, June 26th, and Friday, June 30th.

The Folk Group will sing on the following Sundays, June 18th and 25th.

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.

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

We will train you for this endeavor.

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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.

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)

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.

June 11, 2023, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ “Corpus Christi” Sunday (Year A)

Readings:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a:	We live on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Psalms 147:	“Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.”
1 Corinthians 10:16-17:	The cup we bless and the bread we break are a participation in the body of Christ.
John 6:51-58:	Jesus is the living bread come down from heaven.

Father Gerry's Homily:

This Sunday we celebrate the solemn feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus, "Corpus Christi". We celebrate it in gratitude for the precious gift of Jesus to us His followers: His Body and Blood. This celebration reminds us of the abiding presence of Jesus within us. As we celebrate Corpus Christi, we are invited to make real the sacrifice of Jesus for our salvation. Jesus Himself told us: "Do this in memory of me." Therefore, whenever we celebrate the Eucharist, we are reminded of His suffering, death, and resurrection.

The feast we celebrate today, provides us the opportunity to discover at a deeper level the reality of our faith in Jesus Christ who offered Himself for the salvation of humanity. In the Eucharist we receive the very Body and the Blood of Christ. And by receiving this divine gift, we enter in a special relationship with Jesus Christ. We become one with Jesus and are challenged to live our lives continually growing ever more in likeness of Him we believe, receive, and follow.

Jesus says in the Gospel of this Sunday: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." As we listen to these words, we are invited to practice this very action of Jesus: to give ourselves for the life of others. To be the source of life and goodness by our love and compassion to others. Because as we are nourished by Our Lord's Body and Blood, uniting us in a special bond with Him, we are called to respond similarly by nourishing others as Jesus nourishes us with His life, presence, and love.

As Jesus continues to give Himself as food and drink to us. He also continues to invite His followers to take our stand with Him, to hold to all He stands for, live by His values, and walk in His footsteps. Whenever we receive the holy Eucharist, we say our Amen to the Lord. We are acknowledging Him as our bread of life. We pledge ourselves to follow in His way and be faithful to Him as He is ever faithful to us. In that sense, celebrating Eucharist is not something to do lightly.

We should, therefore, truly appreciate and understand what Jesus is giving us in the Eucharist and its meaning in our life as Christians. If The Eucharist is the greatest gift of Jesus and a sign of His love for us, then, we who receive it, are supposed to make that unselfish love the central feature of our own lives. In other words, we must by all means reverence this Sacrament and receive it with great devotion, and more importantly conduct our lives according to what we receive. Because if we receive the Body and Blood of the Lord and continue to be self-centered and insensitive towards the needs of others, we will be contradicting what the Eucharist stands for.

When we say Amen as we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, we confirm our faith in the Lord and stating that we know what we are receiving: Jesus Himself. We confirm our commitment to follow the Lord in His action of un-selfish love for other. For it is precisely that dedication to unselfishness in all we do that will enable us to make the Eucharist useful in our lives and make us to be the bread of life to others.

Eucharistic Revival

The USA Bishops Conference announced a three-year initiative that aims to inspire, educate, and unite. In a World where not many people know Jesus intimately, the revival is meant to show everyone what wonders the True Presence of Jesus in The Eucharist can do to heal the soul.

From June 1, 2023, to July 17, 2024, it is the year of Parish Revival. This phase will foster Eucharistic devotion at parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching and organic movements as guided by the Holy Spirit. Each member of the faithful is invited to experience the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

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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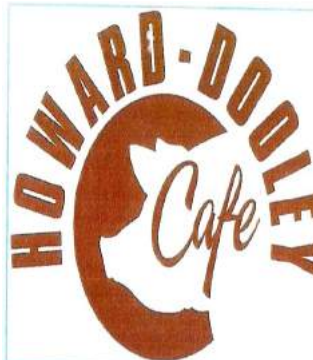
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