

Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

July 16, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

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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

<https://www.FdSChurch.org>

Mass Schedule

Sunday 11:00am

Tuesday 9:00am

Friday 9:00am

Holy Days 6:30pm

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.

**Church of Francis de Sales
John B. VanOver and Chris Hale Oktoberfest Dinner**

Here we go again! It is time to start planning for the Church of Francis de Sales John B. VanOver and Chris Hale Oktoberfest Dinner, which is a big fundraiser for our church. Our church only gains from this fundraiser, because all supplies, food and beverages for this fundraiser are donated and all profits go directly to the church.

It takes a lot of us to deliver this sit down dinner. If you worked it last year or attended this function, you found that it is a lot of fun to be part of it and the food was great! We hope that you will volunteer to help out, because without your help, we cannot do it. It takes approximately 45 people to work this event. We need help with selling tickets, decorating, desserts (which parishioners donate) and wait staff as well as beverage servers and of course, clean-up! We truly need your commitment!

Claudia Hale and Eric Chadwell are going to be back at the helm in the kitchen. There will be committees for decorating the Commons and also, a German potato salad committee that will make it (it is delicious!). Tickets will go on sale once the Gazette-Journal can get them printed. The deadline for selling them is September 24th. This should give us time for selling the tickets, adequate time to be able to calculate the amount of food and beverages we will need to purchase and the time needed to shop for all of the items and food for this event. If we get the same reception as last year, they will be sold quickly. We will only sell 200 tickets and no more. I have already been asked, if we are going to hold this event this year, so there is interest.

The menu will consist of mustard pork loin, a bratwurst with sauerkraut and onions, red cabbage, German potato salad, roll, dessert, and beverages (water, lemonade, tea, wine and beer). Pretty good deal when you get all of this food and beverages and you do not even have to tip the great wait staff!! As in the past, we will be asking parishioners to bake desserts for this fundraiser. We thank you in advance for your generosity for the desserts you have provided in the past. If you are planning to bake something for this event, please let Helen Yacobucci know.

We will be in the Commons at the end of mass the next few Sundays with volunteer sign-up sheets and tickets. Remember, it only benefits our church and it is to add monies to the capital improvement fund, which is for fixing/replacing the HVAC system and roof. Both of these items are aging. We cannot do this event, if we do not get enough volunteers.

SAVE the DATE:
October 14th
\$30 a ticket (children 8 and under eat free)

Announcements

The Folk Group will sing on Sunday, July 23rd.

There will be a Parish Council Meeting tonight, Wednesday, July 12, 2023.

Note from parishioner, Elaine Lynch: I am sorry to announce that after many years of being on the Environment Committee, and on the Clean Up Committee, it is time for me to step down. I have enjoyed working on both committees and serving our church family all these many years; however, it is time to ask others to consider stepping up to Chair and serve on these two committees. Many of the past members on these committees have moved away in recent years or stepped down themselves. For more details, please read the cover e-mail note from me that I included when sending out this bulletin to you. Thank you!

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.

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.

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.
Should any of the above change, we will notify you by e-mail.

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Readings:

Isaiah 55:10-11:	God's word accomplishes its intended purpose.
Psalms 65:	"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest."
Romans 8:18-23:	All creation eagerly awaits the glory of God.
Matthew 13:1-23:	A sower went out to sow.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Parishioners: Joe King, 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, 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 Kenneth Marshall.

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

Captain Andrew Bohn, son of Jeff Bohn & Suanne Dittmeier, **U.S. Army, Fort Gregg-Adams, Petersburg, VA**

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 Lithuania**

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

UPDATED JULY 12, 2023
FdS Parish Financial Report
 (Through the end of June 2023)
 Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Total Income:	\$179,380	Total Offertory & Debt Reduction Budget:	\$178,000
Total Expenses:	<u>\$184,112</u>	Total Offertory & Debt Reduction Income:	<u>\$168,623</u>
Income - Expenses:	<u>-\$4,732</u>	Difference:	<u>-\$9,377</u>

As we reached the end of June, we completed our Fiscal Year. As you can see from the numbers above, **our combined Total Offertory & Debt Reduction Income was \$9,377 Less Than our planned budget.** As a result, when you look at **total income versus total expenses, we are in the Negative by \$4,732.** The continued deficit in income has been very concerning since it forces us to reach into our savings account to pay our bills so we can keep the Parish operational. To compensate for the reduced income that should be covering our mortgage and yearly bills, we made the decision to pay off our building mortgage with funds from our savings account. **As we move into the next fiscal year, we are respectfully requesting an increase in Parishioner offertory support. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!**

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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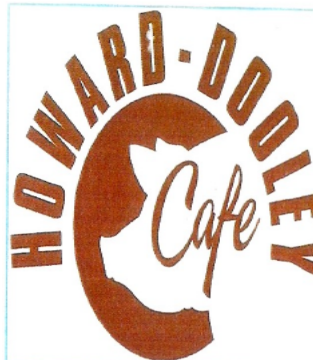
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