

# Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

July 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



Parochial Administrator: Reverend Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah  
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Parish Administrator: Paul Flaherty

Parish Secretary: Mary Marshall

## SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation 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 at any time upon request.*

### *Mass Schedule:*

*Sunday 11:00am*

*Tuesday 9:00am*

*Friday 9:00am*

*Holy Days 6:30pm*

*1<sup>st</sup> Friday Devotions/Adoration, August 4, 2023, Mass 9:00am*

*1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, August 5, 2023, Rosary 9:30am, Mass 10:00am*

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Office Hours:

Monday 8am-4pm

Tuesday 8 am-4pm

Friday 8am-Noon

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### *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.*

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

***August 2 – David Valenta  
August 6 – Grace Hall and Lilly Riffe  
August 8 – Lisa Seals  
August 9 – Mark Nichols  
August 10 – Drew Darby  
August 14 – Tina Hutcheson  
August 16 – Edward McNamee  
August 18 – Michael Sanderson  
August 20 – Joan Dawson  
August 21 – Claudia Garciatello Reyes  
August 22 – Zachary Foss  
August 23 – Gregory Hutcheson  
August 29 – Catherine Walker***

***Announcements***

***SAVE THE DATE: The Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at the Coast Guard Station at Milford Haven. Please sign up in the Commons area if you plan to attend. More information to come later.***

***SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 14, 2023, 5:00-7:00 pm, Church of Francis de Sales,  
John B. VanOver & Chris Hale Oktoberfest Dinner  
\$30 a ticket (children 8 and under eat free) - Presales only – No tickets sold at the door!  
For tickets call:  
Pat Lipinski at 804-725-1537  
Ed Lipinski at 703-969-2430***

**July 30, 2023, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

**Readings:**

**1 Kings 3:5, 7-12:** Solomon asks for an understanding heart.  
**Psalm 119:** “Lord, I love your commands.”  
**Romans 8:28-30:** God predestined us to be conformed to the image of the Son.  
**Matthew 13:44-52:** “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field.”

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:**

**What do we treasure? Material success, good health, a comfortable life? Today’s readings offer a different perspective. In the first reading, we hear what Solomon asks for when God gives him the opportunity to ask for anything at all. Hint: it’s not health or wealth. Saint Paul tells the Romans how blessed we all are to have been called by God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that the kingdom of heaven is like buried treasure or a priceless pearl, worth more than all we have. May the examples we hear today teach and inspire us.**

**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

**Parishioners:** Joe King, Jean and Bob Tanner, Anna Deagle, Sharon Simmons, Alice Mercer, Gloria Bosley, Matthew DeForge, Sally Howland, Michelle Oliver, Jim Pavik, Grace Hall, and Cathy Walker.

**Family:** Dottie Long, Rita Guarino, Fred Moody, Timothy Farrell, Margaret McLaughlin, Ruth Brown, Maria Hurst, Scott Oliver, Sylvia Oliver, Catherine Bennett, Justin Bennett, Debbie Marceau and David Colligan.

**Friends:** Laurel & Allen Robins, Joy Long, William Scott Smith, Ben Leigh, Nan Seals, Mike Beavers, Barbara Churray, 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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Spencer Walsh**, grandson of Pat & Jimmy Walsh, **U.S. Army, Ft. Hood, TX – Deployed to Lithuania**

<p style="text-align: center;"> <u>UPDATED JULY 12, 2023</u>  <u>FdS Parish Financial Report</u>            (Through the end of June 2023)            Fiscal Year 2022-2023         </p>			
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>
<p>The following are ways to continue your financial support to Church of Francis de Sales:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When attending Sunday Mass, you can leave your Sunday Offertory in the tall basket on the table by the Baptismal Font.</li> <li>2. You can bring your Sunday Offering [i.e., envelopes, check, cash] to the Parish Office [Monday &amp; Tuesday 08:00am to 04:00pm and Friday 08:00am to 12:00 noon].</li> <li>3. You can send cash or checks to the Parish Office for each week.</li> <li>4. If you pay bills online, please consider making your weekly/monthly Offertory an online payment or set up automatic bill pay.</li> </ol> <p>There are many opportunities available to support worthwhile causes, but please consider supporting our Parish first. Thank you for your continued financial stewardship.</p> <p>Parish Finance Council questions may be directed to Leon Iveson at <a href="mailto:AIRLFTR@gmail.com">AIRLFTR@gmail.com</a> or cell: (501) 749-2276.</p>			

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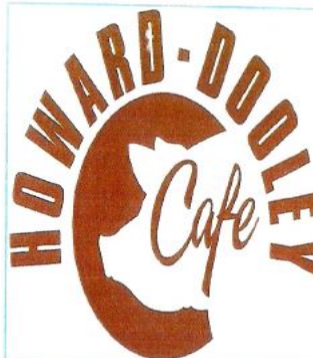
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