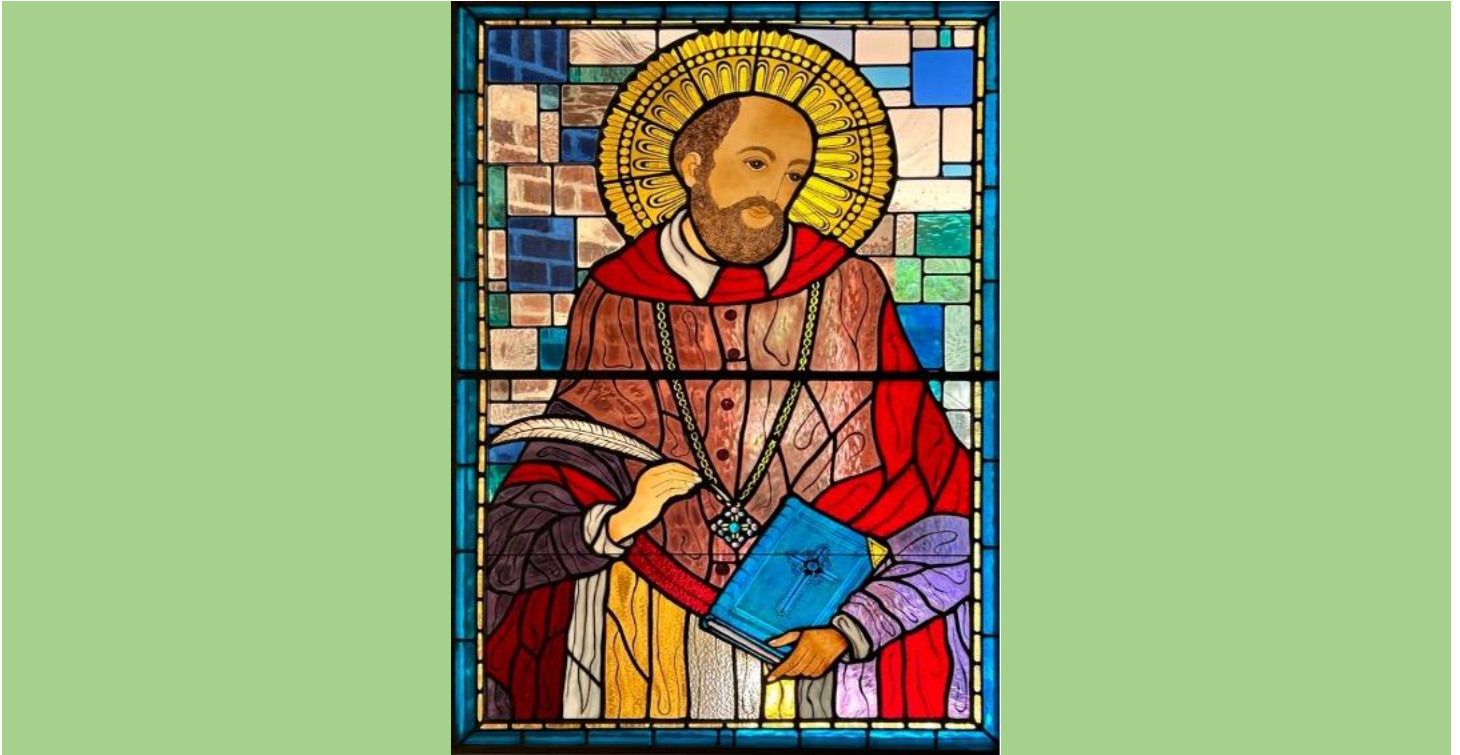


Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20:
I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.

Responsorial Psalm 95:
“If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35:
A virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28:
He taught them as one having authority.

Greeter: J Miller

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Lectors: M. Henig / C. Henig

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: M. Henig / H. Yacobucci / J. Dawson

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Office Hours:

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Please remember to read our church website at: <https://www.FdSChurch.org>

Please submit any announcements for the bulletin to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday at 4:00 PM

Our Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Mass: 11:00am

Tuesday Daily Mass: 9:00am

Friday Daily Mass: 9:00am

Holy Days: 6:30pm

Every 1st Friday: Devotions to the Sacred Heart Mass at 9:00am followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Every 1st Saturday: Fatima Devotions Rosary at 9:30am followed by Mass at 10:00am

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.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Moses told the people that one day God would send a prophet from among their descendants who would speak God's word with authority. We believe that this promise is fulfilled in Jesus, who in the Gospel speaks God's word with such authority that even the unclean spirits obey Him! We may be anxious about many things, to use Saint Paul's words, but let the knowledge that God can dispel the darkness in our lives give us hope.

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

TUE Jan 30 9:00 a.m. Weekday Mass Tuesday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time.

FRI Feb 2 9:00 a.m. Weekday Mass Friday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time.

Upcoming Events in the Life of our Parish

SAT Feb 10 1:00-3:00 p.m. The 4th Annual Ladies' Tea Fundraiser to be held in the Commons Area.

FdS Parish Offertory Income Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 [Through the end of December 2023 – 6-months]				
Month	Budget	Actuals	Actual Less Budget	Percent Actual / Budget
December Totals	\$13,083	\$18,407	+ \$5,324	+41%
Year To Date to 12/31/23	\$78,500	\$97,177	+ \$8,677	+24%
<p><i>THANK YOU.</i></p> <p><i>YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY IS CRUCIAL FOR THE CHURCH OF FRANCIS DE SALES TO THRIVE AND BE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.</i></p>				

Our Announcements

Please welcome our new parishioners: Michael Kuhns and Christine Varone.

Parishioners, please stop by the table in the Commons area after Mass this Sunday, January 28th or Sunday, February 4th to review and confirm your personal information that will be published in the New Church Directory.

If you have any questions, please call Rita Engle at (804) 824-1599. Thank you.

The next blood drive will be held on Tuesday, January 30th at the Piankatank Ruritan Building from 12:30-6:00 PM and you can reserve your time by going to redcrossblood.org or by calling (804) 725-2485. Ebenezer Baptist is sponsoring this drive and blood of all types is urgently needed.

The 2024 Offertory Envelopes and Parish Calendars are now available. Please pick yours up from the table in the corner of the Commons. If you desire a **Tax Statement for 2023**, please add your name to the list on the table in the commons.

You can also call Mary Marshall in the office to request one.

The 4th Annual Ladies' Tea Fundraiser: The 4th Annual Ladies' Tea Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Commons Area. Tickets will be available for sale starting on January 7, 2024, for only \$25.00 (last day for ticket sales will be February 4, 2024), presales only NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR. A limited number of tickets are available for sale so obtain your tickets early. The Ladies Victorian will give a presentation of "From Shift to Chemise," a comparison of 18th and 19th century fashion. The menu for the tea will include an assortment of tea flavors, tea sandwiches, scones, and dainty desserts. As usual the gentlemen from the parish will be our servers. Please come and prepare for an enjoyable Saturday afternoon with your female family and friends.

Special Intentions for Mass: If you would like to have a Mass offered for the intention of a loved one, friend, or another special request, please stop by the parish office and we will be happy to assist you!



The Claude V. Simmons Scholarship Academic Year 2024-2025

The Claude V. Simmons Scholarship Fund supports graduating high school seniors who are obtaining a Bachelor's Degree by attending a 4-year college or university and are qualified active members of the Church of Francis de Sales in Mathews County, Virginia. This is a 4-year renewing scholarship.

Current recipients and new applicants must submit an electronic application or renewal application for the 2024-2025 academic year to the Mathews Community Foundation by Tuesday, **March 05, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

Supporting documents are required as outlined in the application form on the Community Foundation website (i.e., Student Financial Information Form as well as a statement of reflection on personal growth and faith as a parishioner of the Church of Francis de Sales).

This link can be used by students who wish to apply: [CFengage | High school - Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula](#)

On this page, students can access all the scholarship opportunities available to them by typing "Mathews" into the search bar. They will need to scroll until they find the Claude V. Simmons Scholarship, and there is a button that says "Apply Now," which will take them to our online scholarship's portal. They will need to create an account to apply, but if they are applying for multiple scholarships, they can use the same account to apply to them all.

Mr. Lincoln Boykin of the Community Foundation is available to answer any questions regarding the scholarship and to assist in submitting the application. Mr. Boykin can be reached by calling 804-436-1600 (Kilmarnock Office) or 804-725-3454 (Mathews Office). More info about scholarships and a timeline for this year's awards is here: [CFengage | Community Foundation Scholarships](#)

Recipients will be selected based on greatest financial need.

Should you have additional questions, please contact Michael Henig at 804-725-7750 or call the Parish Office at 804-725-2776.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER		
Parishioners	Family	Friends
Joe King	Dottie Long	Allen Robins
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	Kathleen Cala	
	Vicki Krieger	
	Patsy Lynch	
	James McLaughlin	
	Marie Pribble	

**Please Pray for Our Military Men, Women, and Their Families.
 Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and
 their families for the selfless acts they perform in our country's time of need.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

CPT Andrew Bohn	Son of Jeff Bohn & Suanne Dittmeier	US Army	Fort Gregg Adams, VA
CAPT Ryan Carey	Son of Jack & Ginny Carey	US Navy	Naples, Italy
SSgt Cameron Farrell	Great-nephew of Elaine Lynch	US Air Force	Tyndall AFB, FL
E6 John Robert Pizzicar	Son-in-law of Jim & Deona Pavik	US Navy	Fort Meade, MD
LT Patrick Sopko	Son of Suzanne and Ron Sopko	US Navy	Norfolk, VA
1 st LT Spencer Walsh	Grandson of Pat & Jimmy Walsh	US Army	Fort Hood, TX
1 st LT Grace Walsh	Granddaughter-in-law of Pat & Jimmy Walsh	US Army	Fort Hood, TX

Austin Tice, freelance journalist and former Marine Captain, captured in Syria on August 14, 2012.
Locations of overseas deployments are not listed for the security of all military members.

Our Parish Ministry and Mission Leads (updated 1/3/24)

Parochial Administrator, Liturgy	Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah
Parish Administrator	Paul Flaherty
Parish Secretary	Mary Marshall
Altar Servers	Jon Oliver
Bulletin	Elaine Lynch
Bulletin Advertisements	Paul Reardon
Columbarium	Paul Flaherty
Counters Chair	Christine Dehnert-Fernald
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Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Tina Darby
Faith Formation - Elementary	Michelle Haas
Faith Formation - Adult	Ed McNamee
Faith Formation - High School	Courtney Hudson
Finance Council Chair	Leon Iveson
Funeral Coordinator	
Greeters	Jessica Miller
Grounds Manager	Alan Downs/Drew Darby
Hospitality / Funeral Receptions	Mary Flaherty
Lectors Ministry	Ed McNamee
Liturgy	Michelle Oliver
Memorial Bricks	Paul Flaherty
New Members	Pat Lipinski
Faith Formation - Parish Catechetical Lead	Ed McNamee
Parish Life	Rita Engle
Parish Outreach	Helen Yacobucci
Pastoral Care	Mary Flaherty
Pastoral Council Chair	Eric Chadwell
RCIA	Cheryl Henig
Sacramental Preparation - Baptism	Ed McNamee
Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation	Jessie Miller
Sacramental Preparation – 1st Sacraments	Michelle Haas
Ushers	Ed Lipinski
Webmaster	Ed McNamee

**To get in touch with any of our ministry or mission leaders,
or to offer your time and talents, please contact the Parish Office.**

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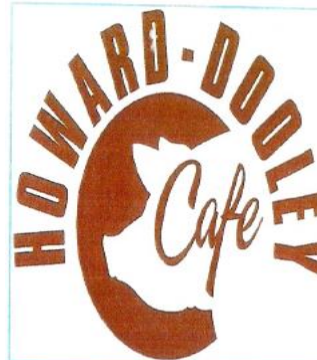
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