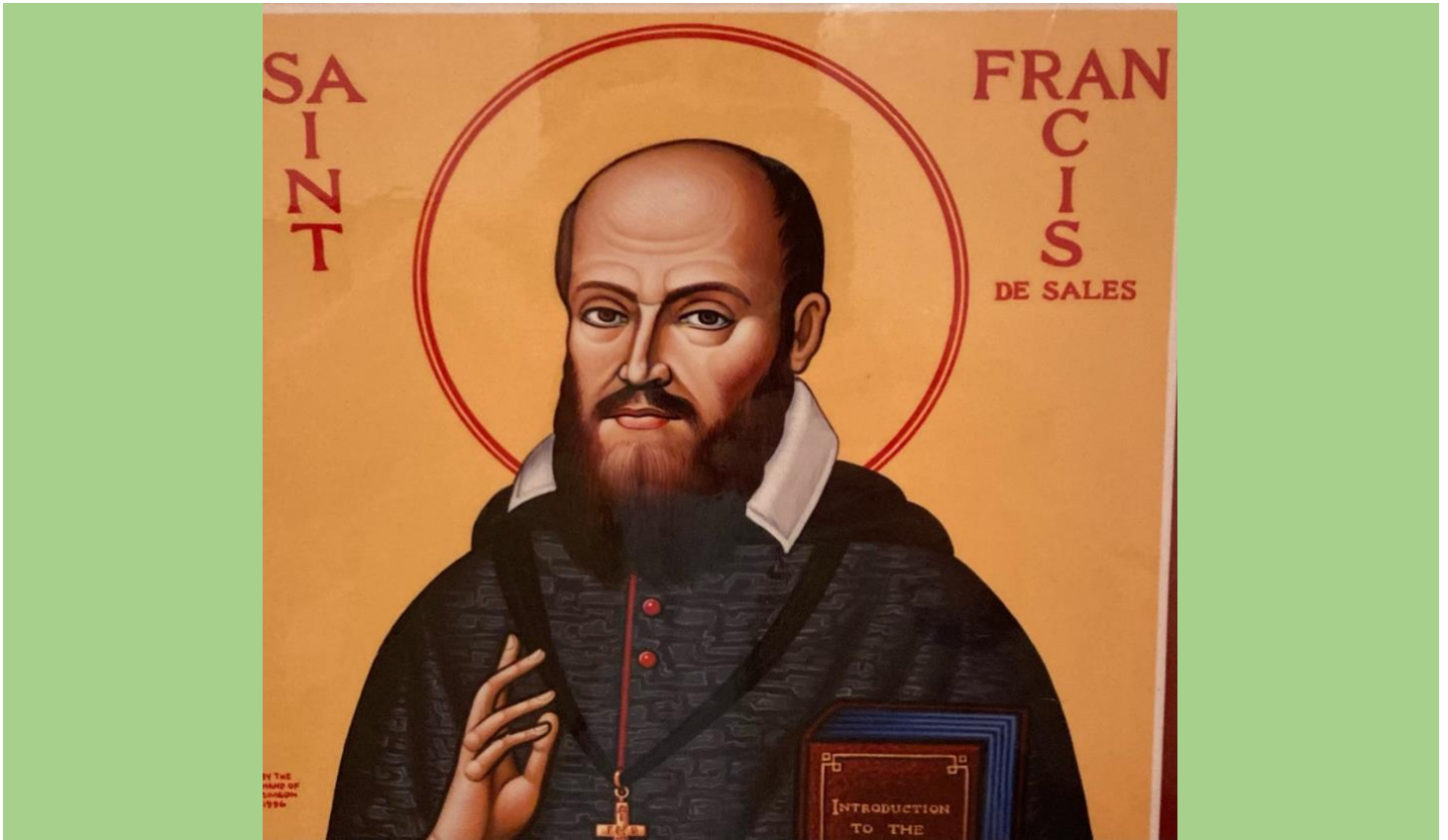


Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

July 28, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

They shall eat and there shall be some left over.

Responsorial Psalm 145:

"The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs."

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6:

One body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Gospel: John 6:1-15:

He distributed as much as they wanted to those who were reclining.

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Lectors: E. McNamee / S. Zheng

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Henig / S. Henig / J. Dawson

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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 p.m.

Our Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Friday Daily Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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:

The first reading today foreshadows what Jesus will so memorably do centuries later. Elisha insists that twenty small barley loaves, given as an offering to God, would feed a hundred people with some left over. Jesus tells His disciples the same thing when all they could offer to the thousands of pilgrims who gather to see Him are five barley loaves and two fish. God nourishes and sustains us always, no matter how impossible it seems.



This weekend we will be installing our new Tabernacle temporarily in the Sanctuary. We as a Parish are being blest to have the Eucharist in our Church proper. There are some respectful traditions which are required of us as faithful Catholics to demonstrate our knowledge and awareness of the Eucharist in our midst.

Upon entering the Church and arriving at the desired pew one should genuflect. This is an outward sign designed to show our reverence for the Body of Christ present in the Tabernacle. As Catholics we believe Jesus Christ is present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Consecrated Bread. As such we are asked to show our respect and honor for the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. We also genuflect upon leaving our pew after Mass. Again we are called to reverence Jesus present in the Eucharist. We can turn our eyes and focus on the Tabernacle thanking Jesus for His great love for us as well as His presence in our midst.

A lit candle will be present on the wall next to the Tabernacle. This is called the Sanctuary Lamp and when lit it signifies the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. Whenever we see the candle glowing red we can be assured Jesus is present.

Many people come to Church early to pray and prepare for the sacrifice of the Mass. To respect our fellow parishioners and also create an atmosphere of quiet reverence there should be no talking in the church before Mass. If a parishioner needs to speak and have conversation in the commons area would be the appropriate place to do so. Ushers will alert you as to when Mass is starting so you can come into the Church to attend Mass.

The presence of Jesus in the Sanctuary is a blessing for us all. When we partake in Christ in the Eucharist we are receiving the greatest gift God can offer – the gift of God's very self. May we honor and cherish our Lord in His gift of Himself to us.

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

- TUES July 30 9:00 a.m. Weekday Mass Tuesday of The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**
- FRI August 2 9:00 a.m. Weekday Mass Friday of The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. 1st Friday: Devotions to the Sacred Heart Mass at 9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration will NOT follow Mass on this date.**
- SAT August 3 9:30 a.m. 1st Saturday: Fatima Devotions Rosary at 9:30 a.m. Mass will NOT follow the Rosary on this date.**

FdS Parish Offertory Income				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024				
[Through the end of June 2024 – 12-months]				
Month	Budget	Actuals	Actual Less Budget	Percent Actual / Budget
June Totals	\$13,083	\$11,235	(-\$1,848)	(-14%)
Year To Date to 06/30/24	\$157,000	\$173,098	+\$16,097	+10%
<p><i>YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION AS A CATHOLIC PARISH TO LIVE, PREACH, AND TEACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.</i></p> <p><i>THANK YOU</i></p>				

Our Announcements

ALL ARE WELCOME!! Please join us for **Hospitality Sunday** on the third Sunday of each month right after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Commons Area. The next Hospitality Sunday will be held on **Sunday, August 18th**.

FDS John B. Van Over and Chris Hale Oktoberfest: Plans for the FDS Oktoberfest fundraiser are being made at this time. The plan is to have the same menu and format as in the past. It will be held on **Saturday, October 19th**. In order to be able to hold this fundraiser, we need 2 very important things: volunteers to work it and volunteers to sell tickets.

The goal again is to sell 200 tickets at \$30 apiece. The church stands to make \$6,000 if the 200 tickets are sold, and this fundraiser is at no cost to the church. It is also a wonderful opportunity for community building within our church and the surrounding communities. Please see Cheri Henig, Norah Iveson or Pat Lipinski in the Commons after Mass to volunteer. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Pat Lipinski at 703-969-2430.

Join Father Gregory Kandt, pastor of the Church of St. Therese in Gloucester, for an inspiring and customized pilgrimage to France. Our itinerary traverses some of the most beautiful parts of France – from Normandy to Paris and to areas in and around Dijon, Annecy, and Geneva (in Switzerland). We will walk in the footsteps of some of the most important visionary men and women of faith. For all information and details, visit the website for our pilgrimage: <https://www.travelillume.com/trc/ary>. If you'd like to talk to Father Gregory, you can call him at 804-693-9043.

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!

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER		
Parishioners	Family	Friends
Jean Tanner	Dottie Long	Allen Robins
Sharon Simmons	Rita Guarino	Joy Long
Alice Mercer	Patsy Lynch	William Scott Smith
Gloria Bosley	Fred Moody	Nan Seals
Matthew DeForge	James McLaughlin	Kenneth Marshall
Jim Pavik	Margaret McLaughlin	Lourdes Parker
Grace Hall	Ruth Brown	Tom Justis
Cathy Walker	Timothy Farrell	Maureen Connolly
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Paul Reardon	Catherine Bennett	Francis McLoughlin
Nicholas Koch	Justin Bennett	Joan Haury
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	Marie Pribble	Sherrod Pugh
	Steve Byrne	Willis Ward
	Paul Oliver	Janet Letizia
	Cindy Lockemy	
	Riley Hunt	
	Kathryn Turner	
	Elizabeth Scott	
	Margaret Mann	

**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.**

CAPT Andrew Bohn	Son of Jeff Bohn & Suanne Dittmeier	US Army	Fort Gregg Adams, VA
CAPT Ryan Carey	Son of Jack & Ginny Carey	US Navy	Stationed Overseas
MSgt Cameron Farrell	Great-nephew of Elaine Lynch	US Air Force	Tyndall AFB, FL
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.

PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION

Our Parish Ministry and Mission Leads (updated 7/16/24)

Parochial Administrator, Liturgy	Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah
Parish Administrator	Paul Flaherty
Parish Secretary	Mary Marshall
Altar Servers	Jon Oliver
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Bulletin Advertisements	Paul Reardon
Columbarium	Paul Flaherty
Commemorative Pavers	Paul Flaherty
Counters Chair	Christine Dehnert-Fernald
Environment	Pat Lipinski
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	
Faith Formation - Elementary	Michelle Haas
Faith Formation - Adult	Ed McNamee
Faith Formation - High School	Courtney Hudson
Finance Council Chair	Leon Iveson
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Hospitality / Funeral Receptions	
Lectors Ministry	Ed McNamee
Liturgy	Christine Varone / Mary Flaherty
Music Ministry	Cathy Schirmer
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
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults	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.**

(Updated 4/17/24)



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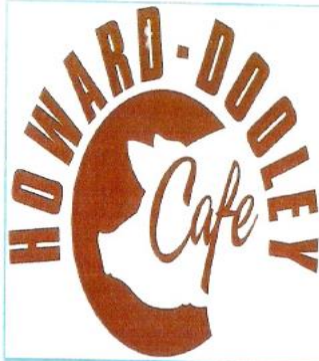
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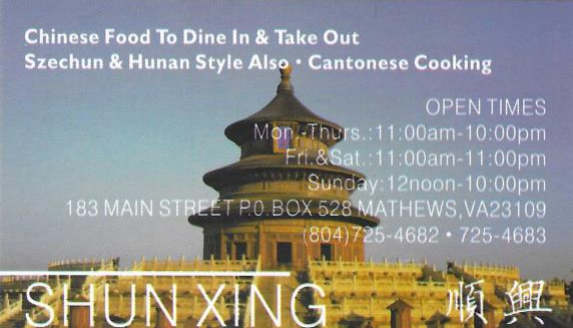
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