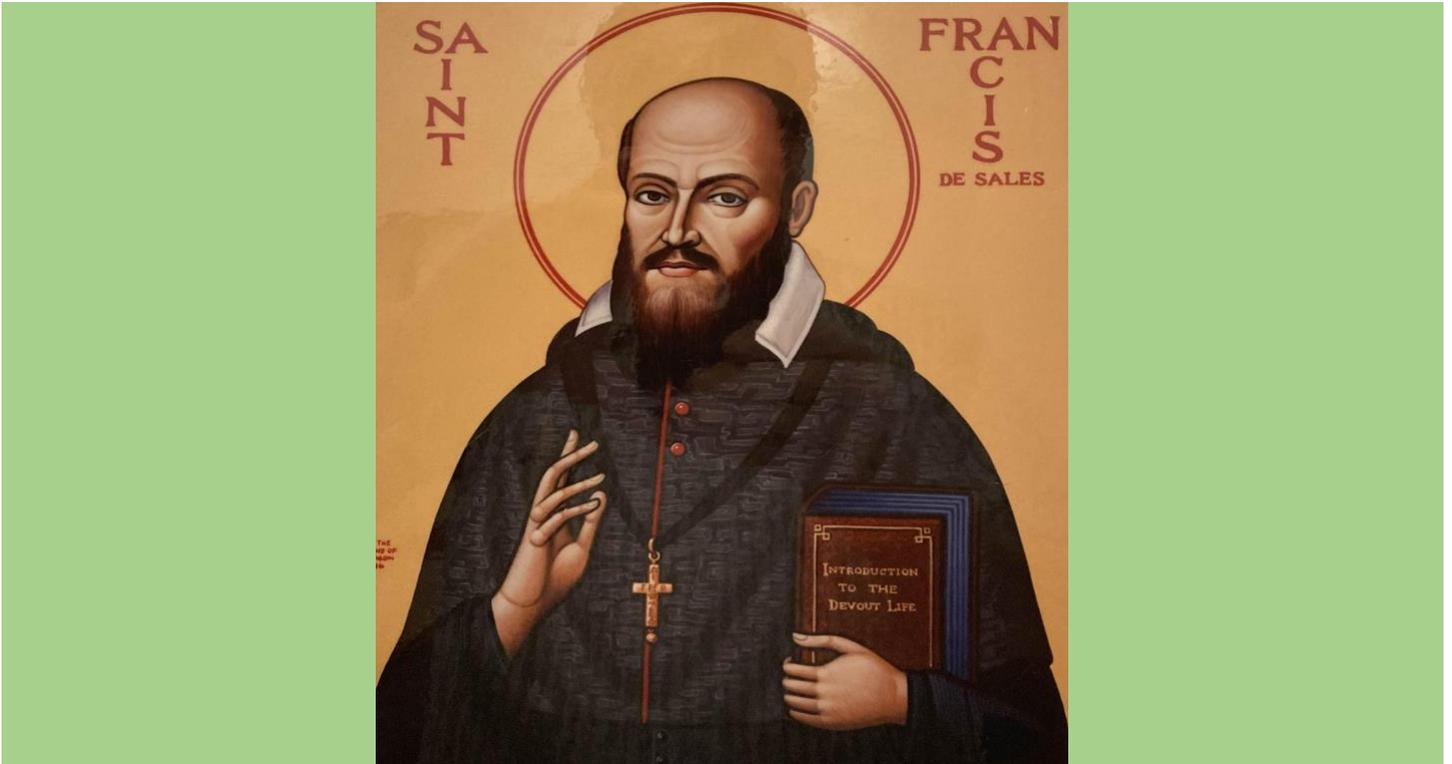


Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

August 11, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4–8:

Strengthened by that food, Elijah walked to the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm 34:

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.”

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30—5:2:

Walk in love, just like Christ.

Gospel: John 6:41–51:

I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

Greeter: P. Walsh

Ushers: J. Oliver / J. Emerson

Lectors: M. Flaherty / C. Reale

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Henig / S. Henig

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Roman Catholic Church
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Friday 8:00 a.m.-Noon

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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:

We are reminded again today of the sustenance God provides us. In the first reading, Elijah is on the verge of dying of hunger and thirst. God sends him an angel, who brings him a hearth cake and a jug of water, which sustains him on his journey across the desert to the mountain of God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the huge crowd whom He had fed with five loaves and two fish that He is the bread of life, bread that will enable all those who eat it to live forever. God has given us the sustenance we need to make our journeys through this life and to the next.



Today, Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

His Apostolic Constitution “Munificentissimus Deus” (Most Bountiful God), which defined the dogma, contained the Pontiff's accounts of many longstanding traditions by which the Church has celebrated the Assumption throughout its history.

The constitution also cited testimonies from the early Church fathers on the subject, and described the history of theological reflection on many Biblical passages which are seen as indicating that Mary was assumed into heaven following her death.

Although the bodily assumption of Mary is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies her with the “woman clothed with the sun” who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation.

*On Thursday August 15 we celebrate
The Feast of Assumption
Which is a Holy Day of Obligation.*

Please join us in the Celebration of the Mass at 6:30 PM

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

TUES	August 13	9:00 a.m.	Weekday Mass Tuesday of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
THUR	August 15	6:30 p.m.	The Feast of Assumption, Holy Day of Obligation.
FRI	August 16	9:00 a.m.	Weekday Mass Tuesday of The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Our Announcements

Farmers Market: We will **not** participate in the **Farmers Market on Saturday, August 17th**.

First Communion Bag: Our parish will be celebrating with Dario Lopez and his family, the Sacrament of his First Holy Communion this month. In the church commons we have placed a gift bag to place cards, trinkets and well wishes for Dario. Continue to keep him in your prayers as he prepares to come to the table of the Lord.

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**.

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.travelillum.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!

FY 2024 End of Year Financial Report June 30, 2024
Church of Francis de Sales

General Parish Operations & Ministry

Income:	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Sunday Offertory	173,098	157,000
Fundraising; Misc. Income & Donations; Inter	15,131	13,925
Diocesan Appeal Share & Grants	2,615	1,200
Liturgy-Ministries-Faith Formation	2,423	2,600
Facilities	447	300
Debt Reduction Collection	13,890	-
Total Income:	207,603	175,025
Expenses:		
Pastor & Lay Personnel	87,289	89,325
General Parish Admin	10,203	9,700
Worship & Liturgy	2,019	1,650
Ministries	2,904	4,600
Facilities	58,403	54,590
Diocesan Collection & Assessments	12,312	16,530
Total Expenses:	173,131	176,395
Net Operating Income (Loss)	34,472	

Columbarium

Income:		
Niches	4,475	2,000
Total Columbarium Income:	4,475	2,000
Expenses:		
Misc. – Cost of Goods Sold	-	-
Lawn Maintenance	3,467	400
Total Columbarium Expenses:	3,467	3,694
Columbarium Net Operating Income (Loss)	1,008	

Statement of Financial Position

Checking Account Parish

Parish Checking	8,917
Social Outreach	39,197
Hands Across Mathews	-
St. Noah School - Uganda	1,372
Emergency Medical Fund	6,045
Total Checking Account	55,531
Capital Savings - Building Maintenance	65,382
Investment CD - Building Fund	50,000
Columbarium Savings	12,258
Total Funds	183,171

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
Rita Engle	Maria Hurst	Norm Connolly
Paul Reardon	Catherine Bennett	Francis McLoughlin
Nicholas Koch	Justin Bennett	Joan Haury
Bitsy Riffe	David Colligan	Don Parker
Joe Hudgins	Melissa Wilson	Doug Seals
David Valenta	Vicki Krieger	Larry Whitfield
	Marie Pribble	Sherrod Pugh
	Steve Byrne	Willis Ward
	Paul Oliver	Janet Letizia
	Cindy Lockemy	Callie Penic
	Riley Hunt	Carl Roane
	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
Bulletin	Elaine Lynch
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
Funeral Coordinator	
Greeters	Jessica Miller
Grounds Manager	Allen Downs
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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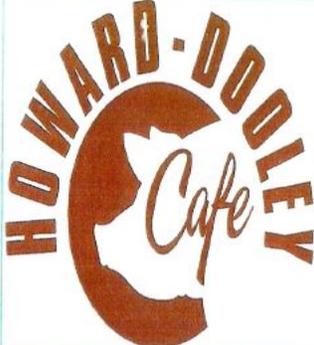
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