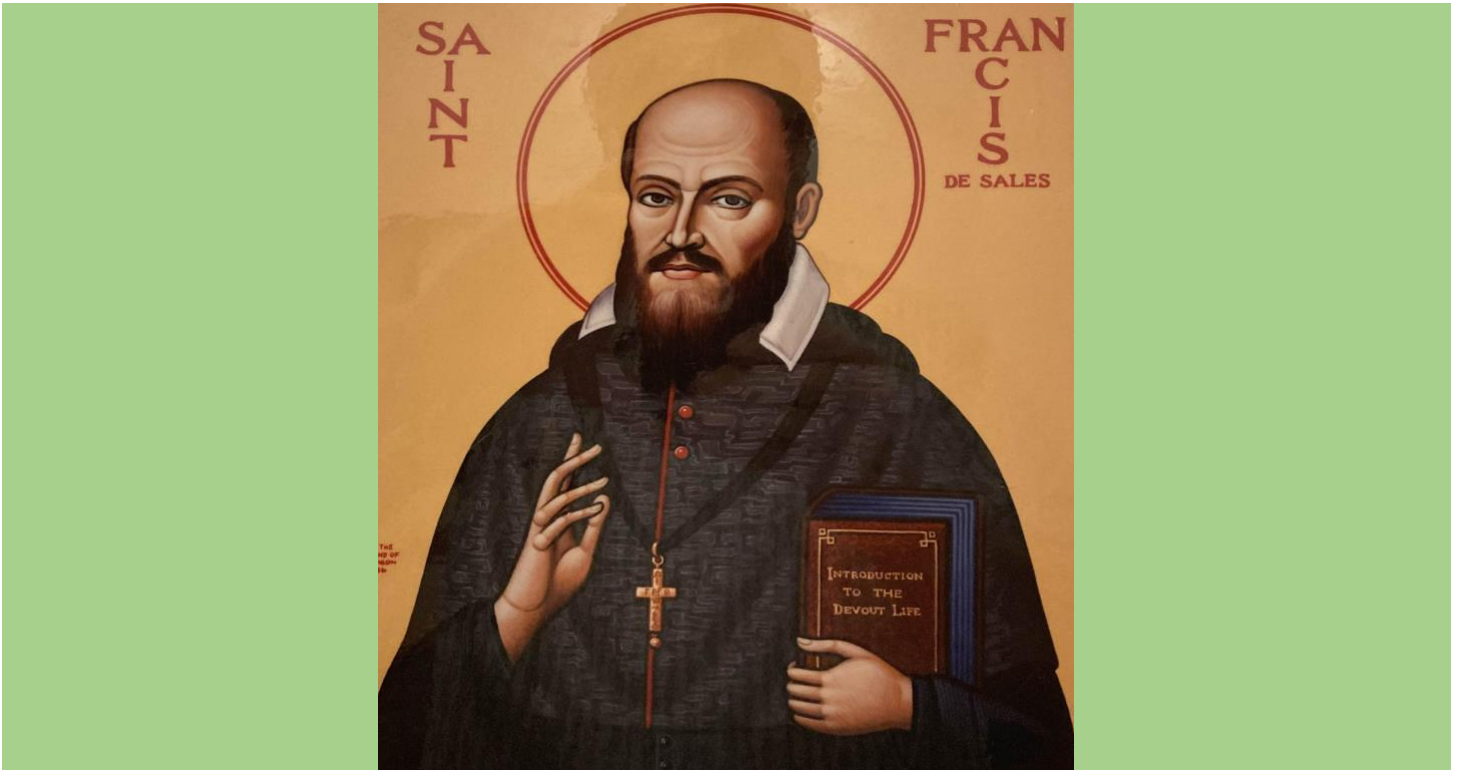


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176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

August 18, 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Proverbs 9:1–6:

Come, eat of my food and drink of the wine I have mixed.

Responsorial Psalm 34:

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.”

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20:

Understand what is the will of the Lord.

Gospel: John 6:51–58:

My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.

Greeter: J. Miller

Ushers: E. Lipinski / L. Haas

Lectors: E. McNamee / S. Zheng

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Haas / M. Flaherty

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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:

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord,” we sing in the psalm today, an invitation to the sumptuous banquet God lays out for us. Wisdom provides one of her own in the first reading, presenting knowledge and understanding as a meal we’re all invited to eat. Calling Himself the living bread come down from heaven, Jesus invites us all to eat His flesh and drink His blood, as we do in the Eucharist. As Paul advises the Ephesians, we give thanks always for this meal in which we physically taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

TUES August 20 NO Weekday Mass on this date!

FRI August 23 NO Weekday Mass on this date!

| FdS Parish Offertory Income | | | | |
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| Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 | | | | |
| [Through the end of July 2024 – 1-month] | | | | |
| Month | Budget | Actuals | Actual Less Budget | Percent Actual / Budget |
| July Totals | \$14,583 | \$14,203 | (-\$380) | (-2.6%) |
| Year To Date to 07/31/24 | \$14,583 | \$14,203 | (-\$380) | (-2.6%) |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our Announcements

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**.

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!

God's Blessings on Dario Pascual, son of Eloisa Lopez and Norberto Pascual, on receiving
First Holy Communion today!!

THANK YOU FOR SHARING MY FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – FROM DARIO

Thank you to the entire Parish Family for all your love, prayers and support this year and for the thoughtful way you shared my First Communion Day.

As I received the Bread and Wine, I know your prayers were joined with mine. Your love and generosity will always mean so much to me and my family, because you played a special part as Jesus came into my heart.

I would like to express my special thanks to my family. You set an example for me at home, with acts of Christian kindness, prayers at meal time and at bedtime. You show me love of family, other people and Our Lord every day of my life. They don't teach that kind of stuff in school!

Father Koo for being our Pastor and celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist with us today.

Mrs. Shelly Haas and Patricia Noonan, our teachers. You helped me realize the depth of Jesus' love for us and your love for us. We love you too!

The Folk Group, for providing the wonderful music that made my First Communion Day more personal and special. We hear the angels sing!

The Sacristan, for preparing the Altar for the Mass.

And last but not least, Kathy DeForge and Pam McNamee, the Hospitality Committee, and Parish Family for providing the wonderful hospitality after Mass.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING MY FIRST HOLY COMMUNION!

| LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Parishioners | Family | Friends |
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| Alice Mercer | Patsy Lynch | William Scott Smith |
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| Jim Pavik | Margaret McLaughlin | Lourdes Parker |
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| Cathy Walker | Timothy Farrell | Maureen Connolly |
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| | Paul Oliver | Janet Letizia |
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| | 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.

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| 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)

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| Parochial Administrator, Liturgy | Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah |
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| Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers | |
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| Faith Formation - Adult | Ed McNamee |
| Faith Formation - High School | Courtney Hudson |
| Finance Council Chair | Leon Iveson |
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| Greeters | Jessica Miller |
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| 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 |
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**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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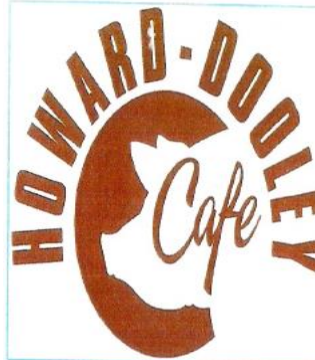
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