

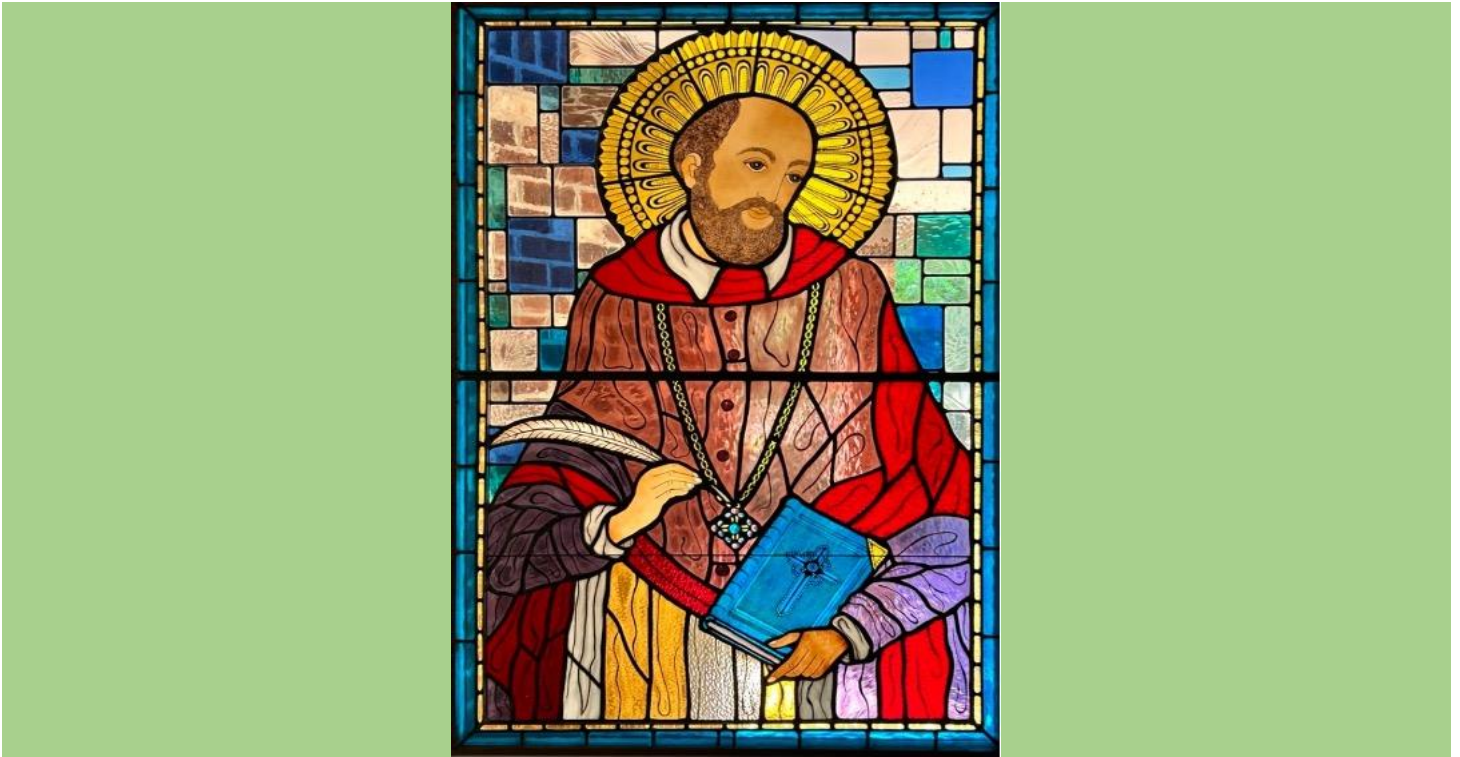
# Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

September 22, 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention for this Sunday is for Our Lord's Blessing on Patti & Rick Edwards on fifty years of Marriage.



First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20:  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

Responsorial Psalm 54:  
"The Lord upholds my life."

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3:  
The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37:  
The Son of Man is to be handed over... Whoever wishes to be first will be the servant of all.

Greeter: J. Miller

Ushers: C. Hall / E. Chadwell

Lectors: S. Sanderson / P. Sanderson

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Dawson / M. Flaherty

Counters: H. Keitz / R. Engle

## Church of Francis de Sales

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*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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: Devotions to the Sacred Heart      Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

Each of today's readings show the terrible consequences of self-centeredness. Confronted by a just person, the selfish lawbreakers in the first reading plan to torture and kill him. James warns his readers that jealousy and selfishness bring conflict and even war. Jesus contrasts the contentiousness of the disciples, who were arguing about which of them were the greatest, with the innocence of a child, who does not know ambition. Let us note the self-centered tendencies in our own character and look for the antidote in today's readings.

**This Week in the Liturgy of the Church**

**TUES**    September 24                      **NO** Weekday Mass on this date!

**FRI**        September 27                      **NO** Weekday Mass on this date!

<b>FdS Parish Offertory Income</b>				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025				
[Through the end of August 2024 – 2-month]				
<b>Month</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Actual Less Budget</b>	<b>Percent Actual / Budget</b>
August Totals	\$14,583	\$11,031	<b>(-\$3,552)</b>	<b>(-24.4%)</b>
Year To Date to <b>08/31/24</b>	\$29,167	\$25,234	<b>(-\$3,933)</b>	<b>(-13.5%)</b>
<b><i>THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH</i></b>				

# ***PLEASE REGISTER TO VOTE!!***

## **Our Announcements**

We are having our ***Bake Sale this Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Farmer's Market from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*** This will be our last bake sale for the season.

Fr. Koo will be traveling back on Friday, October 4, and due to celebrate Mass on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Fr. Robert Brownell will celebrate Mass this Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

### ***EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION***

There will be a meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Communion on ***Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>*** after Mass. There will be discussion, teaching and training concerning the responsibility and gift of being an Extraordinary Minister. If you have any thoughts or questions, please see Mary Flaherty or Christine Varone.

***Oktoberfest Tickets:*** It is that time of the year again! ***Oktoberfest tickets are available after Mass in the Commons area.*** Please note that tickets will not be sold at the door the day of the event. If you are able to work this fundraiser on ***Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>***, please see Pat Lipinski.

Your support with this fundraiser is greatly appreciated!

***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, October 20<sup>th</sup>***.

***The Church of Saint Therese in Gloucester is seeking an Administrative Assistant.*** Being the first person that most people will encounter through phone or visit to the parish office, the administrative assistant will have an evangelical zeal to show the welcoming face of Christ to parishioners and non-parishioners alike with whom she/he comes in contact. Mandatory background screening and Virtus training must be completed as a condition of employment. This is a 25 hour per week position and salary is according to diocesan scale. An application from the Richmond diocese must be submitted. Applications are available on the diocesan website at <https://richmonddiocese.org/office/office-of-human-resources/>. For a position description, please contact Fr. Gregory Kandt, Pastor, at 804-693-9043 or [fr.gregory@stthersglo.org](mailto:fr.gregory@stthersglo.org). Applications should likewise be submitted to Fr. Gregory. ***The successful candidate will begin employment by October 21, 2024.***

***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		
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	Paul Oliver	Janet Letizia
	Cindy Lockemy	Callie Penic
	Riley Hunt	Carl Roane
	Kathryn Turner	
	Elizabeth Scott	
	Margaret Mann	
	Linda Giuliani	

**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 Operations Officer for Task Force Grant	Son of Jeff Bohn & Suanne Dittmeier	US Army	Washington, DC
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LT Patrick Sopko	Son of Suzanne and Ron Sopko	US Navy	Norfolk, VA
1 <sup>st</sup> LT Spencer Walsh	Grandson of Pat & Jimmy Walsh	US Army	Fort Hood, TX
1 <sup>st</sup> 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 9/11/24)

<b>Pastor, Liturgy</b>	Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah
<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Paul Flaherty
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Mary Marshall
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Jon Oliver
<b>Bulletin</b>	Elaine Lynch
<b>Bulletin Advertisements</b>	Paul Reardon
<b>Columbarium</b>	Paul Flaherty
<b>Commemorative Pavers</b>	Paul Flaherty
<b>Counters Chair</b>	Christine Dehnert-Fernald
<b>Environment</b>	Pat Lipinski
<b>Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers</b>	
<b>Faith Formation - Elementary</b>	Michelle Haas
<b>Faith Formation - Adult</b>	Ed McNamee
<b>Faith Formation - High School</b>	Courtney Hudson
<b>Finance Council Chair</b>	Michael Henig
<b>Funeral Coordinator</b>	
<b>Greeters</b>	Jessica Miller
<b>Grounds Manager</b>	Allen Downs
<b>Hospitality / Funeral Receptions</b>	
<b>Lectors Ministry</b>	Ed McNamee
<b>Liturgy</b>	Christine Varone / Mary Flaherty
<b>Music Ministry</b>	Cathy Schirmer
<b>New Members</b>	Pat Lipinski
<b>Faith Formation - Parish Catechetical Lead</b>	Ed McNamee
<b>Parish Life</b>	Rita Engle
<b>Parish Outreach</b>	Helen Yacobucci
<b>Pastoral Care</b>	Mary Flaherty
<b>Pastoral Council Chair</b>	Eric Chadwell
<b>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</b>	Cheryl Henig
<b>Sacramental Preparation - Baptism</b>	Ed McNamee
<b>Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation</b>	Jessie Miller
<b>Sacramental Preparation – 1<sup>st</sup> Sacraments</b>	Michelle Haas
<b>Ushers</b>	Ed Lipinski
<b>Webmaster</b>	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 8/13/24)



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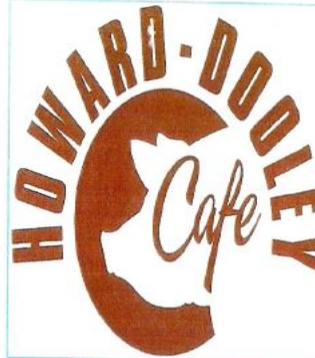
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