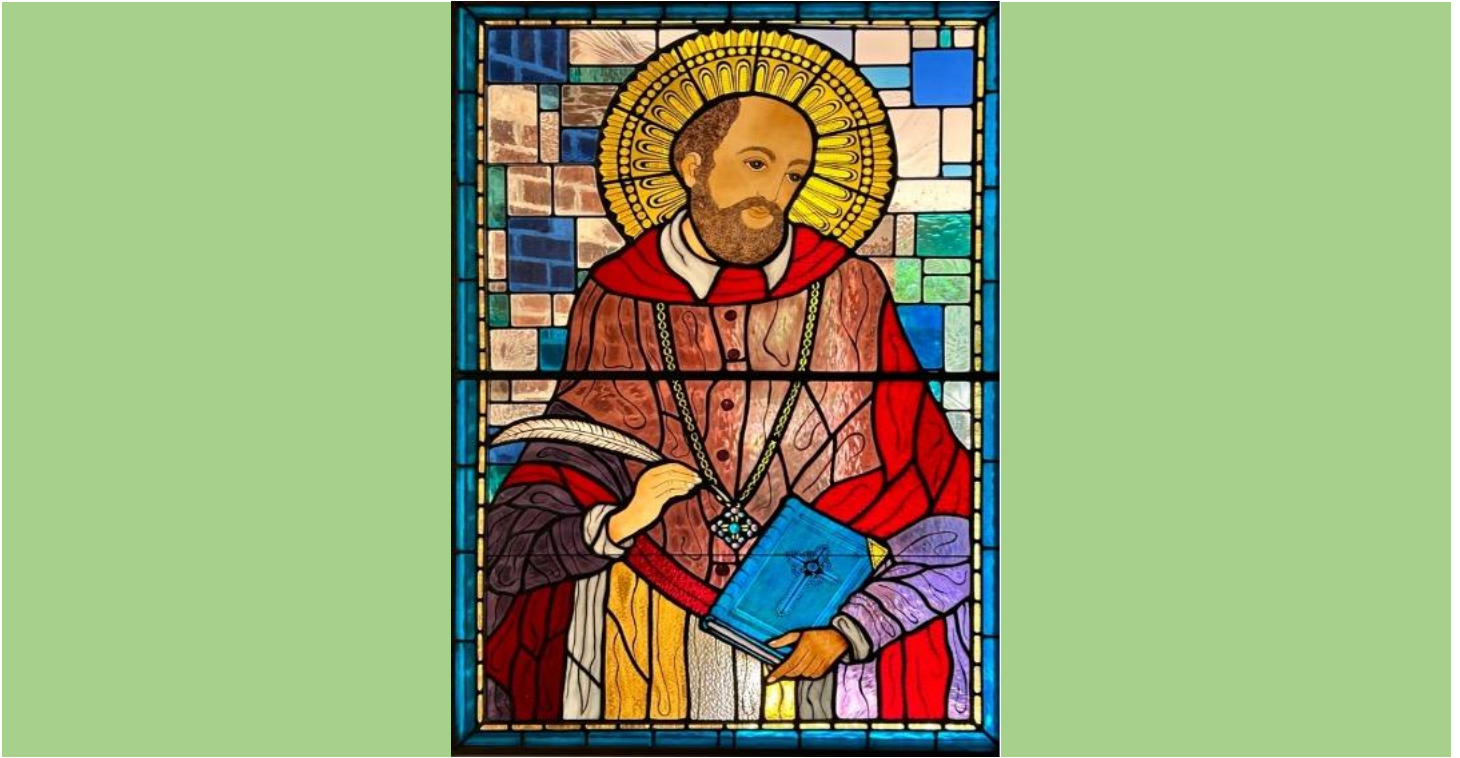


Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

October 27, 2024

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9:

The blind and the lame I will bring back: I will console them.

Responsorial Psalm 126:

“The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.”

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6:

You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52:

Master, I want to see.

Greeter: J. Miller

Ushers: C. Hall / E. Chadwell

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Eucharistic Ministers: M. Henig / C. Varone / M. McDonough

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Monday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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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:

Jeremiah delivers an oracle of salvation, giving his people hope that there would be an end to their exile. Hebrews points out that God called every high priest for generations, but since He was God's Son, Christ became high priest forever. Glory and wonder culminate in the Gospel, where the blind man Bartimaeus is healed by Jesus and immediately follows Him on His way to Jerusalem and the cross. Wherever we are on our personal journey, may we heed the Lord's call and follow Him, like the faithful in the final verse of the psalm, who "come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves."



01 November
All Saints' Day



The Solemnity of All Saints celebrates all those who are in Heaven, in the light of God's face - both those recognised by the Church as saints and those known only to the Lord. We ask for their intercession and we strive to follow their example, so that we too can fulfill our vocation to be saints.



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Friday November 1st is All Saints Day

which is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Catholic Church.

A Holy Day of Obligation is a day when the faithful are expected to attend Mass and refrain from engaging in any work or activity that would hinder the worship owed to God.

Mass will be offered this day at 9:00 AM at

The Church of The Visitation

And the Church of Francis de Sales at 6:30 PM

Saturday November 2nd is All Souls Day

On this day we remember our family and friends who have gone home to the Lord.

Fr Koo will offer Mass at 9:00 AM in the Cemetery at

The Church of the Visitation

Weather permitting or in the Church

This Week in the Liturgy of the Church

- TUES** **October 29** **9:00 a.m.** **Weekday Mass Tuesday of The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**
- FRI** **November 1** **9:00 a.m. COV** **The Solemnity of All Saints Mass, 9:00 a.m. at COV;**
6:30 p.m. FDS **6:30 p.m. at FDS. (There will be NO 1st Friday Mass or Eucharistic Adoration on this date.)**
- SAT** **November 2** **There will be NO 1st Saturday Mass nor recitation of the Rosary on this date! (As always, we are encouraged to say our Rosary privately.)**

FdS Parish Offertory Income				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025				
[Through the end of September 2024 – 3-months]				
Month	Budget	Actuals	Actual Less Budget	Percent Actual / Budget
September Totals	\$14,583	\$18,202	+\$3,619	+24.8%
Year To Date to 09/30/24	\$43,750	\$43,436	(-\$314)	(-0.7%)
THANK YOU.				
YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY IS CRUCIAL FOR THE CHURCH OF FRANCIS DE SALES TO THRIVE AND BE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.				

HELP WANTED: The Parish of Francis de Sales is looking for a person to take over the cleaning services here at the Parish Facilities. Candidate must have a Business License and Insurance.

Please contact the office at: 804-725-2776.

Our Announcements

Altar of Remembrance: Since 2000, our church has had an Altar of Remembrance for All Soul's Day and the entire month of November. The Environment committee will be putting it up at the end of this week and is inviting you to bring any pictures of loved ones, who have died, to add to it.

If you do bring a picture, please make sure that it is already in a frame labeled on the back with the name of the person in the picture and your name, so we can return it to you. We also have the option of storing pictures for future use, if you wish to not have the picture returned to you. Please reach out to Pat Lipinski, if you want to add a picture to the Altar of Remembrance.

Oktoberfest: Goodness! Gracious! The Church of Francis de Sales John B. Van Over and Chris Hale Oktoberfest dinner was a wonderful success. There was seating for 180 and it looked like we had only a handful of seats left unoccupied. Many of our guests commented that the food was delicious! Our goal was to sell 200 tickets, but since we had plenty of food purchased and we had ordered 220 tickets, we opted to sell 218 tickets.

The Lipinski's sponsor this event, so all monies that are made from ticket sales and the 50/50 are given to the church and earmarked for future HVAC and roof replacements. This year, we made a total of \$8000! We also received a couple of donations, which were made from parishioners or friends of the church.

This event could never take place without your support. We had German music that Mike McDonough provided for our entertainment, the wait staff and beverage pourers did an excellent job of waiting on our guests, the Dawson family manned the beverage stand (as they have done for many years) and Helen Yacobucci and her team manned the dessert table. Claudia and Eric worked long hours for a couple of days to produce the meal. The German Potato Salad team did an excellent job making the salad and also, transitioned the next day to decorate the Commons with the assistance of a few others. A big thank you to those who provided us with desserts! One of the hardest jobs is dishing out the food and ensuring that it is presentable! The men in the kitchen, who assisted the chefs, did an excellent job as always! Our greeters did a great job of not only greeting guests but also selling 50/50 tickets. The Takeout workers kept busy running in and out for food and they did an excellent job of helping our customers. Without the ticket sellers, we would have no customers! Many thanks to the crew who set the place up and to Leon, who was everywhere and pitched in wherever it was needed. Thank you to those who took dishes home to wash and to the Sanderson's, who stayed behind to help us finish cleaning the kitchen. It truly takes a team effort to get this event to be successful and it can only be attributed to the Can Do attitude of the parishioners who support it!

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, November 17th**.

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!



9/20 - Early Voting Starts

10/15 - Last Day To Register to Vote

11/5 - Election Day



LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER		
Parishioners	Family	Friends
Jean Tanner	Dottie Long	Joy Long
Sharon Simmons	Rita Guarino	William Scott Smith
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		Coughlin Family
		Tavey Callow
		Debbie Traynor
		Dick & Lois Morley
		Paul Bing

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
CAPT Ryan Carey	Son of Jack & Ginny Carey	US Navy	Norfolk, VA
MSgt Cameron Farrell	Great-nephew of Elaine Lynch	US Air Force	Tyndall AFB, FL
LT Patrick Sopko	Son of Suzanne & 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 10/6/24)

Pastor, Liturgy	Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah
Parish Administrator	Paul Flaherty
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Altar Servers	Jon Oliver
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Commemorative Pavers	Paul Flaherty
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Environment	Pat Lipinski
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Flaherty
Faith Formation - Elementary	Michelle Haas
Faith Formation - Adult	Ed McNamee
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Finance Council Chair	Michael Henig
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Hospitality / Funeral Receptions	Norah Iverson / Pam McNamee
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	Kathy DeForge
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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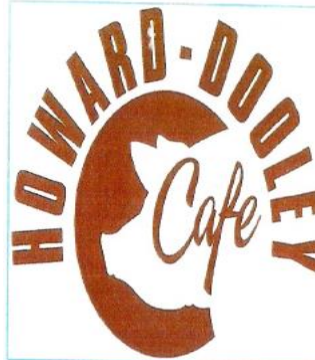
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