

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

PastorRev. Paul M. Eversole
Parochial Vicar...Rev. Michael R. Duesterhaus
Deacons.....Rev. Mr. John Hubbarth
Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil Saturday, 5:30 pm

Sunday8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Daily

Monday, Tuesday, Saturday..... 8:00 am

Wednesday..... 11:00 am

Thursday 6:30 am

Friday7:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Normally heard at the following times:

Monday after 8:00 am Mass

Tuesday after 8:00 am Mass

Wednesday..... after 11:00 am Mass

Thursday after 6:30 am Mass

Friday7:00 pm

Saturday.....after 8:00 am Mass

Exceptions to this schedule are noted inside the bulletin.

Please note:

Confessions will be heard until the line of penitents ends, or until 5 minutes before Mass begins - whichever comes first - so please arrive for confession promptly. Confessions are not heard after evening Masses.

**AFTER HOURS PRIEST EMERGENCY
TELEPHONE: 540-498-3170**

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PARISH OFFICE

Telephone..... 540-582-5575

Fax..... 540-582-8639

Hours Mon. - Fri., 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Rev. Mr. John Hubbarth..... Business Mgr.

Terrie Yates..... Parish Secretary

Jane Hubbarth Receptionist

Mary Lou Felts..... Receptionist

PARISH WEBSITE

www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org

MUSIC MINISTRY

Melanie Bolas, Choir Director

Grayson Cordova, Organist

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PARISH REGISTRATION

All Catholics residing within our parish boundaries should register as soon as possible. Packets are available in church vestibule.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office; parish registration is required.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Please contact the Parish Office. Six Months of preparation are required before the marriage celebration. Parish registration is required.

SPONSOR LETTERS

Please contact the Parish Office for letters of qualification to serve as sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation. Registration in the parish and regular practice of the Faith are among the qualifications required. Letters should be requested in a timely manner.

GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Ministry to the infirm/ homebound. Please call the Parish Office to volunteer, or arrange visitation of the elderly, the sick or the homebound.

SAINT MATTHEW THRIFT STORE (Breezewood Shopping Ctr.)

Address: 10639 Courthouse Road • Telephone: 540-834-2479.

Hours: Monday through Friday 10 AM-3 PM; Sat. & Sun.-Closed

Volunteers and donations of clothing, household items and furniture needed on a continuing basis.

SAINT MATTHEW FOOD PANTRY & BABY CLOSET

Address: 8206 Robert E. Lee Dr. • Telephone: 540-507-8106.

The Food Pantry and Baby Closet assist clients during the following hours: Wednesdays-2 PM-6 PM; Fridays 9 AM-12 NOON; and the first Saturday of the month from 9 AM to 11 AM. *-Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis.*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Saint Faustina Conference

SVdP Assistance Line: 540-834-5555. Website: www.svdpstfaustina.org

Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Dave Scharett: 540-388-8736.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: To find information about the Bishop Keating Council 12434 or The Fathers Cilinski Assembly 3568, please visit <http://www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org> and select Knights of Columbus under the Outreach Ministries tab. The council meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The Assembly meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 9, 2022 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASSSES

Mon (01/10) 8:00 AM - STEPHEN SAMUELS+
Tues (01/11) 8:00 AM - AKERS FAMILY INTEN.
Wed (01/12) 11:00 AM - PEOPLE of ST MATTHEW'S
Thu (01/13) 6:30 AM - KIM EVERSOLE+
Fri (01/14) 7:30 PM - DEACON MIKE STRAIN
Sat (01/15) 8:00 AM - DEACON PAUL GREGORY
5:30 PM - PAUL & BLADEN BROWN
Sun (01/16) 8:00 AM - JOHNSTON FAMILY INTEN.
9:30 AM - PEOPLE of ST. MATTHEW'S
11:00 AM - LOUIS J. ACHILLE+



ROSARY ON FRIDAY EVENINGS 7:00 p.m. In the Church

Please join in praying the Rosary for an increase in faith, hope, charity and peace in our country and throughout the world.

VOCATIONS

"I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice."

Do you feel the Lord calling you to become a priest, deacon, or religious sister or brother? Call Fr. Michael Isenberg at: (703)841-2514 or write to Fr. Michael Isenberg at: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (01/08-01/09) 1) Regular Collection

Next weekend (01/15-01/16) 1) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for December 26th amounted to \$10,967. Because of inclement weather, the Jan. 2nd first collection amount will be reported in the January 16th bulletin. THANK YOU!

In order to meet St. Matthew's operating expenses and save for future projects, the **First Collection** should bring in at least \$12,000 every weekend.

During these difficult times, please try to sustain your offerings to St. Matthew's. Donations may be mailed, dropped off at the Parish Office, or made through online giving (instructions below). Your generous support is vital to your parish's mission!

Online giving: www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org., go to General Information and choose Online Giving.

PANDEMIC NOTES

Those who are not fully vaccinated are encouraged to wear face coverings while attending Mass. Weekend Masses are being live streamed to the Parish Center, with ample seating, space for distancing and the distribution of Communion. All weekend Masses are also being live streamed on the parish website.

An extra Mass at 1:00 p.m. on Mondays is being offered for those observing pandemic precautions only. Face coverings are required.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As we recover from the recent inclement weather, I would like to renew my thanks to all our volunteers who helped St. Matthew's in so many ways over the Christmas Season. In my previous message of thanks, I forgot to express my gratitude to the children and adults who took part in our Children's Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve — your beautiful presentation helped all of us rejoice in the mystery of Jesus' Birth.

The cold and snow remind us that many people in our community suffer throughout the year from a lack of basic needs. Your generous support of our parish's social outreach programs continues to bring help and hope to those in difficult circumstances. Thank You!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Eversole

THEOLOGY of the BODY & THE MARIAN MYSTERY JAN. 24-FEB. 4, 2022

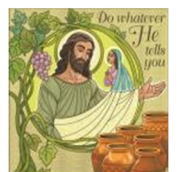
Join Christopher West online for this course that seeks to answer the question of the Marian Mystery as seen through St. John Paul II's writings and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It discusses the influence that the Blessed Mother has in our lives today. It will demonstrate how all the Marian doctrines of the Church and the call of true devotion to the Mother of God have one goal: to lead us to deeper union with the Word, who was made flesh in her womb. To register visit: support@tobinstitute.org

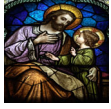
SUNDAY READINGS January 16, 2022

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

01/11 & 01/12 RE Classes
01/18 & 01/19 RE Classes
01/25 & 01/26 RE Classes



Please note that Religious Education Classes follow Spotsylvania County School closings *for inclement weather*. If schools are closed, dismiss early, or cancel after school activities due to weather, Religious Education classes will be cancelled as well.

Peace of Jesus Christ
Joanne Warren



Contrary to popular belief, Jesus did not say, "I came to make them boring." Instead, he wants us to live life to the fullest. Dive into the heart and soul of what it means to be Catholic with Chris Stefanick and his guests.

Tune in every Monday at 7 p.m. (ET) to The Chris Stefanick Show on FORMED.

MORNINGS OF MERCY

Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats. The morning will include Mass, talk and Benediction. The retreats are free. To register go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy/



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Matthew's Thrift Store needs volunteers for Mon., Thurs., Fri., and Sat. If you are available to help, please call the Parish Office.



'SEARCHING for MORE'

Consider adding this podcast to your list! Features include interviews and discussions on a range of topics affecting Catholics in today's world. "Searching for More" joins the "Walk Humbly" and "Catholic Herald" podcasts as diocesan audio offerings.



JOHN PAUL the GREAT HIGH SCHOOL

Many upcoming events are scheduled at John Paul the Great High School through March. These include a Drama Workshop, Science Saturday, Basketball Clinic, High School Placement Test, and How to High School. To find a total listing and registration deadlines go to: <https://www.jpthegreat.org>

YOUTH MINISTRY



Youth Ministry will meet tonight, Sunday, Jan. 9th. For more information contact Deacon Mike Strain at deaconmike2@comcast.net.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - In the Parish Center

On January 17th Deacon John Hubbarth will resume discussing the church's Seven Sacraments. In person classes will be on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m.; for information on how to attend via Zoom, please contact the Parish Office, (540)582-5575. All are welcome.

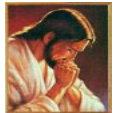
ONLINE CERTIFICATE for PARENTS & CATECHISTS

Catholic Distance University is offering two affordable online certificate programs to meet the needs of catechists and parents: Basic Certificate in Catechetics & Diocesan Certificate in Lay Leadership. For more information or to register visit cduondemand.com

There are also online independent study courses available through CDU. Browse the catalog at www.cdu.catalog.instructure.com/ Use Promo Code CDU15ARLINGTON when registering to qualify for the \$30 rate.

PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

To place loved ones on this list, please contact the Parish Office.



Eleanor Achille, Rosanne Backhus, Bob Beals, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Mary Buccigrossi, Mary Lou Buck, Barb & Dan Carver, Helen Cash, Ryan Cunningham, Betty Davis, Matthew Duffy, Fr. Alex Drummond, Tom Faleskie, Alice Foley, Lisa Foes, Kristen Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Mary Gibbons, George Granofsky, Bud & Marie Harrington, Raymond Harrington, Deacon John & Jane Hubbarth, David Hunziker, Bethany Jane, Marie Johnson, Annette Laxton, Barbara Maddox, Melissa Martinez, Stephen Middleton, Robert Monastra, Vicky O'Donnell, Maria Osorio, Pete Rekdal, Susan Sablon-Harrington, Dave Scharett, Marguerite Schwab, Cari Sewell, Sid Sidelko, Ron Smith, Tim Sottek, Judy Sullivan, Sam Tomarchio, Jim Walsh, Charles & Stephen Weaver, Chrissie Weaver, Gene & Shirley Wyatt, and Nicholas Yaworski.

PRAYER REQUESTS: For parishioners and immediate family members or for emergency situations, please contact Sharon Shappy at (540) 207-0553 or Lynn Kobasa at lynnkobasa_2@msn.com. Send your message with the words "prayer request."

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Letters with total year-end contribution amounts will be sent to parishioners who mail their requests to the Parish Office with a **stamped return address envelope**.