

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH SECRETARY: Terrie Yates

RECEPTIONISTS: Mary Lou Felts
Mary Szabo

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday VigilSaturday, 5:30 pm
Sunday..... 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am
Daily
Monday, Tuesday..... 8:00 am
Wednesday..... 11:00 am
Thursday 6:30 am
Friday..... 7:30 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
Friday..... 7:00 pm
Saturday..... 3:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays9:00 am - 11:00 am
First Fridays..... 8:00 pm - 9:00 p.m.

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**

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. Weddings are not celebrated during Christmas Week and Easter Week.

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. 10 AM-2 PM & 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 to 6 PM; Fridays 9 AM to 11 AM; 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

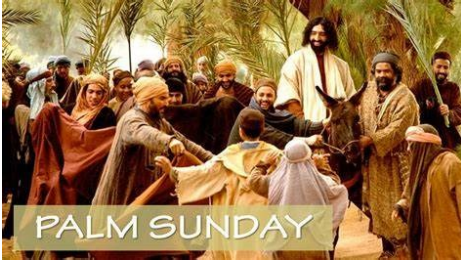
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Dave Scharett: 540-388-8736.

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 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 13, 2025 PALM SUNDAY

MASSES

Mon (04/14) 8:00 AM - PAULA STAUB+
Tue (04/15) 8:00 AM - KENNETH KELP+
Wed (04/16) 11:00 AM - ADRIAN IPPOLITO+
Thu (04/17) 7:30 PM - ANNA CHIR+
Fri (04/18) 7:30 PM - **NO MASS CELEBRATED**
Sat (04/19) 8:30 PM - RONALD MENEI+
Sun (04/20) 8:00 AM - WINDSOR FAMILY+
9:30 AM - DR. HERMAN &
HELEN FLETCHER
11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF MATTHEW'S



The Saturday 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass is being live streamed.

PARISH FAMILY ROSARY CHANGE IN LENT

Our Friday evening Rosary will be replaced by Stations of the Cross until Easter. The Rosary will be prayed on Saturday, April 26th at 4:30 p.m..

VOCATIONS

"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." Jesus' words remind us of God's mercy and His invitation to a fresh start. In every vocation, we're called to accept His forgiveness and step forward with a renewed commitment to love and serve. This Lent, reflect on how you are nurturing a heart open to love as you journey toward Easter.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (04/12 - 04/13) Regular Collection
(04/18) Holy Land Collection
Next weekend (04/19 - 04/20) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for April 6th was \$16,325. **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.

In addition to Mass collections, weekly donations may be mailed, dropped off at the Parish Office or made through online giving. Please help us by using your Offertory Envelopes when donating by cash or check.

For online giving go to our parish website:

www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org, and Go to General Information and choose Online Giving or scan this QR code.



PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

To donate for Ukraine war relief, please visit:
<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html>

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK - April 14th
8:00 AM-Mass
Confessions following Mass

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - April 15th
8:00 AM-Mass
Confessions following Mass

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - April 16th
11:00 AM-Mass
Confessions following Mass
Confessions 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY - April 17th

NO MORNING MASS OR CONFESSIONS
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.
followed by procession with the Eucharist
and Adoration in the Parish Center (Altar of
Repose) until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY-April 18th

12:00 Noon-3:00 PM-Confessions &
The Seven Last Words of Christ
3:00 PM-Stations of the Cross
7:30 PM-Liturgy of the Lord's Passion



HOLY SATURDAY-April 19th

10:00 AM-Blessing of Food for Easter Meal
11:00 AM-Confessions
NO 3:00 PM CONFESSIONS
NO 5:30 PM MASS
8:30 PM-EASTER VIGIL MASS



EASTER SUNDAY-April 20th

NORMAL SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

EASTER WEEK-April 21st-26th

NO MONDAY MORNING ADORATION
NORMAL MASS AND CONFESSION
SCHEDULE

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY-April 27th

NORMAL MASS SCHEDULE
EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR WITH THE
CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY AFTER
THE 11:00 AM MASS

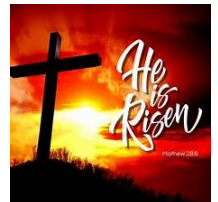


SUNDAY - April 20th
Readings

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4/5:6b-8

John 20:1-9



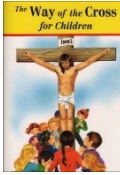
PLEASE BE AWARE!!

NO ONE from the Parish Office will text or email you asking for monetary help or gift cards. Please **do not respond to any form of this kind of communication.** Please call the office if you have any questions.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-8th GRADE

04/15 & 04/16 RE Classes
04/22 & 04/23 No RE Classes
04/29 & 04/30 RE Classes



Parishioners are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross during our Religious Education classes:

Tuesday, April 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m.

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THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

From 12:00 Noon, Holy Thursday
April 17th
Until 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 28th

If you have an **EMERGENCY** or an urgent need to speak with a priest, please call the emergency number (540-498-3170).

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the delicious Fish Fry on April 11th.



THRIFT STORE EASTER CLOSINGS

The Thrift Store will be closed the following days:



Friday - April 18th
Saturday - April 19th
Monday - April 21st



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will meet tonight, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you have any questions, email Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please consider spending some time in prayer before the Sacred Host exposed on the altar. Adoration takes place on Mondays 9-11 a.m. and on First Fridays 8-9 p.m. Information on prayer before the Eucharist is available in the vestibule. Monday morning adoration does not take place on federal holidays, during Christmas Week and Easter Week, or on holy days of obligation.

ORDINATION OF TRANSITIONAL DEACONS

11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 26, 2025
The Cathedral of St. Thomas More
Arlington, VA

Bishop Burbidge will ordain 7 seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate: James Harbour, Donghan Lee, Sean Mazary, Eric McDade, Alexander Solsma, Teko Teko-Agbo and Aaron Zanca. The Mass will also be live streamed. Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations to learn more about these men, what led them to seminary, and about the ordination events. Pray for our future priests!

PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

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

Rosanne Backhus, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Mary Buccigrossi, Dan Carver, Helen Cash, Mary Cave, Randy Chapman, Barbara Coughenour, Betty Davis, Patrick Denny, Dave Downs, Elizabeth Dubois, Matthew Duffy, Fr. Alex Drummond, Mary Faulconer, Alice Foley, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Mary Gibbons, George Granofsky, Frances Gray, Christopher Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, David Hunziker, Marie Johnson, Kathleen Keller, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Tony Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Robert Monastra, Ellis Newhouse, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, Breanne Cave-Paulson, Deloris Payne, Al Ptaszniak, Pete Rekdal, Dave Scharett, Sid Sidelko, Faye Sill, Natalie (Caporali) Smith, Ron Smith, Judy Sullivan, Cole Therault, Leonard Thompson, Sam Tomarchio, Al Undercoffer, Charles & Stephen Weaver, and Chrissie Weaver.

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



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