

# ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

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9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

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stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com

## MUSIC PROGRAM

Melanie Bolas, Choir Director

Paulius Sinkora, Organist

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stmatthewfamilychoir@gmail.com

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil .....Saturday, 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

Mondays .....9:00 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-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](http://www.svdpstfaustina.org)  
*Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call the parish office: 540-582-5575.*

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The Assembly meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

# APRIL 19, 2026 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MASSES

Mon (04/20) 8:00 AM - BEATRICE SIEBEL+  
Tue (04/21) 8:00 AM - JENN & ADRIAN BENSON  
Wed (04/22) 11:00 AM - VINCE ROSS+  
Thu (04/23) 6:30 AM - SHANNON ALBRITTON+  
Fri (04/24) 7:30 PM - ROGER CHEWNING  
Sat (04/25) 5:30 PM - KATHY PELLEGREEN  
Sun (04/26) 8:00 AM - PAUL SPRIGGS+  
9:30 AM - GALIK & CHIR FAMILIES  
11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S



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

## PRAY THE ROSARY WITH YOUR PARISH FAMILY

Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary for an increase in faith, hope, love and peace in our country and throughout the world, on the last Saturday of the month at 4:30 p.m. (in front of the church, weather permitting; otherwise, in the church), and on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

## VOCATIONS

*"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him."*  
Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, contact your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). or (703) 841-2514.

## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (04/18 - 04/19) Regular Collection

Next weekend (04/25 - 04/26) Regular Collection  
Home Missions Collection

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

Due to early bulletin printing the first Collection for April 5<sup>th</sup> was \$16,097 and for April 12<sup>th</sup> was \$20,776. 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](http://www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org), and Go to General Information and choose



## 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>

## 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 or during Christmas Week and Easter Week, or on holy days of obligation.**

## ST. GEORGE, MARTYR (Memorial—April 23rd)

"Dear brothers, our joy in today's feast is heightened by our joy in the glory of Easter, just as the splendor of a precious jewel enhances the beauty of its gold setting.

St George was a man who abandoned one army for another: he gave up the rank of tribune to enlist as a soldier for Christ. Eager to encounter the enemy, he first stripped away his worldly wealth by giving all he had to the poor. Then, free and unencumbered, bearing the shield of faith, he plunged into the thick of the battle, an ardent soldier for Christ.

Dear brothers, let us not only admire the courage of this fighter in heaven's army but follow his example. Let us be inspired to strive for the reward of heavenly glory keeping in mind his example, so that we will not be swayed from our path, though the world seduce us with its smiles or try to terrify us with naked threats of its trials and tribulations.

Anyone who wishes to offer himself to God in the tent of Christ, which is the Church, must first bathe in the spring of holy baptism; then he must put on the various garments of the virtues.

Truly we must be cleansed of the stains of our past sins and be resplendent in the virtue of our new way of life. Then we can be confident of celebrating Easter worthily and of truly following the example of the blessed martyrs."

St. Peter Damian

## SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Pt 2:20b-25

Jn 10:1-10



## 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 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

04/21 & 04/22 RE Classes  
04/28 & 04/29 RE Classes  
05/05 & 05/06 RE Classes



Save the Date  
Saint Matthew VBS  
June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
9:00 a.m. – noon  
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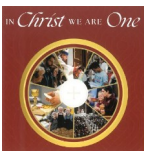


## COFFEE AND DONUTS

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
After All Masses

In the Parish Center

Sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
St. Faustina Conference



## IN CHRIST WE ARE ONE BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL 2026

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal! If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on your blessings and consider making a gift now. The BLA unites us as a diocesan family to support programs, ministries and services which help tens of thousands of people. You may mail your gift or go online to [arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code to make a gift. Thank you for your generosity!



## YOUTH MINISTRY 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Youth Ministry will meet tonight at 6:30 in the Parish Center.



On April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> teens will be selling raffle tickets for handmade items and taking requests for yard work to raise funds for Work Camp.

For more information, please contact Sheila Kinley at [stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com).



## SOCIAL OUTREACH IN MARCH

**St. Matthew's Food Pantry** assisted 188 families. Our pantry delivers help to residents of Enoch Manor on a regular basis, and sends provisions to food pantries in Orange and King George counties.

Food Donations totaling 5,793 pounds came from St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Charities, Panera (Massaponax), and Wawa (Spotsylvania).

**St. Matthew's Baby Closet** assisted 40 families. Baby supplies distributed were valued at \$1,336 and included formula, lotion, shampoo, blankets, baby wash, baby bottles, diapers, and diaper rash lotion.

**St. Matthew's Thrift Store** volunteers are working Mon. - Sat. to provide affordable shopping for clothing and household needs and to generate proceeds in support of charitable activities.

**St. Matthew's Good Samaritans** are visiting the homebound.

## ST. MATTHEW'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will hold its monthly meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

## PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

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

Stephen Austin, Rosanne Backhus, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Mary Buccigrossi, Dan Carver, Helen Cash, Mary Cave, Randy Chapman, Barbara Coughenour, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Fr. Eversole, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Mary Gibbons, Marguerite Govoni, Frances Gray, Mike Hemmesch, Christopher Hubbarth, Mike Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Carol Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Robert Monastra, Ellis Newhouse, Cecilia Diane O'Brien, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, Marjean Rice, Dave Scharett, Sid Sidelko, Faye Sill, Natalie (Caporali) Smith, Sam Tomarchio, Marjorie Welsh, Joseph Waterman.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** For parishioners and immediate family members or for emergency situations, please contact Lynn Kobasa at [lynnkobasa\\_2@msn.com](mailto:lynnkobasa_2@msn.com). Send your message with the words "prayer request."

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