

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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Deacons..... Rev. Mr. John Hubbarth, Ret.
Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

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HOURS: Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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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

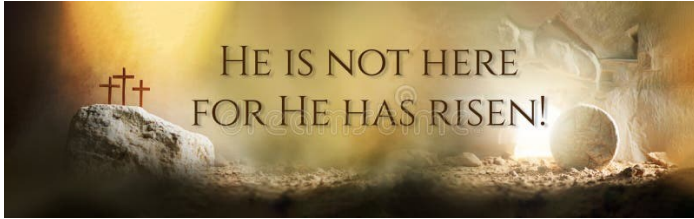
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Dave Scharett: 540-388-8736.

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 20, 2025 EASTER SUNDAY

MASSES

Mon (04/21)	8:00 AM - JENN & ADRIAN BENSON
Tue (04/22)	8:00 AM - EVERSOLE, PENN & BUCCIGROSSI FAMILIES
Wed (04/23)	11:00 AM - ANNE DOBBS+
Thu (04/24)	6:30 AM - DIANE MAUNA
Fri (04/25)	7:30 PM - PEG RUSH+
Sat (04/26)	5:30 PM - LINDA TOLSON
Sun (04/27)	8:00 AM - ROSEMARY KELLY+ 9:30 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S 11:00 AM - VIRGINIA KUCHTA+



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. The Rosary will be said on April 26th.

VOCATIONS

“He is not here; He has been raised.” (Luke 24:6) The joy of the Resurrection brings new life. Could Christ be calling you to share this joy with others through a vocation in the Church? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (04/19 - 04/20) Regular Collection
Next weekend (04/26 - 04/27) Regular Collection
Catholic Home Missions

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for April 13th was \$16,705. **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>



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 27th

Please join us after the 11:00 a.m. Mass for a Holy Hour with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR HAPPY EASTER!

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Lord's victory over sin and death, I ask you to join me in thanking everyone who makes Lent, Holy Week and Easter a time of solemn joy: our deacons and parish staff; our RE volunteers, music program and liturgical volunteers; our sacristans, church decorators and gardeners; our Thrift Store, Food Pantry and Baby Closet Volunteers; our Good Samaritans and Women's Guild; and the Knights of Columbus and Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Many thanks are also due to everyone who provided and attended our Lenten suppers. Because of everyone's generosity, St. Matthew's is filled with the joy of the Resurrection.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Eversole

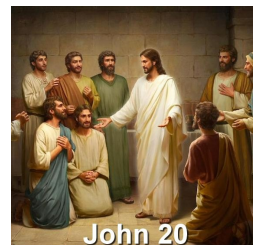


SUNDAY - April 27th Readings

Acts 5:12-16

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Jn 20:19-31



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

04/22 & 04/23 No RE Classes
04/29 & 04/30 RE Classes
05/06 & 05/07 RE Classes
05/13 & 05/14 RE Classes End



He Is Risen! The Power of the Resurrection



Join Brother Francis as he celebrates the power and splendor of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in this moving and instructive animated presentation!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Monday, April 28th - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

On Monday, April 28th Deacon Mike Strain will begin a five week series on the catechetical teachings of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. This series will cover his teachings known as mystagogy, the breaking open of the word and beliefs specifically focused on those recently received into the Church. His presentations are fruitful for all Catholics and everyone is invited to participate.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

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).

THRIFT STORE EASTER CLOSINGS



The Thrift Store will be closed on
Monday - April 21st



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will NOT meet tonight. If you have any questions, email Sheila Kinley at smatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.



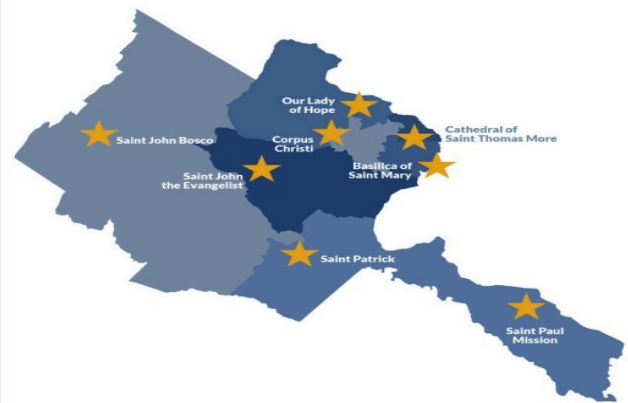
12th ANNUAL SHAMROCK CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

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Monday, April 28th - Lake of the Woods Golf Course

Registration and coffee and donuts at 8:00 a.m., Captain's Choice with Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. For additional information go to: aohfredericksburg.org.

Visit these churches!



Eight churches in the Diocese of Arlington have been designated Holy Year sites. Prayerfully visit one of these holy sites and receive a plenary indulgence.* The first 50 parishioners who make a pious visit to each of the eight holy sites will be offered a special memento from the Diocese (*one memento per family*). Learn more:

arlingtondiocese.org/holy-year-2025

Our Lady of Hope | Art by Martha Cammack

*Please visit our Holy Year webpage for a full explanation of ways you can earn a plenary indulgence.

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 Ptasznik, 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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