

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

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Melanie Bolas, Choir Director
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Kathy Pellegreen, Organist
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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

EUCHARISTIC 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-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.*

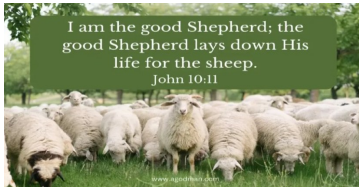
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Saint Faustina Conference
SVdP Assistance Line: 540-834-5555. Website: www.svdpstfaustina.org
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call the parish office: 540-582-5575.

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 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 26, 2026 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES

Mon (04/27)	8:00 AM - PAUL BROWN+
Tue (04/28)	8:00 AM - RODRICK CONNOR+
Wed (04/29)	11:00 AM - KEVIN HUGHART
Thu (04/30)	6:30 AM - RONAN BANN
Fri (05/01)	7:30 PM - MELANIE MCGROGAN
Sat (05/02)	5:30 PM - JAMES HARVEY CASH+
Sun (05/03)	8:00 AM - PETER AND MARY NORRIS 9:30 AM - GLENN PRITCHARD+ 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"I am the door...go in and out and find pasture." Jesus invites each of us to enter through Him, the door to life and abundance. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the entire Church is called to pray for more holy vocations. Offer a Rosary, asking the Lord to guide hearts to go where He wants them to go, be who He wants them to be, and do what He calls them to do. If you feel a stirring in your heart about where God is calling you, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. or (703) 841-2514.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (04/25 - 04/26) Regular Collection
Home Missions Collection
Next weekend (05/02 - 05/03) Regular Collection
Buildings & Grounds Coll.

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for April 19th was \$17,273. 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

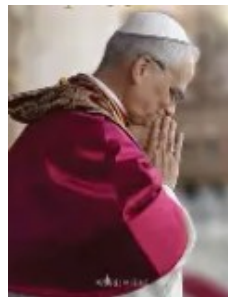


PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND, UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

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

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.**



POPE LEO PRAYER FOR PEACE ST. PETER'S BASILICA APRIL 11, 2026

Lord Jesus,

You conquered death without weapons or violence:

You shattered its power with the strength of peace.

Grant us your peace,

as you did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning,
as you did to the disciples who were hiding in fear.

Send forth your Spirit,

the breath that gives life and reconciles,

that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters.

Inspire us to trust in Mary, your mother,

who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart,

firm in the faith that you would rise again.

May the madness of war cease

and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still
know how to bring forth, protect and love life.

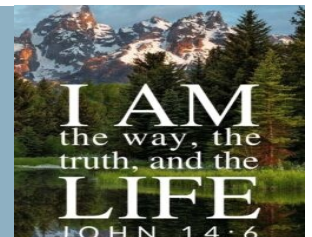
Hear us, Lord of life!

SUNDAY, MAY 3rd READINGS

Acts 6:1-7

Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12



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.

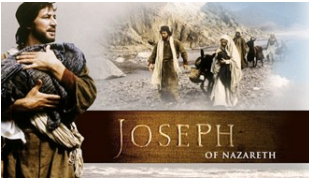


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K - 8th Grade

04/28 & 04/29 RE Classes
05/05 & 05/06 RE Classes
05/12 & 05/13 RE Classes
05/19 & 05/20 RE Classes
last class



Save the Date
Saint Matthew VBS
June 29th – July 2nd
9:00 a.m. – noon
Rising K-Rising 6th Grade

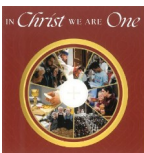


The first feature film ever on the story of St. Joseph, who was a carpenter, the husband of Mary, and the foster father of Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that St. Joseph was a "just man" and that God gave him the most daunting task ever asked of a man—to be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah and the father and protector of this Holy Family. He would be the man closest to Christ.

As Joseph is informed by God's messengers about trusting and following his plan for Christ, the dangerous flight into Egypt to save his child, and finally returning to Nazareth to raise Jesus, this lovely film presents beautiful vignettes of these and other powerful scenes in the life of the young Christ and the Holy Family that are authentic and inspiring.

ST. MATTHEW'S WOMEN'S GUILD

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



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 or scan the QR code to make a gift. Thank you for your generosity!



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

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



On April 25th and 26th 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.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA



A Novena of Masses will be offered in honor of Mother's Day, **beginning on Sunday, May 10th thru Monday, May 18th**. Beautiful cards for the Novena are available in the church vestibule. Please return the outer envelope with your offering to the collection basket or the Parish Office by Friday, May 8th. Offerings will benefit our Buildings and Grounds Fund.



GOURMET BREAKFAST May 3rd After All Masses in the Parish Center

Come join fellow parishioners for a fabulous gourmet breakfast prepared by our Knights of Columbus.



FOLLOWING ST. JOSEPH TO JESUS MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

San Damiano Retreat Center
Whitepost, VA
July 10th - July 12th

For more information or to register, please contact Father Riley at retreat@saredheartwinchester.org or visit the website at ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat

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, Doug Bond, 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 Monastr, 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. Send your message with the words "prayer request."

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