

# ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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**HOURS:** Monday thru Friday  
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**PARISH SECRETARY:** Terrie Yates

**RECEPTIONISTS:** Mary Lou Felts  
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**PARISH WEBSITE:** www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org



## 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 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](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 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 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 27, 2025 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## MASSES

Mon (04/28)	8:00 AM - ROGER CHEWNING
Tue (04/29)	8:00 AM - BLADEN BROWN
Wed (04/30)	11:00 AM - PAULA STAUB+
Thu (05/01)	6:30 AM - EVERSOLE, PENN & BUCCIGROSSI FAMILIES+
Fri (05/02)	7:30 PM - LEONARD SUPCHAK+
Sat (05/03)	5:30 PM - JIM MCCARTHY+
Sun (05/04)	8:00 AM - ROSE PINO+ 9:30 AM - STEPHEN W. HASLETT+ 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

**"Peace be with you."** (John 20:19) If you are seeking peace and purpose in your life, open your heart to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Let God's mercy guide your steps. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (04/26 - 04/27)	Regular Collection Catholic Home Missions
Next weekend (05/03 - 05/04)	Regular Collection Building & Grounds Coll.

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

Due to early bulletin publishing, the First Collection for April 20<sup>th</sup> will be reported in the May 4th 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.

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 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

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.

## THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY (cont'd)

### Forgiving Injuries

Forgiving others is difficult at times because of our own fallen condition. But Jesus teaches us that we should forgive as God forgives, relying on Him to help us imitate His divine mercy and pardon.

We must try not to bear grudges.

Sincerely forgiving others, and asking for their forgiveness, transforms hearts and lives.

Make a sacramental confession on a regular basis.

Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



## GOURMET BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

After All Masses in the Parish Center

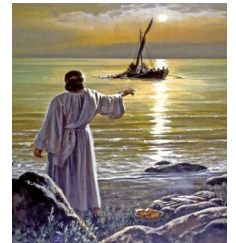
Come join fellow parishioners for a fabulous gourmet breakfast prepared by our Knights of Columbus.

SUNDAY - May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Readings

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Rv 5:11-14

Jn 21:1-19



## 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

04/29 & 04/30 RE Classes  
05/06 & 05/07 RE Classes  
05/13 & 05/14 RE Classes



### Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley



Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of

St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

### ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m. In the Parish Hall

On Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ST. MATTHEW'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will meet on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Parish Center at 10:00 a.m. All women of the parish are welcome.



### MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

A Novena of Masses will be offered in honor of Mother's Day, **beginning on Sun., May 11th thru Mon., May 19th.** 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 9th.** Offerings will benefit our Buildings & Grounds Fund.



### SHARE

The **SHARE** Food Network is a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to offering healthy, nutritious groceries at a roughly 50 percent discount. This is accomplished through high-volume purchasing and thousands of volunteer hours, which strengthens the community for all. SHARE food packages are available to anyone who is interested. Check out the St. Matthew website: [stmatthewspotsylvania.org](http://stmatthewspotsylvania.org) for more information and the monthly menu.

For more information call the office: 540-582-5575.



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

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



Today and on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> the teens will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses for items they have built at the Work Camp Tool Safety Workshop.



If you have any questions, email Sheila Kinley at [stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com).

### SOCIAL OUTREACH IN MARCH

**St. Matthew's Food Pantry** assisted 206 families. Our pantry delivers help to residents of Enoch Manor and Keswick senior apartments on a regular basis, and sends provisions to food pantries in Orange and King George counties.

Food Donations totaling 5,263 lbs. came from St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Charities, Panera (Massaponax), and Wawa (Spotsylvania),

**St. Matthew's Baby Closet** assisted 50 families. Baby supplies distributed were valued at \$1,898 and included clothing, 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. Volunteers are needed!

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

### 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](mailto:lynnkobasa_2@msn.com). Send your message with the words "prayer request."





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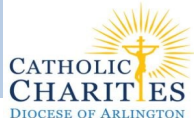


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