

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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MUSIC PROGRAM

Melanie Bolas, Choir Director

Paulius Sinkora, Organist

Kathy Pellegreen, Organist

stmatthewfamilychoir@gmail.com

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-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 5, 2026 EASTER SUNDAY

MASSES

Mon (04/06) 8:00 AM - ROGER CHEWNING
Tue (04/07) 8:00 AM - ROBERT FAHN
Wed (04/08) 11:00 AM - MARY ANN GRAY+
Thu (04/09) 7:30 PM - MELANIE BOLAS
Fri (04/10) 7:30 PM - ANDY & MARIE NORRIS
Sat (04/11) 8:30 PM - RAY STAUB
Sun (04/12) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
9:30 AM - CHARLIE AHART
11:00 AM - ELENORE M. HENRY+



The Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. 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

"He is not here; for He has risen." Christ's resurrection opens the way to new life and hope for all who follow Him. Through priesthood and consecrated life, men and women share in this victory over sin and death, bringing the joy of the Risen Lord to others through prayer and service. Could God be calling you to proclaim the hope of Easter in your life and vocation? 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 (04/04 - 04/05) Regular Collection
Building and Grounds Coll.

Next weekend (04/11 - 04/12) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for was and for March 29th was \$18,095. 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.**



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 12th

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

FROM THE PASTOR ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!

Dear Parishioners,

Please accept my prayers and best wishes for a Happy and Blessed Easter! I would like to thank all of you for the prayers, volunteering and support that have enlivened our parish during Lent and Holy Week. Many people have worked together during this holy time: those who serve our liturgies; our musicians and singers; our church decorators, sacristans and gardeners; our food pantry, baby closet & thrift store volunteers; everyone who organized and served our St. Patrick's Day event, our soup suppers and fish fries; our religious education program; our Women's Guild, the Knights of Columbus and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul; and our deacons and parish staff. So many parishioners help in so many, and often unseen ways, to make St. Matthew's a place of vibrant faith during Lent and Easter and throughout the year, that it is impossible to offer adequate thanks. God Bless all of you!

Yours In Christ,
Fr. Eversole

SUNDAY, APRIL 12th READINGS

Acts 2:42-47
Pt 1:3-9
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

04/07 & 04/08 **NO RE Classes
Happy Easter**

04/14 & 04/15 RE Classes

04/21 & 04/22 RE Classes



The Resurrection

The Risen Lord appears for 40 days to reveal the triumph of God's love over evil, to set their hearts on fire with his interpretation of the

Scriptures, to make himself known in the breaking of the bread, and to breathe the Holy Spirit on the apostles - a spirit of pardon and peace. He gave them his Divine Power to forgive sin. He dispels their doubts, increases their faith, and strengthens them in order to send them out to all nations.



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!



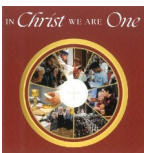
Save the Date
Saint Matthew VBS
June 29th – July 2nd
9:00 a.m. – noon
Rising K-Rising 6th Grade

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL REOPEN

Monday, April 13th at 9:00 a.m.



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



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 NOT meet tonight. Happy Easter to our teens! Our regular meetings will resume on April 12th. For more information, please contact Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MEN'S THERAPY GROUP

Beginning April 14th, a 12-session program will be conducted to help men over 18 years of age to address issues relating to sexuality and scrupulosity. For details, contact peter.drabbant@ccda.net or call Catholic Charities at 540-371-1124.

CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE

Front Royal, Virginia
Open House

Saturday, April 25th, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

High school students and their families interested in a faithful Catholic college education are invited to meet Christendom's president, tour campus, and hear from students and professors. Applications for Fall 2026 are still open for seniors. Register or learn more at www.christendom.edu.

Arlington Diocese Cursillo Women's 160th Retreat Weekend

April 16th - 19th

Mission Hurst Retreat Center, Arlington, VA

This year's theme is "Women of grace and faith". Cursillo is a lay movement about friends helping friends grow in Christ and shared Christian values. For more information contact Miguel Ayala at Miguel.a.ayala@gmail.com or visit the website: <https://www.arlingtoncursillo.org>.

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, 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. Send your message with the words "prayer request."


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