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PARISH SECRETARY: Terrie Yates

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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

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.

AUGUST 10TH, 2025 & THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (08/11) 8:00 AM - PAIGE MCMAHON+
 Tue (08/12) 8:00 AM - FRAN GRAY
Wed (08/13) 11:00 AM - NO MASS
 Thu (08/14) 6:30 AM - MIKE VOLRATH+
 7:30 PM - CARALEE GIRVEN
 Fri (08/15) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
 7:30 PM - ARTHUR WATKINS+
 Sat (08/16) 5:30 PM - ROBERT McDONALD
 Sun (08/17) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
 9:30 AM - JOHN & MARJEAN RICE
 11:00 AM - WALTER DEBRUIN



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

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." (Luke 12:40) The call to serve can come unexpectedly. Be open to the ways God may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office for guidance at (703)841-2514 or via email: at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (08/09- 08/10) Regular Collection
 Disability Awareness Collection

Next weekend (08/16 - 08/17) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for August 3rd was \$12,813. **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.

For online giving go to our parish website:

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

**MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE
 FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13th
 THE 11:00 a.m. MASS AND CONFESSIONS
 ARE CANCELLED FOR THAT DAY ONLY**



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15th
 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
 OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

MASSES

Thursday, August 14th - 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, August 15th - 8:00 a.m.
 - 7:30 p.m.

CATECHISM FOR ADULTS

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Are you thinking of joining the Catholic Church?



Are you already Catholic, and wish to refresh your knowledge of the Faith?

Then this informal course of instruction is for you! We meet in the Parish Center on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. beginning on September 9th and continuing until Easter. Those interested should leave their name and telephone number with Father Eversole at the Parish Office (540)582-5575.

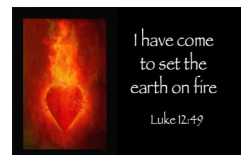


NEWS FROM THE LOFT

Choir practice resumes on Wednesday, August 20th, at 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY AUGUST 17th Readings

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
 Heb 12:1-4
 Lk 12:49-53



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

Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education year has begun. Registration forms and calendars were mailed to all previously registered families. If you have not received a form, they can be found in the vestibule of the church, the parish office, or on our website:

www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org

Classes will be offered:

Grades K-5 Tuesday from 5:00-6:15

Grades 6-8 Wednesday from 6:00-6:15

A class will be offered for those who need to "catch up" on the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Please call the parish office for more information.

Classes begin September 16th & 17th.

Peace of Christ,
Joanne Warren, DRE



The Assumption: Episode 11



vision in Revelation 12.

This session is packed with all kinds of great material. It examines the dogma of the Assumption of Mary, as well as the many facets of the identity of the woman in the Apostle John's



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YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry meetings have ended for the summer. For information on summer events contact Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.

A GLASS CLASS IS COMING!!

AUGUST 16th - In the Parish Center
Check in between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Work until Noon

Support the St. Matthew Church
Food Pantry and Baby Closet!
Fee \$50.00 for 2 projects.



Bring 3 food items for the food pantry
and make an additional project!

**Class size is limited - you MUST sign up
ahead of time.** To sign-up email Susan Sablon at:
susanmsablon@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

AT ST. MATTHEW'S

SPONSORED BY ST. VINCENT de PAUL

ST. FAUSTINA CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION AT 9:00 a.m. - WALK BEGINS AT 10:00 a.m.

To register to walk or donate go to:

https://donorbox.org/events/793429/steps/choose_tickets

WOMEN'S CURSILLO RETREAT

Missionhurst Retreat Center, Arlington, VA

September 18-21, 2025

All are invited to come renew their faith. Come and enjoy a meaningful learning experience with other Catholic women. Cost is \$300.00. Contact Miguel Ayala at miguel.a.ayala@gmail.com or go to arlingtoncursillo.org for applications.



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKET SALE

Tickets for this annual raffle will be on sale after all Masses **August 16th and 17th**. The raffle winner will receive a trip for two to Ireland or \$2,500 cash. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.00. The drawing will be on September 20th, 2025. Proceeds from the raffle fund the charitable efforts of the AOH.

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, Barbara Coughenour, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Mary Faulconer, Alice Foley, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Mary Gibbons, Frances Gray, Christopher Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, David Hunziker, Eric Laxton, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Tony Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Robert Monastra, Ellis Newhouse, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, Breanne Cave-Paulson, Dave Scharett, Sid Sidelko, Faye Sill, Natalie (Caporali) Smith, Sam Tomarchio, Al Undercoffer, Angie Walker, 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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