

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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Mary Szabo

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 17TH, 2025 & THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Mon (08/18) 8:00 AM - BLADEN BROWN
Tue (08/19) 8:00 AM - JOYCE JURKIN+
Wed (08/20) 11:00 AM - GALIK FAMILY INTENTION
Thu (08/21) 6:30 AM - THERESA BRUSO
Fri (08/22) 7:30 PM - ROGER CHEWNING+
Sat (08/23) 5:30 PM - MONICA MACINDOE+
Sun (08/24) 8:00 AM - MARIE HARRINGTON+
9:30 AM - MICHAEL ROBINSON
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

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49) Christ's words about setting the earth on fire can inspire married couples to cultivate an enduring love for one another. The fire of love within marriage, when nurtured, grows into a flame that can bring light and warmth to the world. Our hearts should be ablaze with love for our spouse, reflecting God's love through your marital union.

Current and Upcoming Collections

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

Next weekend (08/23 - 08/24) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for August 10th was \$17,445. **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 card.

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

Donations for war relief in Ukraine may be made via
The Archeparchy of Philadelphia
Ukrainian Catholic Church
ukrcatholic.org (click on "Help Ukraine")
Donations for Gaza War relief may be made via
Catholic Relief Services crs.org

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.**

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.

THANK YOU FROM SVdP SANTA'S SACK



Your generosity in contributing to the St. Vincent de Paul, St. Faustina Conference Christmas in July Santa's Sack gift drive is greatly appreciated. Your generous gifts will bring holiday joy to the many children of the families we serve.

SUNDAY AUGUST 24th Readings

Is 66:18-21

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Lk 13:22-30



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 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

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For more information call 540-854-2300



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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.



SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
AT ST. MATTHEW'S

SPONSORED BY ST. VINCENT de PAUL
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REGISTRATION BEGINS 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/oose_tickets



NEWS FROM THE LOFT

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



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Space is still available for the 2025-26 school year.
For more information, contact Monique Donlon at:
mdonlon@saintpatrickschoolva.org.



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKET SALE

Tickets for this annual raffle will be on sale after all Masses. The raffle winner will receive a trip for two to Ireland or \$2,500 cash. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. The drawing will be on September 20th. 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, Irene Foltz, 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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