

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

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MANAGER: Jared Darr
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MANAGER: Jim Buck

PARISH

SECRETARY: Terrie Yates

RECEPTIONISTS: Mary Lou Felts
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**

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.

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 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.; Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 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 - 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Fridays 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; and the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. *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.

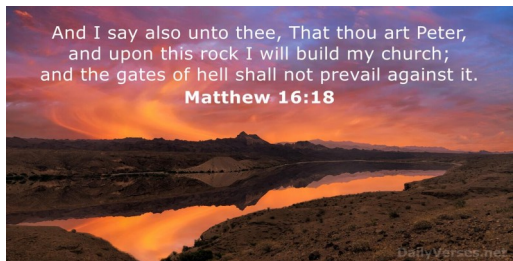
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: To find information about the Bishop Keating Council 12434 or The Fathers Cilinski Assembly 3568, please visit <http://www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org> and select Knights of Columbus under the Outreach Ministries tab. The council meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The Assembly meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 23RD, 2026 & THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (08/24)	8:00 AM	- KIRK JENKINS
Tue (08/25)	8:00 AM	- MAX SCHLUEPER
Wed (08/26)	11:00 AM	- MAYME LUZUM+
Thu (08/27)	6:30 AM	- CLARK EVERSOLE+
Fri (08/28)	7:30 PM	- JENNIFER WATERMAN
Sat (08/29)	5:30 PM	- PASCUAL ANTONIO PUIGBO
Sun (08/30)	8:00 AM	- PHYLLIA & MIKE SHEA
	9:30 AM	- PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
	11:00 AM	- NEWTZIE/MARINO FAMILY

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Matthew 16:18



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 are Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church." God does not call the perfect or extraordinary. Like Peter, ordinary men and women are invited to play extraordinary roles in His plan through priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Whatever your gifts or weaknesses, God can use you to build His Church and bring His love to the world. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (08/22 - 08/23) Regular Collection

Next weekend (08/29 - 08/30) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for August 16th was \$15,937. 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



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.**

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 1st and continuing until Easter. Those interested should leave their name and telephone number with Father Eversole at the Parish Office (540)582-5575.

AN APPEAL FROM FR. EVERSOLE FOR PEACE AND CALM DURING MASS

The Mass is the Church's perfect prayer that we offer together as a parish family. The normal atmosphere for prayer is peace and calm. I would like to thank everyone who has been cooperating with our effort to make sure everyone's rights are respected:

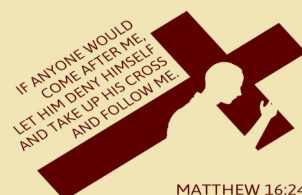
the right to take part in the Mass in a peaceful setting,

the right to be able to hear everything that is said at Mass, and

the right to benefit from times of silence at Mass especially after Communion.

I am making a special request for help from the parents of young children. The PA system in the vestibule and outside the church make it possible for you to continue praying the Mass if you need to take young children out in order to calm them when they are crying or rambunctious. My thanks to everyone for your help—the Masses are already more peaceful.

SUNDAY
AUGUST 30th
READINGS
Jer 20:7-9
Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-8th Grade

Registration for the 2026-2027 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.

Grades K-5 Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Grade 6-8 Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

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 22nd and 23rd.**

The Following RE Volunteers Are Needed:

Catechist aides for 6th grade and the Sacrament "Catch Up" Class.

Please call the parish office or email Danielle Houck, DRE, at stmatthewre@comcast.net for more information or to volunteer.



St. Augustine Feast Day—August 28th



Bright, young Augustine thinks his mother's religion is foolishness. Convinced that his superior intellect will guide him, he sneaks away from home and ventures to a new life in the city of Rome. Soon Augustine finds himself in an important position as "The Voice of the Emperor," with the life of luxury he's always wanted.

When the empire decides to take over the Christian basilica, Augustine prepares to give the speech of a lifetime, one that will slow the rising tide of Christianity's influence. With his devout mother and the unwavering Bishop Ambrose on one side and the empire's loyal soldiers on the other, Augustine must choose who he will serve.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES COMING THIS FALL

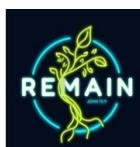
Mondays 7:00 p.m. - In the Parish Center

Divine Mercy

A discussion of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska's writings in her "Divine Mercy in My Soul" and our need to understand, seek, and accept Divine Mercy. Beginning Sept. 14th and ending October 19th. Presented by Deacon Mike.

Marian Apparitions

A discussion on Marian Apparitions and their importance to us. Beginning Nov. 2nd and ending December 7th. Presented by Deacon John.



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Regular Youth Ministry meetings have ended for the school year. Stay tuned for the Youth Ministry Kick Off date in September. For information on summer events contact Sheila Kinley at matthewyouthministry7@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 3, 2026

10:00 AM

**St. Matthew Church grounds
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CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Learn how Christendom College is helping students learn the Truth, live the Faith, and thrive as Catholics. Attend a Saturday Open House on **September 26th** or **November 21st**, or visit for a Crusader Afternoon on **Columbus Day (October 12)** or **Veterans Day (November 11)**. Visitors will tour campus, attend a sample class, and learn more about Christendom's unique academic program outstanding alumni employment rates, financial aid, and how our graduates are carrying out the mission "to restore all things in Christ." Christendom College is the only Catholic College in the Arlington Diocese on the Newman Guide for Choosing a Catholic College. To register, please visit: www.christendom.edu/visits.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE JUBILARIANS

**Sunday, October 18th - 2:30 p.m.
Cathedral of St. Thomas More**



Celebrating a silver or golden wedding anniversary this year? Were you married in 1976 or 2001? Join Bishop Burbidge for a special celebratory Mass. To register, call the parish office before October 1st. For more information go to:

www.arlingtondiocese.org/marriagejubilee.

**PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK
To place loved ones on this list, please
contact the Parish Office.**

Rosanne Backhus, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Doug Bond, Mary Buccigrossi, Dan Carver, Helen Cash, Mary Cave, Barbara Coughenour, Ester Diaz, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Fr. Eversole, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Frances Gray, Christopher Hubbarth, Mike Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, Christine Klein, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Carol Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Julie Morgan, Ellis Newhouse, Cecilia Diane O'Brien, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, David Pritchard, Marjean Rice, Dylan Rodriguez, 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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