

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

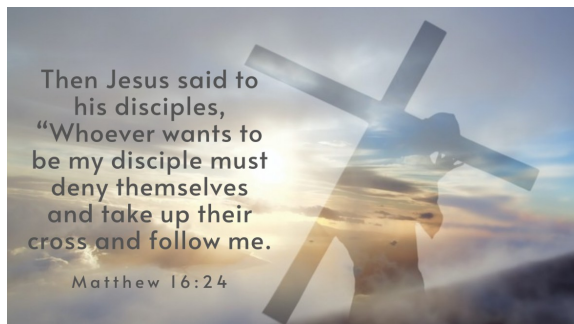
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Dave Scharett: 540-388-8736.

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 24TH, 2025 & THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (08/25) 8:00 AM - RICHARD PAPCUN+
 Tue (08/26) 8:00 AM - MAYME LUZUM+
 Wed (08/27) 11:00 AM - CLARK EVERSOLE+
 Thu (08/28) 6:30 AM - JOYCE WHITTMAN+
 Fri (08/29) 7:30 PM - MARY KREBS & ROSANNA MARKS
 Sat (08/30) 5:30 PM - PAULA STAUB+
 Sun (08/31) 8:00 AM - JOHN BUCCIGROSSI+
 9:30 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
 11:00 AM - PETER DAVIS+



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

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate." (Luke 13:24) A vocation to the priesthood or religious life is a challenging but rewarding path. If you feel called to follow Christ through this narrow gate, embrace it with courage. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

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

Next weekend (08/30 - 08/31) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for August 17th was \$14,059. **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

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.**

ADORATION WILL NOT TAKE PLACE ON, SEPTEMBER 1ST, LABOR DAY.

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.



CELEBRATING A GOLDEN OR SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

If you were married in 1975 or 2000, please join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2025 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 10th at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA. Contact the parish office to register no later than October 3rd. For more information visit: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/marriagejubilee/>

SUNDAY AUGUST 31ST Readings

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
 Lk 14:1,7-14



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 p.m.
Grades 6-8 Wednesday from 6:00 - 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 16th & 17th.

Peace of Christ,
Joanne Warren, DRE



St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430) is a preeminent Doctor of the Church and the patron of the Augustinian order. His works, including The City of God, On the Trinity, and Confessions, among many others, have had an inestimable impact on the Church and, by extension, on Western Civilization at large. Yet, where did such faith begin? After rejecting his mother's Christianity as simplistic and restraining, Augustine embarked on a different path. Explore the conversion story of one of the most significant figures in Church history and learn about his struggle to find answers amid a sea of competing voices. Travel to fourth-century Rome and Milan to discover why St. Augustine has become "A Voice for All Generations."



Save the Date
September 21st
12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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All food and drink will be provided but feel free
to bring a dish to share

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, LABOR DAY**

We will resume normal office hours
Tuesday, September 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

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

**ST. MATTHEW'S THRIFT STORE
WILL BE CLOSED**

Saturday, August 30th and Monday, September 1st



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.

SOCIAL OUTREACH IN JULY

St. Matthew's Food Pantry assisted 183 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 5,511 lbs. came from St. Matthew's Church, Panera (Massaponax), Catholic Charities and Wawa (Spotsylvania),

St. Matthew's Baby Closet assisted 49 families. Baby supplies distributed were valued at \$1,902 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.

CALLING ALL CHILI CHEFS

Do you make the best Chili in Spotsylvania?

Come join our Parish Picnic Chili Cook-off Contest



Bring enough Chili for 30 3oz. tastings to be judged as Father's Favorite or Over All #1. Tastings will be made available between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. with judging to follow. Please call Terrie at the Parish Office for more information or to sign up.



**SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th
AT ST. MATTHEW'S
SPONSORED BY ST. VINCENT de
ST. FAUSTINA CONFERENCE
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/choose_tickets
Or use the QR Code



Scan me to sign up!

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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