

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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PARISH

SECRETARY: Terrie Yates

RECEPTIONISTS: Mary Lou Felts
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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-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.

AUGUST 2ND, 2026 & THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (08/03) 8:00 AM - BRIAN LEWIS
 Tue (08/04) 8:00 AM - MAX SCHLEEPER+
 Wed (08/05) 11:00 AM - MARY ANN GRAY+
 Thu (08/06) 6:30 AM - ROGER CHEWNING, SR.
 Fri (08/07) 7:30 PM - CAMERON COULSON
 Sat (08/08) 5:30 PM - CHERYL TURNER+
 Sun (08/09) 8:00 AM - GARY HARRIS+
 9:30 AM - ERNIE SEWELL+
 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

"You give them something to eat." Jesus calls us to respond to the needs of His people. How is He inviting you to serve and nourish those around you? Reach out to the Vocation Office at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. or (703)841-2514.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (08/01 - 08/02) Regular Collection
Bldg. & Grounds Collection

Next weekend (08/08 - 08/09) Regular Collection
Disability Awareness Coll.

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for July 26th will be reported in the August 9th bulletin.

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 PEACE AND CALM FOR THE MASS

I ask for everyone's kind help and cooperation in maintaining a peaceful atmosphere for the celebration of Mass. Please keep in mind that everyone has:

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.

The PA system in the vestibule and outside the church makes 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 9th READINGS

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a
 Rom 9:1-5
 Mt 14:22-33

THEN THOSE WHO WERE IN
 THE BOAT WORSHIPED
 HIM, SAYING, "TRULY YOU
 ARE THE SON OF GOD!"
 — MATTHEW 14:33



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.

SHARE



The **SHARE** Food Network is a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to offering healthy, nutritious groceries at a roughly 50 percent discount. This is accomplished through high-volume purchasing and thousands of volunteer hours, which strengthens the community for all.

SHARE food packages are available to anyone who is interested. Check out the St. Matthew website: stmatthewspotsylvania.org for more information and the monthly menu.

For more information call the office: 540-582-5575.



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PORTO CHARITIES



The second collection next week will support Porto Charities, a non-profit in the Diocese of Arlington dedicated to providing young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with access to Catholic education, meaningful work, and opportunities for lifelong flourishing in their communities. All proceeds from the Special Kids/ Special Needs collection will go directly to supporting parishes and Catholic schools in our diocese working to build a culture of true belonging for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

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



NEWS FROM THE LOFT

Choir practice resumes on Wednesday, August 26th, at 7:00 p.m.



To protect human life & the truth about marriage

CATHOLICS

VOTE NO

on the

"Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment" and
"Virginia Remove Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment"



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, Mary Gibbons, Marguerite Govoni, Frances Gray, Mike Hemmesch, 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, 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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