

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

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FACILITIES 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 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 - 2:00 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. - 1:00 a.m. *Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis.*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Saint Faustina Conference

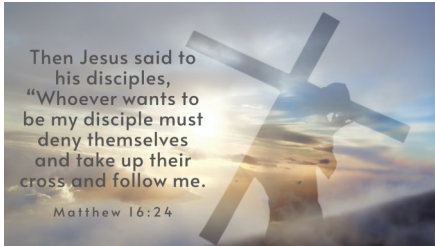
SVdP Assistance Line: 540-834-5555. Website: www.svdpstfaustina.org
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call the parish office: 540-582-5575.

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 30TH, 2026 & THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (08/31)	8:00 AM	- ADELINE & TONY MARINO+
Tue (09/01)	8:00 AM	- LUCY FOX
Wed (09/02)	11:00 AM	- MARY, JACK & BILL THYEN
Thu (09/03)	6:30 AM	- ROGER CHEWNING, SR.
Fri (09/04)	7:30 PM	- ELISE IVORY
Sat (09/05)	5:30 PM	- FRANCESCA BENSON
Sun (09/06)	8:00 AM	- PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
	9:30 AM	- WATT/THOMAS FAMILIES
	11:00 AM	- MARIE & DON REVETTA



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

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Jesus entrusts His Church to faithful servants and calls each of us to lay down our lives in love and service. Priests, religious and married couples all share in this call to embrace sacrifice for the good of others. Consider how God may be inviting you. If you feel called to the priesthood or consecrated life, 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 (08/29 - 08/30) Regular Collection

Next weekend (09/05 - 09/06) Regular Collection
Buildings & Grounds Coll.

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for August 23rd was \$15,980. 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

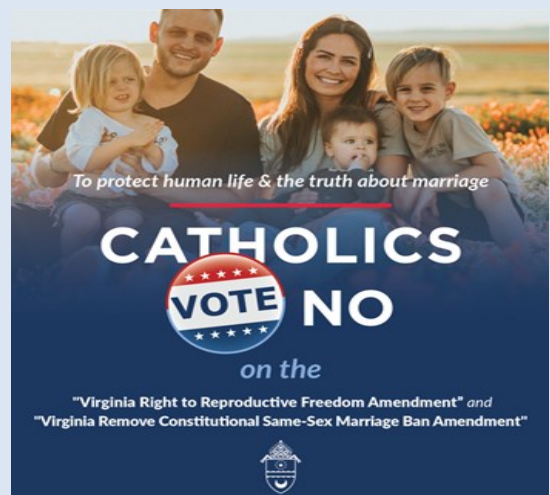
Please consider spending some time in prayer before the Sacred Host exposed on the altar. Adoration takes place on Mondays 9-11 a.m. and on First Fridays 8-9 p.m. Information on prayer before the Eucharist is available in the vestibule. **MONDAY morning adoration does not take place on federal holidays 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.



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6th READINGS

Ez 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

WHEN JESUS NOTICED
HOW THE GUESTS CHOSE
THE PLACES OF HONOR,
HE TOLD THEM A PARABLE:
- LUKE 14:7

LABOR DAY CLOSINGS

The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, September 7th and will reopen on
Tuesday, September 8th at 9:00 a.m..

The Thrift Store will be closed
Saturday, Sept. 6th and Monday, Sept. 7th





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.
Grades 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:

5th Grade Catechist

Sacrament "Catch Up" Class Aide

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



St. Carlo Acutis



Through this documentary, discover the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, the young boy from Milan on the path to sainthood. You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.

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.



GOURMET BREAKFAST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

After All Masses In the Parish Center

Come join fellow parishioners for a fabulous gourmet Breakfast prepared by our Knights of Columbus.



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 stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, October 3, 2026
10:00 AM**

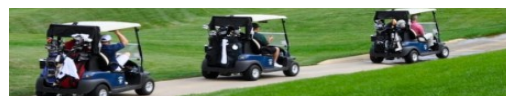
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MASS FOR MARRIAGE JUBILARIANS

**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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