

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

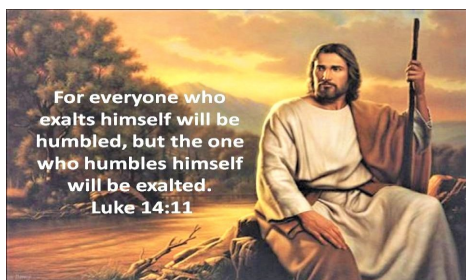
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Dave Scharett: 540-388-8736.

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 31ST, 2025 & THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (09/01) 8:00 AM - BREANNE CAVE-PAULSON
 Tue (09/02) 8:00 AM - MONICA MACINDOE+
 Wed (09/03) 11:00 AM - PETER DAVIS+
 Thu (09/04) 6:30 AM - JEROME FOUGHNER+
 Fri (09/05) 7:30 PM - FRANCESCA BENSON
 Sat (09/06) 5:30 PM - WATT/THOMAS FAMILIES
 Sun (09/07) 8:00 AM - PAUL COLLARINI+
 9:30 AM - ANALISE JENKINS
 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

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 14:11)
 Humility is at the heart of every vocation. Could God be calling you to humble service as a religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or at (703)841-2514

Current and Upcoming Collections

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

Next weekend (09/06 - 09/07) Regular Collection
 Building & Grounds Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for August 24th was \$. **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.**

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

CATECHISM FOR ADULTS ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

- ➡ Are you thinking of joining the Catholic Church?
- ➡ Are you already Catholic, and still need First Communion and/or Confirmation or simply 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.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH Readings

Wis 9:13-18b
 Phlm 9-10, 12-17
 Lk 14:25-33

IN THE SAME WAY, ANY
 ONE OF YOU WHO DOES
 NOT GIVE UP EVERYTHING
 HE HAS CANNOT BE MY
 DISCIPLE.
 - LUKE 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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-8th Grade

Registration for the 2024-2025 Religious Education year is ongoing. **Class placement letters have been mailed out to all families who have submitted their registrations.** If you have not yet registered, 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



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Join us in
**Celebrating the Feast of
Saint Matthew**
Sunday, September 21
12:30-3:30 p.m.
Parish Grounds

Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair (a few tents with tables/chairs will be set up) Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, chips, potato salad and drinks will be provided by the parish but feel free to bring a dish to share.

PLEASE NO ALCOHOL

*Live music by Paul
Gilly and the Gunslingers*
Family Games
*Games and Activities for
the kids*
Bounce House
Corn Hole
Chili Cook-off

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.



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will hold its annual kickoff on September 21st from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. There will be a cookout as well as a presentation for parents and teens regarding plans for the coming year. The kickoff is open to all members of the family. If you are planning to attend it is important that you email Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th
AT ST. MATTHEW'S
SPONSORED BY ST. VINCENT de PAUL
ST. FAUSTINA CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:00 a.m.
WALK BEGINS AT 10:00 a.m.



Scan me to sign up!

To register to walk or donate go to:

https://donorbox.org/events/793429/steps/choose_tickets
Or use the QR code

St. Matthew Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will meet on September 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. All women of the parish are invited to attend.



MASS FOR JUBILARIANS
Sunday, October 10th, 2:30 p.m.
Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Arlington, VA

If you were married in 1975 or 2000, please join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2025 Mass for Jubilarians.. Contact the parish office to register no later than October 3rd. For more information visit:



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUTURE BLOOD DRIVE

Would you be willing to sign up for a future 2026 Blood Drive? We need 30 volunteers to secure a weekend with the Red Cross. Volunteers can sign up on Sept. 6th and 7th after all Masses.



GOURMET BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 2025
After All Masses in the Parish Center

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

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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