

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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HOURS: Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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PARISH SECRETARY: Terrie Yates

RECEPTIONISTS: Mary Lou Felts
Mary Szabo

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday VigilSaturday, 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

Mondays9:00 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

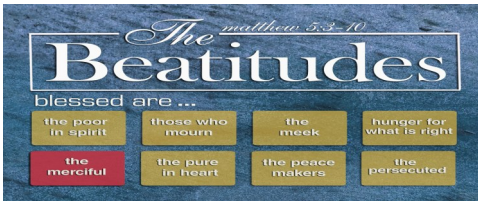
SVdP Assistance Line: 540-834-5555. Website: www.svdpstfaustina.org
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call the parish office: 540-582-5575.

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.

FEBRUARY 1, 2026 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Mon (02/02) 8:00 AM - JOYCE JURKIW+
Tue (02/03) 8:00 AM - IRENE KLOZA+
Wed (02/04) 11:00 AM - DARREN DROZDOV+
Thu (02/05) 6:30 AM - BASIL PITZEN+
Fri (02/06) 7:30 PM - TINA LONG
Sat (02/07) 5:30 PM - PAULA STAUB+
Sun (02/08) 8:00 AM - MY BROTHER BOBBY
9:30 AM - TOM FALESKIE+
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

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Fittingly as we read the beatitudes, this weekend the Church celebrates World Day for Consecrated Life. The Beatitudes guide us in living holy and generous lives no matter our vocation. We are all called to embody these virtues, serving God and His people with humble hearts. Pray for discernment and openness to where God might be inviting you to follow him. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (01/31 - 02/01) Regular Collection
 Building & Grounds Coll.
 Next weekend (02/07 - 02/08) Regular Collection
 Arlington Herald Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for January 25th will be reported in the February 8th 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 Online Giving or scan this QR code



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.**

In Christ we are One



IN CHRIST WE ARE ONE

BLA Commitment Weekend is next Sunday! Your participation helps our parish reach our goal while strengthening ministries the parish depends on - seminarian formation, religious education training, youth ministry support, Catholic Charities services, and more. Every gift counts. Every family matters. Monthly recurring gifts are encouraged to spread generosity throughout the year. You can also give a one-time gift or pledge.

Give at : arlingtondiocese.org/bla
or scan the QR code:



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training sessions for new altar servers will take place in the church on Saturday, February 21st and Saturday, February 28th, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Boys of the parish who have already received First Holy Communion are eligible to apply. A parent or guardian for each trainee must be present for the entire session. Questions may be directed to Fr. Eversole at the Parish Office

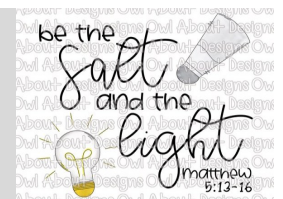
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD FEAST OF ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS

Will take place after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, followed by confessions



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH READINGS

Is 58:7-10
 1 Cor 2:1-5
 Mt 5:13-16



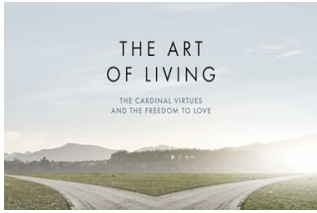
PLEASE BE AWARE!!

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

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**Tickets go on sale the weekend of
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Tickets will be \$20.00 per person.**

We welcome themed baskets,
business services or gift cards.
No item is too big or too small.
Please bring all donated items to the
parish office.

For more information call 540-582-5575

New items only, please.

**Proceeds will benefit St. Matthew's
Youth Ministry, the Knights of
Columbus, and the Women's Guild.**



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. For more information, please contact Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.



BLESSED PALMS FROM PAST YEARS

Please place blessed palms from past years in the container in the vestibule. They will be burned to provide ashes for Ash Wednesday (February 18th).

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON MEN'S CONFERENCE 2026

March 7th, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

750 Peachtree St., Herndon, VA

Men of the Diocese are invited to a day of fellowship, prayer and learning, centered around the historic election of the first American Pope, Leo XIV, and its coinciding with the 2026 celebration of the 250 anniversary of our national founding. For more information and to register go to ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/MEN



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, Randy Chapman, Barbara Coughenour, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Mary Gibbons, Frances Gray, Mike Hemmesch, Christopher Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, David Hunziker, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Carol Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Robert Monastra, Ellis Newhouse, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, Dave Scharett, Sid Sidelko, Faye Sill, Natalie (Caporali) Smith, Sam Tomarchio, Al Undercoffer, 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."

YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



As in years past, letters with total year end Contribution amounts will be sent to parishioners who mail their requests to the Parish Office with a **stamped return addressed envelope**.



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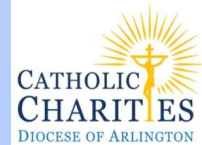
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