

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.*

SVdP Assistance Line: Saint Faustina Conference

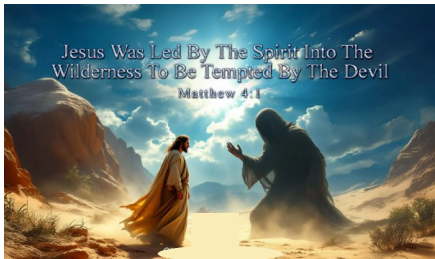
SVdP Assistance Line: 540-834-5555. Website: www.svdpstfaustina.org
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call the parish office: 540-582-5575.

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 22, 2026 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES

Mon (02/23) 8:00 AM - JOYLEE GALLANT+
Tue (02/24) 8:00 AM - KAREN MCGRADY
Wed (02/25) 11:00 AM - BRIAN FENNELL+
Thu (02/26) 6:30 AM - SAMIND RASHID
Fri (02/27) 7:30 PM - CHARLES MANGANELLO+
Sat (02/28) 5:30 PM - PAULIUS SINKORA
Sun (03/01) 8:00 AM - FRANK & KAREN DETRANE
9:30 AM - ANNE & E. PAUL THOMPSON+
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

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. or (703)841-2514.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (02/21 - 02/22) Regular Collection
Black & Indian Missions

Next weekend (02/28 - 03/01) Regular Collection
Buildings & Grounds

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for was and for February 8th was \$19,523 and for the 15th was \$16,594. 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

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.**

FROM THE PASTOR

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS!

Dear St. Matthew's Parishioners,

I recently received good news from my doctors - recent testing indicates no presence of cancer in me! I have begun a brief course of maintenance chemotherapy in hopes of preventing a recurrence. I know that you have been praying for me, and I extend my gratitude to all of you - your prayers have sustained me and brought me God's healing. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I embark on preventive therapy and regular monitoring. As always, I am grateful for your prayers, kindness and support, and every day I pray for all members of St. Matthew's and their intentions. Thank you and God Bless You!

Yours In Christ,
Fr. Eversole

BIRTHRIGHT OF FREDERICKSBURG 50th ANNIVERSARY

Holiday Inn Conference Center
20 Sanford Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22406
March 22nd 4:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Complimentary Dinner and Cash Bar. For more information call 540-898-8558. Reservations required by March 14th can be made at:

www.birtrightoffredericksburg.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST READINGS

Gn 12:1-4a
Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9



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.

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

02/24 & 02/25 RE Classes
03/03 & 03/04 RE Classes
03/10 & 03/11 RE Classes



How to Lent is a series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Guided by Solenne Santiago and with the help of priests and religious, this series will challenge our preconceived notions about Lent, laying out a roadmap for entering the season with a purpose.

PLEASE TAKE PART IN OUR LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Wed.	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Confessions
Friday	3:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	5:45 p.m.	Soup Supper (hosted by the Choir/Food Pantry this week)
	6:30 p.m.	Confessions
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	7:30 p.m.	Mass

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the delicious Fish Fry on February 20th.





ST. PATRICK'S DAY ADULT DINNER/DANCE SILENT AUCTION 50/50 RAFFLE DJ

**Join fellow parishioners for a fun evening!
Saturday, March 14th 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
In our Parish Center!**

**Tickets go on sale the weekend of
February 28th after all Masses
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.

**Beer & Wine Cash Bar
No outside beverages, 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. On March 1st the Youth will have an annual bowling event! For more information, please contact Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.

SOCIAL OUTREACH IN JANUARY

St. Matthew's Food Pantry assisted 165 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 4,531 pounds came from St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Charities, Panera (Massaponax), and Wawa (Spotsylvania).

St. Matthew's Baby Closet assisted 51 families. Baby supplies distributed were valued at \$1,702 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.

St. Matthew's Good Samaritans are visiting the homebound.

A GLASS CLASS IS COMING!!



**March 21st - In the Parish Center
Check in between 9:00 a.m. and
10:00 a.m. Work until Noon**

Support the St. Matthew Church
Food Pantry and Baby Closet!

Fee \$50.00 for 2 projects.

Bring 3 food items for the food pantry
and make an additional project!

Class size is limited—you must sign up ahead of time

To sign-up email Susan Sablon at:

susanmsablon@gmail.com

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, Fr. Eversole, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Mary Gibbons, Frances Gray, Mike Hemmesch, Christopher Hubbarth, Mike Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, 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



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