

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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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.

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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 8, 2026 ☞ 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Mon (02/09) 8:00 AM - BUBBY HARMAN
Tue (02/10) 8:00 AM - JAMES WAIDE+
Wed (02/11) 11:00 AM - BEVERLY LIPOSKY+
Thu (02/12) 6:30 AM - LAURA EVERSOLE+
Fri (02/13) 7:30 PM - KATE LICHTENFILS
Sat (02/14) 5:30 PM - JARED DARR
Sun (02/15) 8:00 AM - MY BROTHER IN LAW, REGGIE
9:30 AM - DEBBIE LENTINE+
11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S

Matthew 5: 13 – 16.

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.
¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

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 are the light of the world" By our Baptism we are all called to bring Christ's light to others. Married couples do it through their union, priests and religious do it by living out their vocations faithfully. If you sense God may be calling you to let your light shine in 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 (02/07 - 02/08) Regular Collection
Arlington Herald Collection

Next weekend (02/14 - 02/15) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for January 25th was \$11,859 and for February 1st \$16,824. 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

SUPPORT THE BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL!

Dear Parishioners,

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2026 BLA! By now, all registered households should have received a pledge card in the mail. If you have not already done so, please give prayerful thought to making a pledge of support over 10 months to help Bishop Burbidge address the needs of our diocese and our mission parishes in the Dominican Republic. Pledges may be made online at arlingtondiocese.org/bla (or use the QR code), through the mail, or by returning a pledge card to the Parish Office or the collection basket. Extra pledge cards are available in the vestibule and the pews. One-time gifts are welcome as well. Thank you for your generosity in helping our bishop!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Eversole



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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th READINGS

Sir 15:15-20
Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37



Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them, but to fulfill them
Matthew 5:17

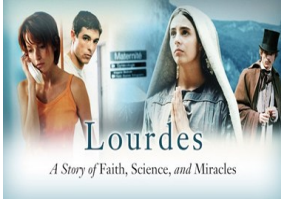
PLEASE BE AWARE!!

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

02/17 & 02/18 No RE Classes
02/24 & 02/25 RE Classes
03/03 & 03/04 RE Classes



Bernard Guillaumet, a non-Christian French journalist, was assigned the job of doing a story on Lourdes in the late 1990s. Just before he leaves for Lourdes, Bernard learns that his wife is pregnant. However, he is not aware that there are complications with the pregnancy.

While researching for his report on Lourdes, Bernard comes across the pages of an old family manuscript. The manuscript was written by his ancestor, Henri Guillaumet, a positivist scientist and nonbeliever who met Bernadette at Lourdes in 1858, a meeting which profoundly affected Henri and forced him to reconsider the miracles performed following the apparitions of the Madonna of Lourdes.

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For more information and to register go to:
Arlingtondiocese.org/women
or use the QR code



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will NOT meet tonight. Reminder—there will be a Work Camp meeting on Saturday, February 14th in the Parish Center at 8:30 a.m. Class will resume on February 15th. 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).

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER/DANCE SILENT AUCTION Saturday, March 14th

Please see the enclosed flyer for event details. Donations are now being accepted at the Parish Office for the Silent Auction. **New Items only, please.** If you have questions or need more information, please call the Parish Office - 540-582-5575.

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, 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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