

# ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**HOURS:** Monday thru Friday  
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MANAGER:** Jim Buck

**PARISH  
SECRETARY:** Terrie Yates

**RECEPTIONISTS:** Mary Lou Felts  
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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-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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The Assembly meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

# JANUARY 11, 2026 ~ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## MASSSES

Mon (01/12) 8:00 AM - CECILIA MARTINEZ LARA  
Tue (01/13) 8:00 AM - KIM EVERSOLE+  
**Wed (01/14) 11:00 AM - NO MASS TODAY**  
Thu (01/15) 6:30 AM - BASIL PITZEN+  
Fri (01/16) 7:30 PM - CONNOR & KATIE XAVIOS  
Sat (01/17) 5:30 PM - RAY STAUB  
Sun (01/18) 8:00 AM - LEOCADIA ANDREJAUSKAS+  
9:30 AM - TREVOR REID+  
11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW



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 my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."** (Matthew 3:17) God's delight in His Son mirrors the joy He takes in those who follow His call. As a child of God, He desires what is best for you. Take time this week to pray and listen for His guidance in how He wants you to serve Him. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (01/11 - 01/12) Regular Collection

Next weekend (01/17 - 01/18) Regular Collection

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for December 14<sup>th</sup> was \$19,676, the 21<sup>st</sup> \$18,550, the 28<sup>th</sup> \$17,720, and January 4<sup>th</sup> was \$13,614. 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](http://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.**

## MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

**The 11:00 a.m. Mass and Confessions are cancelled on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, for that day only.**



## ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O Good Jesus, hear me.  
Within your wounds hide me.  
Permit me not to be separated from you.  
From the wicked foe, defend me.  
At the hour of my death, call me  
and bid me come to you  
That with your saints I may praise you  
For ever and ever.

Amen

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 18th READINGS

Is 49:3, 5-6  
Cor 1:1-3  
Jn 1:29-34

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said "Behold! The lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

## 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 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

01/13 & 01/14 RE Classes  
01/20 & 01/21 RE Classes  
01/27 & 01/28 RE Classes



Please note that Religious Education Classes follow Spotsylvania County School Closings for inclement weather. If schools are closed, dismiss early, or cancel indoor after school activities; RE classes will be cancelled.



The most decorated Chaplain in US Army History, Servant of God Emil Kapaun's story inspires us and reminds us that every man can achieve the greatness to which God has called us. The Kapaun's Men Virtue Series features two of Kapaun's fellow Prisoners of War and invites you to dive into the life of Father Kapaun and the virtues he exemplified.



## GIFT FOR LIFE

Gift for Life helps continue the Gabriel Project parish-based pregnancy assistance ministry and Project Rachel after abortion care ministry. On the Gabriel Project side, you help support providing maternity care, baby items and events for mothers in need in our area. Project Rachel receives funds to provide counseling and group healing events to those in need of after abortion care.

For more information, go to:  
[arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife).

## 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](mailto:lynnkobasa_2@msn.com). Send your message with the words "prayer request."



## YOUTH MINISTRY 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY ADULT DINNER/DANCE SILENT AUCTION



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

To donate Auction items or volunteer call  
the Parish Office - 540-582-5575.

We welcome themed baskets, business services or  
gift cards. No item is too big or too small.  
New items only, please.

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

More Info. to follow!



## MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

San Damiano Retreat Center  
White Post, VA  
February 20<sup>th</sup> - February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Spend a weekend growing in your spiritual life and learning to listen to the voice of the Lord this Lent. It promises to be a great opportunity for silence and prayer as well as talking with priests and seminarians. Cost is \$150 and includes overnights and all meals (financial assistance is available if needed). Retreat starts Friday at 6:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday after lunch. For men ages 18-35. Contact the Office of Vocations to register; deadline Monday February 9 with payment due Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.



## WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT

San Damiano Retreat Center  
White Post, VA  
February 27<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>

In the Gospels it is apparent that most of the time the brothers misunderstood Jesus...yet most of the women Christ encountered understood Him profoundly and responded swiftly in a manner which delighted Him! Join Father John Riley as we consider how to be faithful to the promptings of your "Feminine Genius" as you seek a deeper friendship and intimacy with our Lord.

Retreat cost is \$299. Financial assistance may be available. For more information or to register, please contact Father Riley: [retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org](mailto:retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org) or visit [ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat)



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