

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday VigilSaturday, 5:30 pm
Sunday8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am
Daily
Monday, Tuesday8:00 am
Wednesday11:00 am
Thursday6:30 am
Friday7:30 pm

CONFESIONS

Normally heard at the following times:

Mondayafter 8:00 am Mass
Tuesdayafter 8:00 am Mass
Wednesdayafter 11:00 am Mass
Thursdayafter 6:30 am Mass
Friday7:00 pm
Saturday3:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays9:00 am - 11:00 am
First Fridays8:00 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, houseitems and furniture needed on a continuing basis.old*

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

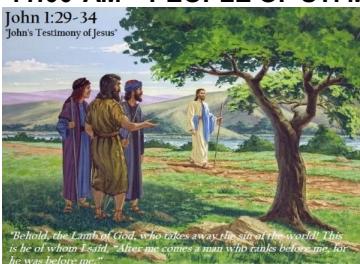
SVdP Assistance Line: 540-834-5555. Website: www.svdpstfaustina.org
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Dave Scharett: 540-388-8736.

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.

JANUARY 18, 2026 & 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Mon (01/19) 8:00 AM - VANESA GENEM
Tue (01/20) 8:00 AM - KAREN ARMENTANI
Wed (01/21) 11:00 AM - VICTOR JOHANSEN+
Thu (01/22) 6:30 AM - JEREMY GRAVES+
Fri (01/23) 7:30 PM - MARY LORMAND+
Sat (01/24) 5:30 PM - FRANCES GRAY
Sun (01/25) 8:00 AM - ROBERT RIVIELLE+
9:30 AM - MICHAEL WATERMAN, JR.
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

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29) John's recognition of Jesus calls us to keep our focus on Christ and His mission. Christ's mercy is made present through priests in the sacraments. Is God calling you to this ministry? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

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

Next weekend (01/24 - 01/25) Regular Collection
Latin America Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for January 11th was \$34,644. 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



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 SUPPORTING OUR INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM!

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of our parish, I would like to thank you for making a generous response to St. Matthew's 2026 Increased Offertory Program. At this point, 77 households have committed to an increased weekly offering, which should yield an offertory rise of about 8%. If your household has not yet filled out a pledge card, they are still available in the vestibule, along with information about the program and last year's parish financial report.

I appreciate all the ways our parishioners further St. Matthew's mission through prayer, volunteering and weekly donations.

Yours In Christ,
Fr. Eversole

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 19th For Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

We will resume normal office hours on
Tuesday, January 20th at 9:00 a.m.

If you have an EMERGENCY or an urgent need to
speak with a priest, please call the emergency
#540-498-3170

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th READINGS

Is 8:23 - 9:3
Cor 1:10 - 13, 17
Mt 4:12 - 23

JESUS WENT THROUGHOUT
GALILEE, TEACHING IN THEIR
SYNAGOGUES, PREACHING THE
GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM, AND
HEALING EVERY DISEASE AND
SICKNESS AMONG THE PEOPLE.
- MATTHEW 4:23



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.

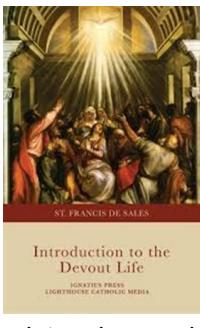


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K - 8th Grade

01/20 & 01/21 RE Classes
01/27 & 01/28 RE Classes
02/03 & 02/04 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.



Written over 400 years ago, the Introduction to the Devout Life is still one of the most popular books for those pursuing holiness. St. Francis de Sales explains how to turn that desire for sanctity into resolutions that yield grace-filled results.

Themes include:

Pursuing a devout life whole-heartedly incorporating prayer and sacraments into a busy schedule. Growing in virtue, battling wisely against temptation, making spiritual progress through daily, monthly, and yearly exercises whether you are just beginning your spiritual journey or are more advanced in the spiritual life, you'll be able to apply this timeless wisdom immediately. Let St. Francis de Sales illuminate the path to holiness and strengthen your desire to walk that road with the Lord.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



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

Join fellow parishioners for a fun evening!
Saturday, March 14th 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!

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.



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.

SOCIAL OUTREACH IN DECEMBER

St. Matthew's Food Pantry assisted 192 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 4,915 lbs. came from St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Charities, Panera (Massaponax), Rappahannock Foot and Ankle, and Wawa (Spotsylvania).

St. Matthew's Baby Closet assisted 37 families. Baby supplies distributed were valued at \$1,317 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 home-bound.

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PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK
To place loved ones on this list, please
contact the Parish Office.

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PRAYER REQUESTS: For parishioners and immediate family members or for emergency situations, please contact Lynn Kobasa at lynkkobasa_2@msn.com. Send your message with the words "prayer request."



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