

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

Pastor..... Rev. Paul M. Eversole
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Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

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Paulius Sinkora, Organist
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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 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

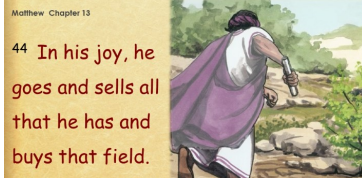
SVdP Assistance Line: 540-834-5555. Website: www.svdpstfaustina.org
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call the parish office: 540-582-5575.

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.

JULY 26TH, 2026 & THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (07/27) 8:00 AM - MICHAEL WATERMAN, JR.
Tue (07/28) 8:00 AM - MICHAEL CHIR+
Wed (07/29) 11:00 AM - DWIGHT+ & DOROTHY+
NORTHROP
Thu (07/30) 6:30 AM - TINA LONG
Fri (07/31) 7:30 PM - BLADEN BROWN &
PAUL BROWN+
Sat (08/01) 5:30 PM - LOVETT CRAWFORD
Sun (08/02) 8:00 AM - DAWN MARIE SZABO
9:30 AM - PAT O'SULLIVAN+
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

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." Discernment is the process of discovering the treasure God has placed in your life, your unique calling and purpose. It requires prayer, reflection, and openness to God's guidance, helping you recognize where He is leading you, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Take time to seek His wisdom, trusting that the joy of finding His treasure is worth every effort. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to your priest or reach out to the vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (07/26 - 07/27) Regular Collection

Next weekend (08/01 - 08/02) Regular Collection
Bldg. & Grounds Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for July 19th was \$16,080. 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

PEACE AND CALM FOR THE MASS

Dear Parishioners,

I ask for everyone's kind help and cooperation in maintaining a peaceful atmosphere for the celebration of Mass. Please keep in mind that everyone has:

the right to take part in the Mass in a peaceful setting,

the right to be able to hear everything that is said at Mass,

the right to benefit from times of silence at Mass, especially after Communion.

I am making a special appeal to the parents of young children - please take your children to the vestibule or outside when they cry or become unruly, so as to respect the rights of your fellow parishioners. Our PA system makes it possible to follow the Mass in either location as you calm your child.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Fr. Eversole

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND READINGS

Is 55:1-3
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21



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.



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YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Regular Youth Ministry meetings have ended for the school year. For information on summer events contact Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com

ST. MATTHEW WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will meet on August 1st at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

FALL 2026 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Childcare Programs
August 3rd thru December 7th
Mondays and Wednesdays
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

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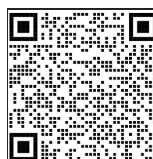
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ONLINE ENGLISH AND CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Catholic Charities is now accepting students for their online classes. Classes start August 17th and 18th.



Cost - English \$200.00
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To register scan the QR code

PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

To place loved ones on this list, please
contact the Parish Office.

Rosanne Backhus, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Doug Bond, Mary Buccigrossi, Dan Carver, Helen Cash, Mary Cave, Barbara Coughenour, Ester Diaz, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Fr. Eversole, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Mary Gibbons, Marguerite Govoni, Frances Gray, Mike Hemmesch, Christopher Hubbarth, Mike Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, Christine Klein, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Carol Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Julie Morgan, Ellis Newhouse, Cecilia Diane O'Brien, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, Marjean Rice, Dylan Rodriguez, Dave Scharett, Sid Sidelko, Faye Sill, Natalie (Caporali) Smith, Sam Tomarchio, 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."

A Star Is Born

— 20th Anniversary of The Paul Stefan Home —

Fr. Stefan, Co-Founder & Spiritual Leader, will speak on the miracles of the Home over the last 20 years.

We hope you will celebrate this special anniversary with us beginning with a cocktail hour at 5:30 pm Saturday, October the 10th, 2026 at The Fredericksburg Convention Center

Reservations are \$75 per person Black Tie Optional

To RSVP for individuals or tables please contact Tina at tpollnow@paulstefanhome.org or visit our website:

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