

# ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

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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](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 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 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.

# MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> 2026 & THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASSSES

Mon (03/16) 8:00 AM - ELIZA EVERSOLE  
Tue (03/17) 8:00 AM - HENRY POOR+  
Wed (03/18) 11:00 AM - FLETCHER FAMILY+  
Thu (03/19) 6:30 AM - GEORGE LUZUM+  
Fri (03/20) 7:30 PM - JOHNSTON FAMILY INT.  
Sat (03/21) 5:30 PM - TOM FALESKIE+  
Sun (03/22) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S  
9:30 AM - JANET SCHUMACHER+  
11:00 AM - JAMES HARVEY CASH+



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

"I am the light of the world." Christ's light shines through those who answer His call. 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](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org), or (703) 841-2514.

## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (03/14 - 03/15) Regular Collection  
Catholic Relief Services

Next weekend (03/21 - 03/22) Regular Collection

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for was and for March 8<sup>th</sup> was \$18,554. 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.**

## SAINT PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

Christ be with me,  
Christ within me  
Christ behind me,  
Christ before me  
Christ beside me,  
Christ to win me  
Christ to comfort  
and restore me.  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me  
Christ in quiet,  
Christ in danger  
Christ in hearts of all that love me  
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.

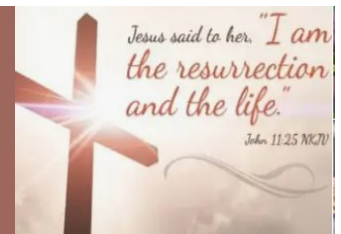
I arise today  
Through a mighty strength,  
the invocation of the Trinity,  
Through belief in the Threeness,  
Through confession of the Oneness  
of the Creator of creation.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> READINGS

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45



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

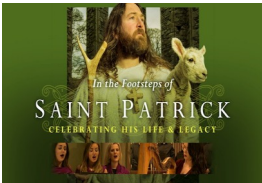
03/17 & 03/18 RE Classes  
 03/24 & 03/25 RE Classes  
**03/31 & 04/01 NO RE Classes  
 SCPS Spring Break**  
**04/07 & 04/08 NO RE Classes  
 Happy Easter**



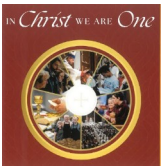
**Confession**

During Lent students in grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to go to Confession during their regular class time on the dates indicated below. Classes will be dismissed at the normal time from the classrooms.

**03/17 Grade 5**  
**03/18 Grades 6 & 7**



In the Footsteps of St. Patrick is an inspiring docu-drama and spiritual adventure that recreates Patrick's pilgrim journey through Ireland, using letters written by him, as well as monastic records from the 10th century. Once a slave of the Irish people, after his escape he discerned the call of God to return to them as a priest and evangelize the Irish with the Catholic faith. Follow that amazing journey to the many places of Patrick's adventure through Ireland.



### IN CHRIST WE ARE ONE

To donate to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal online go to [arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://arlingtondiocese.org/bla) or



scan the QR code:



### PEACE BE WITH YOU

A Silent Retreat for  
 Young Adult Men  
 San Damiano Spiritual Center  
 Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> thru  
 Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>

All young adult men (ages 19-35) are invited on "Peace Be With You: A Silent Retreat" led by Fr. Philip Briggs who will

guide participants in contemplating the post-Resurrection accounts found in Scripture and will offer opportunities for spiritual guidance and personal prayer. Men from across the Diocese are invited to gather for this retreat experience and deepen their relationship with our Resurrected Lord. For more information and to register, visit:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/peace-be-with-you/>

## 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. There will be a Work Camp meeting on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Sheila Kinley at [stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com).

### 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 Women's Guild and St. Vincent de Paul)
6:30 p.m.	Confessions
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m.	Mass

Many thanks to Youth Ministry and Thrift Store for the delicious soup supper on March 13<sup>th</sup>.



### ST. PATRICK SCHOOL AUCTION 2026

April 25, 2026, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
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### 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, Mary Gibbons, Marguerite Govoni, Frances Gray, Mike Hemmesch, Christopher Hubbarth, Mike Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Carol Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Robert Monastra, Ellis Newhouse, Cecilia Diane O'Brien, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, Marjean Rice, 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](mailto:lynnkobasa_2@msn.com). Send your message with the words "prayer request."

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