

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

EUCHARISTIC 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 to 6 PM; Fridays 9 AM to 11 AM; 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.

MARCH 16, 2025 *☪* THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSSES

Mon (03/17) 8:00 AM - ALBERT, SAL, ROCCO, JOE
BALDANGO
Tue (03/18) 8:00 AM - MARIA & ADAO GOIS
Wed (03/19) 11:00 AM - MAUREEN SHELTON+
Thu (03/20) 6:30 AM - PAUL BROWN+
Fri (03/21) 7:30 PM - RONNY
Sat (03/22) 5:30 PM - THERESA BRUSO
Sun (03/23) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
9:30 AM - MR. AND MRS. JOHN A. KEENAN
11:00 AM - HELENE ZAEPFEL+



The Saturday 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass is being live streamed.

PARISH FAMILY ROSARY CHANGE IN LENT

Our Friday evening Rosary will be replaced by Stations of the Cross until Easter. The Rosary will be prayed on Saturday, March 29th, at 4:30 p.m.; there will be no 4:30 p.m. Rosary on Holy Saturday, April 19th.

VOCATIONS

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Could He be inviting you to follow Him more closely in a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated 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 (03/15 - 03/16) Regular Collection
Next weekend (03/22 - 03/23) Regular Collection
Easter Flowers Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for March 9th was \$15,789.
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, during Christmas Week and Easter Week, or on holy days of obligation.

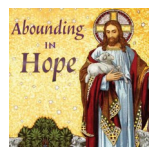
FROM THE PASTOR A GREAT ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION



Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank everyone who took part in our St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance and Silent Auction last Saturday. Those who attended enjoyed delicious food, beautiful decorating, great music, and more than 125 auction items (and Guinness!). Under the leadership of Terrie Yates, our generous volunteers raised well over \$8,000 to support St. Matthew's Women's Guild and Youth Ministry, and the Knights of Columbus. Many thanks as well to everyone who made or solicited donations for the auction.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Eversole



2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL ABOUNDING IN HOPE

To donate to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal online go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code to make a gift.



SUNDAY - March 23rd Readings

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Lk 13:1-9



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

03/18 & 03/19 RE Classes
03/25 & 03/26 No RE Classes
04/01 & 04/02 RE Classes

Religious Education Confessions



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.

04/02 Grades 5 & 6
04/08 Grades 3 & 4
04/09 Grades 7 & 8



Made for Heaven | Lent with Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR



Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR, invites us to join him on the journey into the wilderness this Lent to become holy—because we are made for heaven. Are you ready to enter the wilderness with Jesus to experience grace, freedom, and transformation with our Lord?

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL



SATURDAY, MARCH 22

**1 MILE - 8:00 AM
5K - 8:30 AM**

REGISTRATION FEES

1 MILE - \$30
5K - \$35

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QUESTIONS? EMAIL STPATSRUNNINGEVENTS@GMAIL.COM

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-RUNNERS OVER 21 RECEIVE A DRINK TICKET FOR (1) GLASS OF BEER FROM 1781 BREWING OR (1) GLASS OF WINE FROM WILDERNESS RUN VINEYARDS.



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will meet tonight, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you have any questions, email Sheila Kinley at 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 Religious Education this week)
6:30 p.m.	Confessions
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m.	Mass

Many thanks to the Choir and Food Pantry for the delicious Soup Supper on March 14th.



A RETREAT FOR SENIORS

6 p.m. May 9th - May 11th noon
San Damiano Retreat Center, White Post, VA

Isn't it a challenge, living in the midst of our "throwaway culture," for those who are elderly and "full of years" to understand our place in the world--and in our Church? Come "rest and pray" with Christ. For more information, contact Father John Riley at: john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org

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, Betty Davis, Patrick Denny, Dave Downs, Elizabeth Dubois, Matthew Duffy, Fr. Alex Drummond, Tom Faleskie, Mary Faulconer, Alice Foley, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Mary Gibbons, George Granofsky, Frances Gray, Christopher Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, David Hunziker, Marie Johnson, Kathleen Keller, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Tony Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Robert Monastra, Ellis Newhouse, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, Breanne Cave-Paulson, Deloris Payne, Al Ptasznik, Pete Rekdal, Dave Scharett, Sid Sidelko, Faye Sill, Natalie (Caporali) Smith, Ron Smith, Judy Sullivan, Cole Therault, Leonard Thompson, Sam Tomarchio, Al Undercoffer, Charles & Stephen Weaver, and Chrissie Weaver.

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."



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