

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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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 VigilSaturday, 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

Mondays9:00 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.

MARCH 1ST 2026 & 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES

Mon (03/02) 8:00 AM - JOHNSTON FAMILY INT.
Tue (03/03) 8:00 AM - BLADEN BROWN
Wed (03/04) 11:00 AM - COLE THERIAULT+
CHARLIE AHART+
Thu (03/05) 6:30 AM - BRIANNA ARMENTANI+
Fri (03/06) 7:30 PM - RODRICK CONNOR+
Sat (03/07) 5:30 PM - JIM BERRY+
Sun (03/08) 8:00 AM - EVAN DEFRANCISCO+
9:30 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
11:00 AM - JAMES SAUNDERS



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

"This is my beloved Son...listen to him." God's voice calls us to follow His Son closely. Could priesthood be your path to proclaiming Christ's message, leading others to listen to Him: Trust His guidance. 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 (02/28 - 03/01) Regular Collection
Buildings & Grounds

Next weekend (03/07 - 03/08) Regular Collection
Easter Flowers Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for was and for February 22nd was \$15,705. 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 or during Christmas Week and Easter Week, or on holy days of obligation.**

Prayer Before a Crucifix

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Your face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment.

While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity, Your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said to You, my Jesus:

"They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones."

Amen.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8th READINGS

Ex 17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42



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 - 8th Grade

03/03 & 03/04 RE Classes
03/10 & 03/11 RE Classes
03/17 & 03/18 RE Classes



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.

03/10 Grades 3 & 4
03/11 Grade 8
03/17 Grade 5
03/18 Grades 6 & 7



Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, *Forgiven* communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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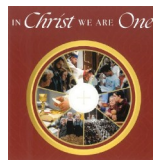
YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will have their annual bowling event this weekend. Regular meetings will resume on March 8th. For more information, please 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 February 27th.



IN CHRIST WE ARE ONE

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the BLA. If you haven't yet had a chance to make your gift, we still need your help. Every family matters in helping our parish reach goal. No gift is too small. Your participation supports vital ministries our parish depends on: seminarian formation, religious education, youth ministry, Catholic Charities, and more. Consider a monthly recurring gift to spread your generosity throughout the year. You can also give a one-time gift or pledge. Give today at arlingtondiocese.org/bla or 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, 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, 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, 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. Send your message with the words "prayer request."

ST. PATRICK'S DAY ADULT DINNER/DANCE

SILENT AUCTION 50/50 RAFFLE DJ
CASH BAR (no outside beverages, please)
March 14th 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND
AFTER ALL MASSES \$20.00 per person
Donations for the Silent Auction Needed
We welcome themed baskets, individual items,
business services or gift cards.
Please bring all donated items to the parish office.
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