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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

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 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

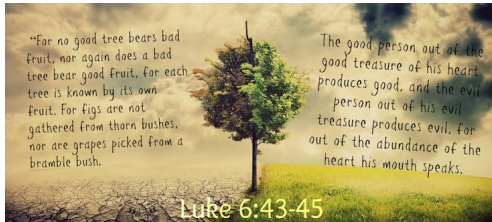
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Dave Scharett: 540-388-8736.

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 2, 2025 & THE 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Mon (03/03) 8:00 AM - ALEXEI NAVALNY+
Tue (03/04) 8:00 AM - KATHY WILLIAMS
Wed (03/05) 11:00 AM - GENE WYATT+
7:30 PM - ROGER CHEWNING, JR.+
Thu (03/06) 6:30 AM - HATSUE KINLEY
Fri (03/07) 7:30 PM - LICHTER FAMILY INTENTION
Sat (03/08) 5:30 PM - RONNY+
Sun (03/09) 8:00 AM - AMBER IRISH
9:30 AM - THE SCHELL FAMILY
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;

VOCATIONS

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own." Jesus calls us to self-awareness and humility, reminding us to look inward before we judge others. This same humility is essential when discerning how God is calling us to serve. Are you being called to dedicate your life to God's service as a priest or religious brother or sister? 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 (03/01 - 03/02) Regular Collection

Next weekend (03/08 - 03/09) Black & Indian Missions

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for February 23rd was \$15,128. **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.

3 YEARS OF WAR IN UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

PRAY FOR PEACE!

"In union with the Holy See, we call for the immediate cessation of Russia's armed aggression and unprovoked war on Ukraine that has already exacted a staggering toll - thousands dead and an exodus of three million refugees - with no end in sight. We join our plea with that of the Holy Father on March 13 when he said, "In the name of God, listen to the cry of those who suffer, and put an end to the bombings and the attacks!" Similar appeals have been raised throughout the Orthodox Christian world and indeed by many Russians themselves.

We call on Catholics of the United States and all people of good will to pray for an end to this war in Ukraine and for peace based on justice and respect for international law. We remember always that prayer is never a feeble gesture of last resort! It is a weapon of hope."

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
March 16, 2022

BLESSED PALMS FROM PAST YEARS



Please place blessed palms from past years in the container in the vestibule. They will be burned to provide ashes for Ash Wednesday (March 5th).

SUNDAY - March 9th Readings

Dt 26:4-10

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13



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.



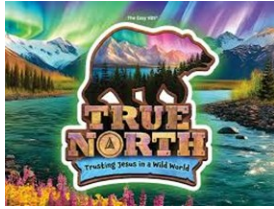
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-8th GRADE

03/04 & 03/05 RE Classes
03/11 & 03/12 RE Classes
03/18 & 03/19 RE Classes

YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade



Youth Ministry will meet tonight, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Reminder that next Sunday is bowling day! If you have any questions, email Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.



Saint Matthew VBS 2025
June 16th - 20th
9:00 a.m. - Noon



Sometimes, it feels like Lent is just about giving up chocolate. But deep down, we all desire to do something more for Lent—just don't know how to do it. How to Lent is a new series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Guided by Solenne Santiago and with the help of priests and religious, this series will challenge our preconceived notions about Lent, laying out a roadmap for entering the season with a purpose. Don't let Lent sneak up on you like it did last year. Instead, heed the call of St. John the Baptist by preparing for the Lord, using How to Lent to transform your spiritual life this Lenten season.

2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL ABOUNDING IN HOPE

This weekend each household is asked to make a pledge or gift to the BLA. This appeal provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and to support the various programs and ministries that help thousands of people in our diocese and our mission parishes in the Dominican Republic. After reflecting upon God's blessings to you, please consider a pledge that will allow you to share your gifts with your neighbors. Each donation is vital to the success of the appeal and the important work that it funds. You may complete a pledge card at Mass, mail in your pledge, go online to www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code to make a gift.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER/DANCE SILENT AUCTION/ADULTS ONLY

We have sold all of our tickets for this event - but we are taking requests in case of cancellations. Please call the Parish Office (540-5575) for more information.

Donations are still being accepted
New items only, please.



**Proceeds benefit St. Matthew's Women's Guild,
St. Matthew's Youth Ministry and
Knights of Columbus (Bishop Keating Council)**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION Mondays 7:00 p.m. - Parish Hall

On March 4th Deacon Mike Strain will complete his 4-week class on the **After Life**.



Wednesday, March 5th is ASH WEDNESDAY. Mass (with distribution of ashes) will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. A Prayer Service with distribution of ashes will be held at 4:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast & Abstinence: health permitting, all Catholics age 18-59 are to limit themselves to 1 full meal and 2 smaller meals during the day. No meat is to be eaten on Ash Wednesday or Fridays throughout Lent by Catholics age 14 and above.

Please take advantage of our Lenten Spiritual Fridays! Stations of the Cross at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.; Soup Supper at 5:45 pm.; Confessions at 6:30 p.m.; Mass at 7:30 p.m.

For a schedule of Lenten and Holy Week events please see the lavender insert in today's bulletin and the vestibule.

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, Matthew Duffy, Fr. Alex Drummond, Tom Faleskie, 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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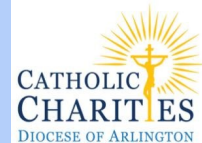
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