

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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FACILITIES MANAGER: Jim Buck

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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 22ND 2026 THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES

Mon (03/23) 8:00 AM - KELLI IRISH
Tue (03/24) 8:00 AM - BETTY LUZUM+
Wed (03/25) 11:00 AM - HALL TWINS
Thu (03/26) 6:30 AM - MAMDA SNUFFER
Fri (03/27) 7:30 PM - MARY LORMAND+
Sat (03/28) 5:30 PM - JIM BERRY+
Sun (03/29) 8:00 AM - NORMA DETRANE+
9:30 AM - ANNA CHIR+
11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW



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 resurrection and the life." Jesus' promise of new life inspires all vocations. Could He be calling you to the priesthood, to bring His Word to others through the sacraments? Open your heart to His plan. 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 (03/21 - 03/22) Regular Collection

Next weekend (03/28 - 03/29) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for was and for March 15th was \$29,169. 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.**

FROM THE PASTOR

MANY THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION!

Dear Parishioners,

Please join me in thanking everyone who helped with last Saturday's Saint Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance and Silent Auction. Because of the generosity of many volunteers, auction donors and local business supporters (see today's bulletin insert), our event raised \$8,732.14, to be shared equally by our Women's Guild, our Youth Ministry, and the Knights of Columbus. Under the leadership of Terrie Yates, the event provided a fun evening of delicious food and beautiful decorations for all who attended. Our annual tribute to St. Patrick is yet another example of parishioners working together to animate the life of St. Matthew's.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Eversole

SUNDAY, MARCH 29th READINGS

Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7

Mt 26:14-27

THE CROWDS REPLIED,
"THIS IS JESUS, THE
PROPHET FROM NAZARETH
IN GALILEE."
- MATTHEW 21:11

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!!

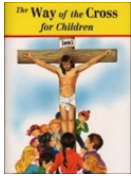
NO ONE from the Parish Office will text or email you asking for monetary help or gift cards. Please **do not respond to any form of this kind of communication.** Please call the office if you have any questions.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K - 8th Grade

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

Religious Education Stations of the Cross



Parishioners are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross during our Religious Education classes:

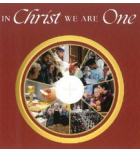
Tuesday, March 24th at 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 25th at 6:00 p.m.



The Bible and the Virgin Mary is based on the work of Dr. Scott Hahn. Dr. Hahn, an exceptionally popular speaker and teacher, has delivered hundreds of talks nationally and internationally on

a wide variety of topics related to Scripture and the Catholic faith and is the bestselling author of numerous books.

Episode 2: The Handmaid of the Lord-diving deep into the Annunciation.



IN CHRIST WE ARE ONE

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal! If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on your blessings and consider making a gift now. The BLA unites us as a diocesan family to support programs, ministries and services which help tens of thousands of people. Every gift, large or small, is essential. You may mail your gift or go online to arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code to make a gift. Thank you for your generosity!



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.	Fish Fry (hosted by Knights of Columbus)
	6:30 p.m.	Confessions
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	7:30 p.m.	Mass

Many thanks to our Women's Guild and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the delicious soup supper on March 20th.



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. For more information, please contact Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.

SOCIAL OUTREACH IN FEBRUARY

St. Matthew's Food Pantry assisted 188 families. Our pantry delivers help to residents of Enoch Manor on a regular basis, and sends provisions to food pantries in Orange and King George counties.

Food Donations totaling 2,898 pounds came from St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Charities, Panera (Massaponax), and Wawa (Spotsylvania).

St. Matthew's Baby Closet assisted 48 families. Baby supplies distributed were valued at \$1,501 and included clothing, formula, lotion, shampoo, blankets, baby wash, baby bottles, diapers, and diaper rash lotion.

St. Matthew's Thrift Store volunteers are working Mon. - Sat. to provide affordable shopping for clothing and household needs and to generate proceeds in support of charitable activities.

St. Matthew's Good Samaritans are visiting the homebound.

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Schedule a tour by emailing Monique Donlon: mdonlon@saintpatrickschoolva.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, 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. Send your message with the words "prayer request."


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