

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH SECRETARY: Terrie Yates

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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

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 23, 2025 *☪* THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSSES

Mon (03/24) 8:00 AM - MARY ELIZABETH SCHELL
Tue (03/25) 8:00 AM - THOSE NEEDING SPIRITUAL HELP
Wed (03/26) 11:00 AM - MARY & JOHN+ BUCCIGROSSI
Thu (03/27) 6:30 AM - ROGER CHEWNING, SR.+
Fri (03/28) 7:30 PM - GINA LONG+
Sat (03/29) 5:30 PM - ADELINE MARINO
Sun (03/30) 8:00 AM - CALVIN DAVIS
9:30 AM - BLADEN BROWN
11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S



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 and April 26th at 4:30 p.m.

VOCATIONS

"I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future." We are invited to consider how God may be cultivating our hearts, preparing us for a vocation of service. Is God calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, and patiently waiting for you to respond? 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 (03/22 - 03/23) Regular Collection
Easter Flowers Collection
Next weekend (03/29 - 03/30) Regular Collection
Catholic Relief Services

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for March 16th was \$15,320. 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



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 WE HAVE ALREADY SURPASSED OUR BLA GOAL!

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to your amazing generosity, St. Matthew's is the first parish in our diocese to make its pledge goal for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal! As of Thursday, March 13th, our parish had pledged \$103,958, which represents 104% of our goal, with 28% of parish households participating. On behalf of Bishop Burbidge and our diocese, I would like to thank you for your prayers and pledges. Your support of the BLA will help thousands of people by furthering the Church's ministries in our diocese and our mission parishes in the Dominican Republic. Congratulations!

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 30th Readings

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15
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

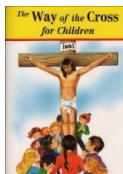
03/25 & 03/26 No RE Classes
04/01 & 04/02 RE Classes
04/08 & 04/09 RE Classes

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



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

Tuesday, April 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m.



The Annunciation



In His infinitely creative mind, God could have done it in another way. In His providence, He chose Mary. The Angel Gabriel appeared and all of Heaven trembled in anticipation. Mary gives her fiat and our long wait is over!

Generation after generation of longing and aching for a Messiah comes to fulfillment. Jesus comes into the world through Mary. There is an explosion of joy radiating forth from the Incarnation. Our Lady wants to bring us her joy, the joy of Jesus Christ himself, Incarnate within her womb.

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/SVdP this week)
6:30 p.m.	Confessions
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m.	Mass



Many thanks to Religious Education for the delicious Soup Supper on March 21st.



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.

SOCIAL OUTREACH IN FEBRUARY

St. Matthew's Food Pantry assisted 189 families. Our pantry delivers help to residents of Enoch Manor and Keswick senior apartments on a regular basis, and sends provisions to food pantries in Orange and King George counties.

Food Donations totaling 8,850 lbs. came from St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Charities, Panera (Massaponax), and Wawa (Spotsylvania),

St. Matthew's Baby Closet assisted 46 families. Baby supplies distributed were valued at \$1,739 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. **Volunteers are needed!**

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

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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