

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

EUCCHARISTIC 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-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 29, 2026 PALM SUNDAY

MASSES

Mon (03/30) 8:00 AM - HOPPER, USVMC+
Tue (03/31) 8:00 AM - BESSIE MORRISON+
Wed (04/01) 11:00 AM - CHIEF ROBERT NOONAN+
Thu (04/02) 7:30 PM - TOM WATERMAN+
Fri (04/03) 7:30 PM - LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
Sat (04/04) 8:30 PM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
Sun (04/05) 8:00 AM - FRANK & KAREN DETRANE
9:30 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
11:00 AM - TRACIE & LEONARD SHORT



The Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. 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

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" As we enter Holy Week, we honor Christ's sacrifice. Priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony mirror this self-giving love, offering one's life for others. Could God be calling you to serve? 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 22nd was \$16,464. 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.**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK - March 30th

8:00 AM-Mass

Confessions following Mass

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - March 31st

8:00 AM-Mass

Confessions following Mass

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - April 1st

11:00 AM-Mass

Confessions following Mass

Confessions 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY - April 2nd

NO MORNING MASS OR CONFESSIONS

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

followed by procession with the Eucharist and Adoration in the Parish Center (Altar of Repose) until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY-April 3rd

12:00 Noon-3:00 PM-Confessions &

The Seven Last Words of Christ

3:00 PM-Stations of the Cross

7:30 PM-Liturgy of the Lord's Passion



HOLY SATURDAY-April 4th

10:00 AM-Blessing of Food for Easter Meal

11:00 AM-Confessions

NO 3:00 PM CONFESSIONS

NO 5:30 PM MASS

8:30 PM-EASTER VIGIL MASS



EASTER SUNDAY-April 5th

NORMAL SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

EASTER WEEK-April 6th-11th

NO MONDAY MORNING ADORATION

NORMAL MASS AND CONFESSION

SCHEDULE

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY-April 12th

NORMAL MASS SCHEDULE

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR WITH THE

CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY AFTER

THE 11:00 AM MASS



SUNDAY, APRIL 5th READINGS

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
 Col 3:1-4 Cor 5:6b-8
 Jn 20:1-9

HE IS
RISEN

John 20:1-9





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K - 8th Grade

03/31 & 04/01 **NO RE Classes**
SCPS Spring break

04/07 & 04/08 **NO RE Classes**
Happy Easter

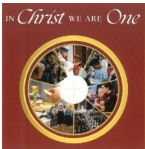
04/14 & 04/15 RE Classes

04/21 & 04/22 RE Classes



Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage is a beautiful, 30 minute contemplative documentary. This film cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, re-presenting the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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. 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!



Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus
For the delicious Fish Fry on March 27th.



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.



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. The Youth Ministry will not meet on April 5th. For more information, please contact Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.



Happy Easter to All!



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

From 12:00 Noon, Holy Thursday
April 2nd
Until 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 13th

If you have an **EMERGENCY** or an urgent need to speak with a priest, please call the emergency number (540-498-3170).

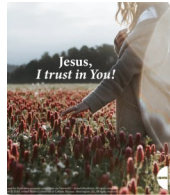
THRIFT STORE EASTER CLOSINGS

The Thrift Store will be closed the following days:

Friday - April 3rd
Monday - April 6th

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 12th



All are encouraged to pray for the protection of human life throughout the month of April, especially on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12). The Sunday of Divine Mercy provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who have been wounded by abortion. Free downloads and additional electronic resources can be found at respectlife.org/action-guides.

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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