

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mary Szabo

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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 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 30, 2025 LAETARE SUNDAY

MASSSES

Mon (03/31)	8:00 AM - CONNIE SANDERS
Tue (04/01)	8:00 AM - PAREDES FAMILY INTENTION
Wed (04/02)	11:00 AM - DAVE KENNEDY+
Thu (04/03)	6:30 AM - JOANNE POWELL
Fri (04/04)	7:30 PM - JOAN RICHMOND
Sat (04/05)	5:30 PM - TRACIE & LEONARD SHORT
Sun (04/06)	8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S 9:30 AM - GALIK & CHIR FAMILIES 11:00 AM - VIRGINIA KUCHTA



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

VOCATIONS

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." Our Father calls us to run toward the path He has prepared for us. Is He inviting you to share this compassion with others through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? 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 (03/29 - 03/30) Regular Collection
Next weekend (04/05 - 04/06) Regular Collection
Buildings & Grounds Coll.

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for March 23rd 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.

THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY (cont'd) ADMONISHING THE SINNER

Do not judge, but be supportive in helping others find their way and correct their mistakes. Together we can learn to walk more closely with Christ.

In humility we must strive to create a culture that does not accept sin, while realizing that we all fall at times.

When you correct someone, don't be arrogant. We are all in need of God's loving correction.

"Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye" (Mt 7:5)

Pray for wisdom in choosing the right time, place and words to offer correction or guidance.

Adapted from the USCCB Website

FINDING JESUS IN HOLY WEEK: BEHOLD THE MAN!

Men's Silent Retreat April 11-13
San Damiano Retreat Center White Post, VA 22663

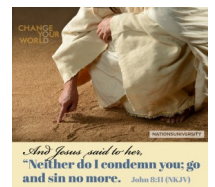
The Four Gospels give us clear accounts of the Last Hours of Jesus and His Suffering, Death and Resurrection. In silence and solitude we will read and think and pray our way through the Gospel Accounts.....Comparing and contrasting the reports and vision of the Evangelists as we follow Christ through darkness and suffering and death and beyond. Fr. John Riley will lead the retreat. For further information or to register, contact Fr. John Riley at John.Riley@ArlingtonDiocese.org

SUNDAY - April 6th Readings

Is 43:16-21

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11



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

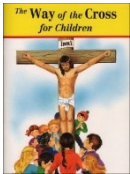
04/01 & 04/02 RE Classes
04/08 & 04/09 RE Classes
04/15 & 04/16 RE Classes



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:

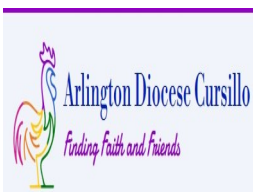
Tuesday, April 15th at 5:00 p.m.

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



Our world is full of noise. Often, that noise is loud and negative. When was the last time you heard something good on the news?

Join Dr. Sean Innerst in *Foretold*, a new series from the Augustine Institute that weaves together the Old and New Testament stories, highlighting their connecting threads of prophecy and fulfillment. What was promised in the biblical story came to pass through Jesus, his apostles, and the Church. Ultimately, this biblical history is your history. Just as the prophecies of the Old Testament were fulfilled, you can trust that Jesus will care for you and your story. Encounter this profound mystery and reality for yourself in *Foretold*.



Men's
143rd Weekend
April 24 - 27, 2025

As the Father has sent me so I send you.
John 20:21

This weekend will take place at Missionhurst in Arlington, VA. All men looking to deepen their faith are welcome. This is a laity led retreat with 10 talks and small group discussions, Mass and Reconciliation, and a little fun included! The cost is \$300 (scholarship available). Please use the website: arlingtoncursillo.org (choose weekends for registration).



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.

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 Youth Ministry and the Thrift Store this week)
6:30 p.m.	Confessions
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m.	Mass

Many thanks to Women's Guild and SVdP for the delicious Soup Supper on March 28th.



FIAT DAY WITH THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS of THE EUCHARIST

St. Phillip Parish, Falls Church, VA
Saturday, April 12th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Spend a day working with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Pray and hang out with the sisters and get your hands a little dirty in their garden. Mass included. Bring gardening gloves and tools if you have them. Lunch provided. Cost \$15. Deadline to register is April 4. ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT

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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