

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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PARISH SECRETARY: Terrie Yates

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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 8TH 2026 & THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSSES

Mon (03/09) 8:00 AM - SAMINA RASHID
Tue (03/10) 8:00 AM - BUCCIGROSSI FAMILY+
Wed (03/11) 11:00 AM - MARY ANNE KORNOVA+
Thu (03/12) 6:30 AM - DEB WALSH
Fri (03/13) 7:30 PM - WENDY BAKER+
Sat (03/14) 5:30 PM - MARGIE BERRY
Sun (03/15) 8:00 AM - MAUREEN SHELTON+
9:30 AM - STANLEY & ARMELLA GALIK+
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; otherwise, in the church), and on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

VOCATIONS

"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst."
Only Jesus can satisfy the deepest desires of our hearts. When we encounter Him, our lives overflow with the living water of grace. Some are called to share that grace as priests, religious brothers or sisters, or consecrated virgins. Could God be inviting you to share His living water with others? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at: (703)841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (03/07 - 03/08) Regular Collection
Easter Flower Collection
Next weekend (03/14 - 03/15) Regular Collection
Catholic Relief Services

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for was and for March 1st was \$18,622.22. 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.**

PRAY WITH THE HOLY FATHER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

"I am following with deep concern what is happening in the Middle East and in Iran during this tumultuous time. Stability and peace are not achieved through mutual threats, nor through the use of weapons, which sow destruction, suffering, and death, but only through reasonable, sincere, and responsible dialogue.

Faced with the possibility of a tragedy of immense proportions, I make a heartfelt appeal to all the parties involved to assume the moral responsibility of halting the spiral of violence before it becomes an unbridgeable chasm. May diplomacy regain its proper role, and may the well-being of peoples, who yearn for peaceful existence founded on justice, be upheld. And let us continue to pray for peace."

Pope Leo
March 1, 2025

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



Donations for the auction are still being gratefully accepted.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH READINGS

Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41



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

03/10 & 03/11 RE Classes
03/17 & 03/18 RE Classes
03/24 & 03/25 RE Classes

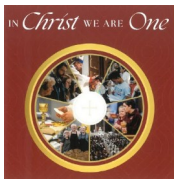


Confession
During Lent students in grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to go to Confession during their regular class time on the dates indicated below. Classes will be dismissed at the normal time from the classrooms.

03/10 Grades 3 & 4
03/11 Grade 8
03/17 Grade 5
03/18 Grades 6 & 7



This Lent, allow Sr. Josephine Garrett to be your guide as you explore the interior wilderness of your heart and invite Jesus in to heal you with his love.



IN CHRIST WE ARE ONE

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DIOCESAN DAYS OF UNPLUGGING

March 13th - 15th



Many of us can relate to being too attached to our digital devices. With everything from banking and fitness to email and games accessible on our phones, tablets, and laptops, these devices can become a distraction, or even an addiction. This Lent, take the time to unplug and rededicate your time to prayer or charity, and to nurture your relationships.

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 stmattheyouthministry7@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 Thrift Store)
	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 6th.



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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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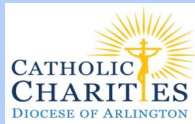


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