

# ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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**HOURS:** Monday thru Friday  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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**PARISH SECRETARY:** Terrie Yates

**RECEPTIONISTS:** Mary Lou Felts  
Mary Szabo

**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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The Assembly meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

# MARCH 9, 2025 *☪* THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASSSES

Mon (03/10)	8:00 AM - THOSE IN NEED
Tue (03/11)	8:00 AM - GALIK FAMILY INTENTION
Wed (03/12)	11:00 AM - ARTHUR & ROSALIE WATKINS
Thu (03/13)	6:30 AM - HAROLD JENKINS
Fri (03/14)	7:30 PM - ROBERT E. WILLIAMS, JR.+
Sat (03/15)	5:30 PM - MARY BUCCIGROSSI JOHN BUCCIGROSSI+
Sun (03/16)	8:00 AM - ELIZA EVERSOLE 9:30 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW 11:00 AM - MATTHEW BROWN



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

**“You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve.”** This Lenten season, reflect on your life’s direction. Are you being called to serve God with an undivided heart as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703)841-2514.

## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (03/08 - 03/09) Regular Collection  
Black & Indian Missions  
Next weekend (03/15 - 03/16) Regular Collection

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for March 3<sup>rd</sup> was \$22,274. **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](http://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, during Christmas Week and Easter Week, or on holy days of obligation.

## THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY (cont’d)

### Instructing the Ignorant

“Go forth and teach all the nations.” (Mt 28:19). With joy we should look for ways to share the message of the Gospel with those who do not know Jesus.

Learn about the Faith through spiritual reading and faith formation activities in the parish

Be open to discussing the Faith with others.

Volunteer with the religious education program to help young people learn about Christ and His Church.

Invite a friend or neighbor to attend Mass with you.

Adapted from the USCCB website.



## 2025 BISHOP’S LENTEN APPEAL ABOUNDING IN HOPE

To donate to the Bishop’s Lenten Appeal online go to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code to make a gift.



## SUNDAY - March 16<sup>th</sup> Readings

Gn 15:5 - 12, 17 - 18  
Phil 3:17 - 41  
Lk 9:28b - 36



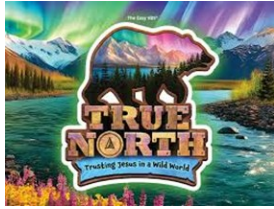
## PLEASE BE AWARE!!

**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

03/11 & 03/12 RE Classes  
03/18 & 03/19 RE Classes  
**03/25 & 03/26 No RE Classes**



**Saint Matthew VBS 2025**  
**June 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m. - Noon**



Join Brother Francis in this compact presentation of what Lent is all about and how we observe it as Catholics. Great for the whole family!

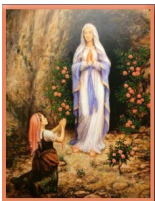
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## Finding Jesus with Mary & the Rosary Women's Silent Retreat San Damiano Retreat Center White Post, VA Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>



Catholics certainly recognize the power and preeminence of the Rosary in our Spiritual tradition. But most of us have a great deal of difficulty praying the Rosary and often feel as if we are just "going through the motions." to consider strategies that will help us pray the Mysteries with greater focus and recollection... and new ways to experience

the Rosary as the "School of Prayer" in deep meditation and quiet contemplation that it is intended to be. For more information, please contact Father John Riley at: [john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org)



## YOUTH MINISTRY 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 the Choir and Food Pantry this week)  
6:30 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
7:30 p.m. Mass

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the delicious Fish Fry on March 7<sup>th</sup>.



## Ladies' Day of Recollection

Saint Patrick Church Parish Hall  
9151 Elys Ford Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22407

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March 22, 2025 9:30 am to 1:00 pm



Cost is \$5 for just the talk, OR \$18 for talk and lunch.  
Please RSVP to Pat Schultz at [tupperlypat@yahoo.com](mailto:tupperlypat@yahoo.com)



Karen Cruess

## 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, Matthew Duffy, Fr. Alex Drummond, Tom Faleskie, 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 Monasta, 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](mailto:lynnkobasa_2@msn.com). Send



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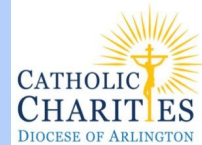
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