

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

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.

MAY 10TH, 2026 ☪ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES

Mon (05/11) 8:00 AM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Tue (05/12) 8:00 AM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Wed (05/13) 11:00 AM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Thu (05/14) 6:30 AM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Fri (05/15) 7:30 PM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Sat (05/16) 5:30 PM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Sun (05/17) 8:00 AM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
9:30 AM - ANN NESTOR+
11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S

*[Jesus said,] "If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth."
John 14:15-17a NLT*



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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."
Christ's command to love shapes the priesthood, where priests pour out their lives for God's people. Could this be your path to love others as Christ does? 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 (05/09 - 05/10) Regular Collection
Religious Education Coll.

Next weekend (05/16 - 05/17) Regular Collection
Diocesan Retired Priests

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for May 3rd was \$15,429. 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 or during Christmas Week and Easter Week, or on holy days of obligation.**

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

MAY 13th

Prayers Revealed to the Children at Fatima

The Fatima Prayer

"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy." Amen

The Pardon Prayer

"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee! I beg pardon for all those that do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love Thee."

The Eucharistic Prayer

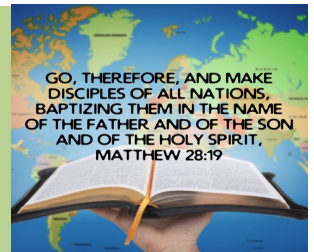
"Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament."

The Angel's Prayer

"O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners."

SUNDAY, MAY 17th READINGS

Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23
Mt 28:16-20



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

05/12 & 05/13 RE Classes
05/19 & 05/20 RE Classes-last class



Save the Date
Saint Matthew VBS
June 29th – July 2nd
9:00 a.m. – noon
Rising K-Rising 6th Grade



A collection of talks in which women encourage and support one another in the vocation of Catholic motherhood.

Happy Mother's Day!

SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, JUNE 6th
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
PARISH WORKDAY



Many hands make light work, so please volunteer to beautify our parish grounds! **FREE LUNCH** for all Volunteers!



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

The Diocese of Arlington is excited to host the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage 2026

Friday, June 5th in Alexandria, VA at the Basilica of St. Mary from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and

Sunday, June 7th the Feast Day of Corpus Christi in Stafford, VA at St. William of York beginning with the Rosary at 10:00 followed by Mass offered by Bishop Burbidge.

The theme of the pilgrimage, which runs from Memorial Day in St. Augustine, FL through July 5th in Philadelphia, is "One Nation Under God" in honor of the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

The Youth Ministry will meet tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

A Movie/Game Night is planned for Friday, May 8th.

The next Work Camp meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 8:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Sheila Kinley at:

stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.

The winners of the Youth Ministry Raffles were:

Danielle Houck - Bench
Rose Ann Harris - Chairs
Bonnie Weber - Chairs

The total raised in support of Work Camp by the raffle was \$3,122. Thank you to all who participated or made a donation in support of the Youth Ministry activities.




MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

A Novena of Masses will be offered in honor of Mother's Day, **beginning on Sunday, May 10th thru Monday, May 18th**. Beautiful cards for the Novena are available in the church vestibule. Please return the outer envelope with your offering to the collection basket or the Parish Office by Friday, May 8th. Offerings will benefit our Buildings and Grounds Fund.

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For more information or to register to attend scan the QR code below:



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To place loved ones on this list, please contact the Parish Office.

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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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