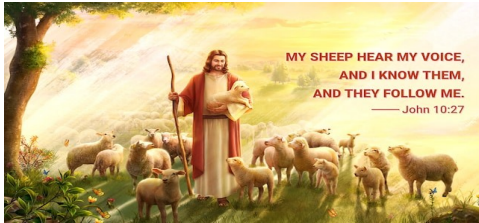


MAY 11TH, 2025 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES

Mon (05/12)	8:00 AM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Tue (05/13)	8:00 AM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Wed (05/14)	11:00 AM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Thu (05/15)	6:30 AM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Fri (05/16)	7:30 PM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Sat (05/17)	5:30 PM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Sun (05/18)	8:00 AM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
	9:30 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
	11:00 AM - PENN & BUCCIGROSSI FAMILIES+



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

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:27) Let's unite as a Church to ask the Lord to inspire more hearts to hear His call and to follow Him in the priesthood and consecrated life. Trust that He knows each of us by name and will lead the right hearts to their vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or (703)841-2514 for guidance.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (05/10 - 05/11) Regular Collection
Religious Ed. Collection

Next weekend (05/17 - 05/18) Regular Collection
Diocesan Retired Priests

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for May 4th was \$16,932. 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, during Christmas Week and Easter Week, or on holy days of obligation.

FROM THE PASTOR CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

Dear Parishioners,

Please join me in congratulating the boys and girls of our parish who received First Holy Communion yesterday. Their first reception of the Body and Blood of Christ reminds us of our need for this holy sustenance given to us by Jesus in the Sacrifice of the Mass. I appreciate the efforts of all who made this great event possible: our DRE, Joanne Warren; our Religious Education Volunteers; and our deacons, our music program, and all those who organized the liturgy and the reception.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Eversole



ST. MATTHEW'S WOMEN'S GUILD BABY SHOWER SATURDAY, MAY 10th—Sunday, May 27th To Support St. Matthew's Baby Closet

Please drop off unwrapped gifts after all Masses in the church vestibule. Most needed items are: baby wipes, baby wash, shampoo, lotions, diaper rash ointments, individual packs of diapers sizes 3,4,5,6,7 and pull-ups. Similac (orange or purple cans) formula, sippy cups, baby bottles.

SUNDAY - May 18th Readings

Acts 14:21-27
Rv 21:1-5a
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



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

05/13 & 05/14 RE Classes End

St. Matthew Catholic Church Vacation Bible School 2025



June 16th through June 20th 9:00 a.m. – Noon
Rising Kindergarten – Rising Sixth Grade
Registration forms can be found on our website, in the church vestibule, and at the parish office.

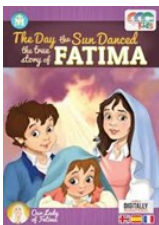
Calling all adults and teens. Get ready for the summer event that points kids to Jesus and discover that He is our true north. Would you like to join the team? Please give me a call, email or stop by...I would love to chat with you about this year's exciting program and the critical role you can fill.

Peace of Christ,
Joanne Warren



This powerful and in-depth documentary combines archival footage, dramatic reenactments, original interviews with Fatima experts, and stunning visuals to tell the whole story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. With high production values and a beautiful look, artists and filmmakers Ian Higgins and Dominic Higgins present a compelling docu-drama on the crucial details about the appearances and messages of Our Lady in Fatima in 1917, a message of prayer, penance, and conversion that is desperately needed in our modern world.

The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima



In 1917, three children named Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta experienced a great miracle. While herding a flock of sheep outside the tiny village of Fatima, Portugal, the Blessed Mother visited them, not once, but many times, telling the children great and wondrous secrets that would affect all of creation.

When the children tried to share the joyous news of Our Lady of Fatima, no one believed them, until the day the sun seemed to dance in the sky. It soon became clear that they had been chosen by the Blessed Mother to share her message.

The Day the Sun Danced is the inspiring true story of Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta, whose great faith and courage brought the message of Our Lady of Fatima to the entire world.



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade



Youth Ministry will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses today for items they have built at the Work Camp Tool Safety Workshop.

There will **NOT** be a meeting tonight
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

If you have any questions, email Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA



A Novena of Masses will be offered in honor of Mother's Day, **beginning on Sun., May 11th thru Mon., May 19th**. 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 9th**. Offerings will benefit our Buildings & Grounds Fund.

GLASS CLASS

MAY 16th and 17th - In the Parish Center
Check in between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Work until Noon



Support the St. Matthew Church Food Pantry and Baby Closet!
Fee \$50.00 for 2 projects.
Bring 3 food items for the food pantry and make an additional project!
Class size is limited - you MUST sign up ahead of time. To sign-up email Susan Sablon at: susanmsablon@gmail.com

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, Mary Faulconer, Alice Foley, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Mary Gibbons, 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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