

# ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

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**HOURS:** Monday thru Friday  
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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

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stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com

## MUSIC PROGRAM

Melanie Bolas, Choir Director

Paulius Sinkora, Organist

Kathy Pellegreen, Organist

stmatthewfamilychoir@gmail.com

## 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

## EUCCHARISTIC 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-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](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 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 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.

# MAY 24TH, 2026 PENTECOST SUNDAY

## MASSSES

Mon (05/25)	8:00 AM - EILEEN TIMMONS+
Tue (05/26)	8:00 AM - CRYSTAL & BRIAN MLECZKO
Wed (05/27)	11:00 AM - MATTHEW STORM
Thu (05/28)	6:30 AM - RONI & MATTHEW SWITLYK
Fri (05/29)	7:30 PM - JOHANSEN FAMILY INT.
Sat (05/30)	5:30 PM - CLIFFORD FAMILY
Sun (05/31)	8:00 AM - MATTHEW EVERSOLE 9:30 AM - ROGER CHEWNING 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.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*"Receive the Holy Spirit."* If you think God may be offering you the grace of cooperating with the Holy Spirit by serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact 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 (05/23 - 05/24) Regular Collection  
Diocesan Retired Priests

Next weekend (05/30 - 05/31) Regular Collection

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for May 17th was \$15,491. 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



## 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.**

## HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (SEQUENCE FOR PENTECOST)

Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
And from your celestial home  
Shed a ray of light divine.  
Come, Refuge of the poor.  
Come, source of all our store.  
Come, within our bosoms shine.  
You, of comforters the best;  
You, the soul's most welcome guest;  
Sweet refreshment here below;  
In our labor, rest most sweet;  
Grateful coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.  
Oh most blessed Light divine,  
Shine within these hearts of yours,  
And our inmost being fill.  
Where you are not, we have naught,  
Nothing good in deed or thought,  
Nothing free from taint of ill.  
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour your dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:  
Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.  
On the faithful, who adore  
And confess you, evermore  
In your sevenfold gift descend;  
Give them virtue's sure reward;  
Give them your salvation, Lord;  
Give them joys that never end.

Amen, Alleluia.

## SUNDAY, MAY 31st READINGS

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9  
Cor 13:11-13  
Jn 3:16-18



## PLEASE BE AWARE!!

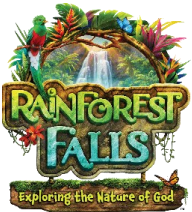
**NO ONE** from the Parish Office will text or email you asking for monetary help or gift cards. Please **do not respond to any form of this kind of communication.** Please call the office if you have any questions.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**St. Matthew Catholic Church  
Vacation Bible School 2026**

June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

*Rising Kindergarten - Rising Sixth Grade*



Please join us for a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures.

Registration forms can be found on our website, in the church vestibule, and at the parish office.




**Pentecost: Acts 1-7 | Luke-Acts | The Bible Project**



The book of Acts shows how God fulfilled His ancient promises to restore His blessing to all the nations through the offspring of Abraham: Jesus of Nazareth. In this video, we'll explore how Jesus and the Spirit renew the people of Israel and prepare them to announce good news to the nations.

**ST. MATTHEW WOMEN'S GUILD  
BABY SHOWER DONATION DRIVE**  
Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>



 Please drop off unwrapped gifts after all Masses in the church vestibule. Most needed items are: baby lotion, baby wash, baby shampoo, individual packs of diapers sizes 4,5,6,7,8 only please. Similac or Enfamil Baby formula (Orange or Purple cans), sippy cups, baby bottles.

In honor of those who have given their lives in the defense of our country...



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED, MONDAY, MAY 25th.**

**Monday morning adoration will not take place.**  
We will resume normal business hours  
On Tuesday, May 26th

If you have an Emergency or an urgent need to speak with a priest, please call the emergency No.

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



Sign-up today or May 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> after all Masses or call the parish office to help. Many hands make light work, so please volunteer to beautify our parish grounds! **FREE LUNCH** for all Volunteers!



**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Youth Ministry has ended for the school year. May God bless our Seniors who recently graduated!



**WORK FOR THE DIOCESE**

Explore job openings and career opportunities within the diocese:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/human-resources/employment-opportunities-info>.



**AFTER ABORTION DAY OF  
HEALING AND PRAYER**

The next After Abortion Day of Prayer and Healing will take place on Saturday, June 27. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, 1 location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries and registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at (703)841-2504; or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org), or scan the QR Code.



**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Plan to attend a positive, simple, common sense, Vatican approved private husband and wife experience.

August 28-30, 2026 - Bristow, VA

(lodging is on your own - couples return home each night)

October 23 - 25, 2026 - Hampton, VA (lodging provided)

November 6 - 8, 2026 - Emerald Isle, NC (lodging provided)

February 12 - 14, 2027 - Waynesboro, VA (lodging provided)

**PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK**

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

Rosanne Backhus, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Doug Bond, Mary Buccigrossi, Dan Carver, Helen Cash, Mary Cave, Randy Chapman, Barbara Coughenour, Ester Diaz, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Fr. Eversole, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kenneth Fowler, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Mary Gibbons, Marguerite Govoni, Frances Gray, Mike Hemmesch, Phyllis Hill, 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, Dylan Rodriguez, 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](mailto:lynnkobasa_2@msn.com). Send your message with the words "prayer request."


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