

# ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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Deacons..... Rev. Mr. John Hubbarth, Ret.  
Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

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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



## 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

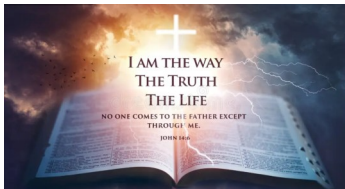
**SVdP Assistance Line:** 540-834-5555. Website: [www.svdpstfaustina.org](http://www.svdpstfaustina.org)  
*Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call the parish office: 540-582-5575.*

**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 3, 2026 - 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MASSSES

**Mon (05/04)** 8:00 AM - ROBERT KASEL, JR.  
**Tue (05/05)** 8:00 AM - JOSEPH TIMMONS  
**Wed (05/06)** 8:00 AM - NATALIYA MAK  
**Thu (05/07)** NO MASS CELEBRATED  
**Fri (05/08)** 7:30 PM - MARK EVERSOLE  
**Sat (05/09)** 5:30 PM - MERRY EVERSOLE  
**Sun (05/10)** 8:00 AM - MARCELINE PIENKOWSKI+  
 9:30 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S  
 11:00 AM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA



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

*"Whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do."* Jesus calls us to remain in Him, allowing His love to flow through our lives. In sacramental marriage, couples are like branches rooted in Christ, growing together and bearing fruit for his kingdom through love, support, and service to one another. Pray for guidance in nurturing your vocation and encourage others to recognize God's call. Should you desire some direction, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (05/02 - 05/03) Regular Collection  
 Buildings & Grounds Coll.  
 Next weekend (05/09 - 05/10) Regular Collection  
 Religious Education Coll.

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for April 26<sup>th</sup> was \$14,949. 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.**

## FROM THE PASTOR CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

Dear Parishioners,

Please join me in offering prayers and congratulations to the young people who received First Holy Communion yesterday. Their first reception of the Body and Blood of Christ reminds us all of the vital role that Mass and Communion play in our spiritual lives.

I would like to thank everyone who made this beautiful event possible: our DRE, Joanne Warren and our RE Volunteers; the parents of our first communicants; our Music Program; and all those who served the liturgy and prepared the reception.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Eversole

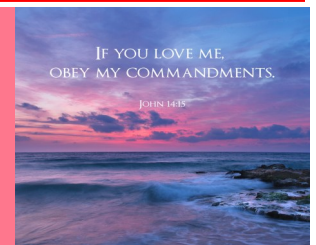


## MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

This coming **Wednesday, May 6th**, Mass will be offered at **8:00 a.m.**, with confessions after. The 11:00 a.m. Mass and confessions will be cancelled for that day only. On **Thursday, May 7th** the **6:30 a.m. Mass and confessions will be cancelled** for that day only.

## SUNDAY, MAY 10<sup>th</sup> READINGS

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
 Pt 3:15-18  
 Jn 14:15-21



## 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.

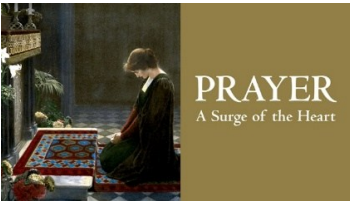


## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

05/05 & 05/06 RE Classes  
05/12 & 05/13 RE Classes  
05/19 & 05/20 RE Classes-last class



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



Finding time to pray can be difficult. Modern life is very busy with so many distractions at every turn, and there's always another job to be done. This inspiring presentation challenges

us to make more time for God in our lives and highlights the importance of an ever-deepening life of prayer. It looks at the true meaning of prayer, the different types of prayer, and how we can grow in our spiritual lives. It addresses how to overcome difficulties and temptations, how to find inspiration in the lives of the saints, the centrality of the Holy Mass, and the ultimate goal of prayer. National Day of Prayer May 7<sup>th</sup>.



## YOUTH MINISTRY 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com).



## MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

A Novena of Masses will be offered in honor of Mother's Day, **beginning on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> thru Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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.



## GOURMET BREAKFAST

Today After All Masses  
in the Parish Center

Come join fellow parishioners for a fabulous gourmet breakfast prepared by our Knights of Columbus.

## IN CHRIST WE ARE ONE BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL 2026

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal! If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on your blessings and consider making a gift now. The BLA unites us as a diocesan family to support programs, ministries and services which help tens of thousands of people. You may mail your gift or go online to [arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code to make a gift. Thank you for your generosity!



**PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK**  
To place loved ones on this list, please  
contact the Parish Office.

Stephen Austin, Rosanne Backhus, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Doug Bond, 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 Hubbard, Mike Hubbard, Tony Hubbard, 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](mailto:lynnkobasa_2@msn.com). Send your message with the words "prayer request."

**ARISE, MY BELOVED, AND COME.**  
SONG OF SONGS 22

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FOR SINGLE WOMEN 18-35

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