

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 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

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 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 4TH, 2025 & 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES

Mon (05/05) 8:00 AM - DORIS KERGER
Tue (05/06) 8:00 AM - DARREN DROZDOV
Wed (05/07) 11:00 AM - GALIK FAMILY INTENTION
Thu (05/08) 6:30 AM - MARK EVERSOLE
Fri (05/09) 7:30 PM - MERRY EVERSOLE
Sat (05/10) 5:30 PM - KATHLEEN & THOMAS
FITZGERALD
Sun (05/11) 8:00 AM - KELP MEIER+
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.

VOCATIONS

"It is the Lord!" (John 21:7) Recognizing Jesus in your life opens the door to responding to His call. If you feel His presence prompting you toward a vocation, consider talking to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org for guidance.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (05/03 - 05/04) Regular Collection
Building & Grounds Coll.

Next weekend (05/10 - 05/11) Regular Collection
Religious Education Coll.

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for April 20th was \$14,715 and for April 27th it was \$13,272. 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.

PRAYER FOR THE REPOSE OF POPE FRANCIS

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,
whom you made successor of Peter
and shepherd of your Church,
may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven
the mysteries of your grace and compassion,
which he faithfully ministered on earth.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

USCCB

PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION of a NEW POPE

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unflinching care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen

The Roman Missal



GOURMET BREAKFAST TODAY, May 4th, 2025 After All Masses in the Parish Center

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

SUNDAY - May 11th Readings

Acts 13:14, 43-52
Rv 7:9, 14b-17
Jn 10:27-30



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

05/06 & 05/07 RE Classes
05/13 & 05/14 RE Classes End

St. Matthew Catholic Church Vacation Bible School 2024

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



The Boy From Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis



Discover the inspiring story of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the young boy from Milan. You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and

hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.

Featuring personal stories from those who knew him in real life, this documentary goes beyond the headlines to reveal the heart of a boy who saw Jesus in everyone and never missed an opportunity to love. His simple yet profound faith continues to touch lives, proving that sainthood is for all of us. Be inspired by Carlo's true story and discover that holiness is possible in daily life.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS 7:00 p.m. In the Parish Hall

Deacon Mike Strain is continuing a five week series on the catechetical teachings of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. This series covers his teachings known as mystagogy, the breaking open of the word and beliefs specifically focused on those recently received into the Church. His presentations are fruitful for all Catholics and everyone is invited to participate.



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

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



On May 3rd and May 4th the teens will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses for items they have built at the Work Camp Tool Safety Workshop.

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 Ptaszniak, 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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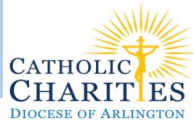
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