

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH WEBSITE: www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org



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 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

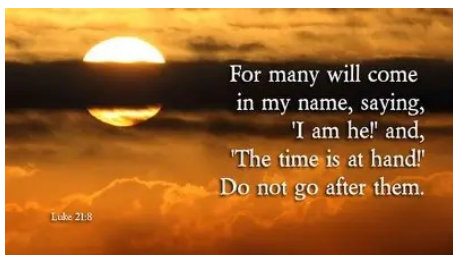
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Dave Scharett: 540-388-8736.

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.

NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025 & 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (11/17) 8:00 AM - MAUREEN SHELTON+
Tue (11/18) 8:00 AM - RONI & MATTHEW SWITLYK
Wed (11/19) 11:00 AM - JOHN BUCCIGROSSI+
Thu (11/20) 6:30 AM - JOHN C. SMITH+
Fri (11/21) 7:30 PM - ROGER CHEWNING
Sat (11/22) 5:30 PM - TONY MCMAHON+
Sun (11/23) 8:00 AM - LEANNE CANNON
9:30 AM - JOHN BUCCIGROSSI+
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.

VOCATIONS

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Luke 21:19) Consider the hidden yet powerful witness of those in cloistered religious life. Is God calling you to a life of prayer and contemplation? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (11/15 - 11/16) Regular Collection
Retired Religious Collection

Next weekend (11/22 - 11/23) Regular Collection
Campaign for Human Dev.

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for November 9th was \$16,604. **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.

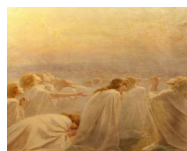


PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

Donations for war relief in Ukraine may be made via
The Archeparchy of Philadelphia
Ukrainian Catholic Church
ukrcatholic.org (click on "Help Ukraine")
Donations for Gaza War relief may be made via
Catholic Relief Services crs.org

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

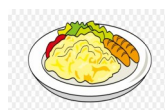
Please consider spending some time in prayer before the Sacred Host exposed on the altar. Adoration takes place on Mondays 9-11 a.m. and on First Fridays 8-9 p.m. Information on prayer before the Eucharist is available in the vestibule. **Monday morning adoration does not take place on federal holidays, during Christmas Week and Easter Week, or on holy days of obligation.**



NOVEMBER, THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

My Jesus, by the sorrows You suffered in Your agony in the Garden, in Your scourging and crowning with thorns, in Your journey to Calvary in Your crucifixion and death, have mercy on the souls in purgatory, and especially on those that are most forsaken; deliver them from the torments they endure; call them and admit them to Your most sweet embrace in paradise, where You live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Merciful Father, hear our prayers and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



GOURMET BREAKFAST

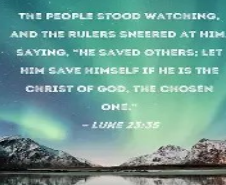
Today After All Masses
St. Matthew Parish Center
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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23RD READINGS

Sm 5:1-3

Col 1:12-20

Lk 23:35-43



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

11/18 & 11/19 RE Classes
11/25 & 11/26 No RE Classes Happy Thanksgiving
 12/02 & 12/03 RE Classes
 12/09 & 12/10 RE Classes

The full year Religious Education calendar is available online at www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org

Peace of Christ,
 Joanne Warren, DRE



The "God's Knights" series tells the true stories of brave men and boys who followed God with courage and faith and are now honored as mighty knights in God's Kingdom.

Spotsylvania Christmas Parade



Saturday, December 6th 1:00 p.m.

Saint Matthew will once again be participating in the Spotsylvania Christmas Parade. We need people of all ages to accompany the float passing out Holy Cards and wishing

the crowd a Merry Christmas. Please contact the parish office if you can join us.

Save the Date!



**Fourth Annual Christmas Market
 December 13th from
 3:00-8:00 p.m.**

Bring the whole family. Activities and crafts for Kids, craft vendors, carols and tree lighting, dinner,

beer garden, and musical entertainment by the Low' n 'Brows.

Cash bar for beer and wine. Cash/check donations for dinner.

THANKSGIVING CLOSINGS

The St. Matthew Food Pantry and Baby Closet will be closed:

Wednesday, November 26th and
 Friday, November 28th



The St. Matthew Thrift Store will be closed:

Wednesday, November 26th through
 November 30th. It will reopen on
 Monday, December 1st



The Parish Office will be closed:

From noon on Wednesday, November 26th
 Through Sunday, November 30th.

It will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 1st.



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will meet tonight from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. For more information contact Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.



HOLY LAND CARVINGS ON SALE—NOV. 15th - 16th

The Bethlehem Carving Group will be offering their hand-crafted religious articles from the Holy Land after all weekend Masses in front of the church.

Your purchase will help Catholics and Orthodox remain in the Holy Land, bearing witness to the Gospel and caring for shrines in the midst of violence and unrest.

SOCIAL OUTREACH IN OCTOBER

St. Matthew's Food Pantry assisted 261 families. Our pantry delivers help to residents of Enoch Manor and Keswick senior apartments on a regular basis, and sends provisions to food pantries in Orange and King George counties.

Food Donations totaling 3,398 lbs. came from St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Charities, Panera (Massaponax), and Wawa (Spotsylvania),

St. Matthew's Baby Closet assisted 69 families. Baby supplies distributed were valued at \$2,630 and included clothing, formula, lotion, shampoo, blankets, baby wash, baby bottles, diapers, and diaper rash lotion.

St. Matthew's Thrift Store volunteers are working Mon. - Sat. to provide affordable shopping for clothing and household needs and to generate proceeds in support of charitable activities. Volunteers are needed!

St. Matthew's Good Samaritans are visiting the home-bound.

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, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Mary Gibbons, Frances Gray, Christopher Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, David Hunziker, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Carol Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Robert Monastra, Ellis Newhouse, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, Breanne Cave-Paulson, Dave Scharett, Sid Sidelko, Faye Sill, Natalie (Caporali) Smith, Sam Tomarchio, Al Undercoffer, Angie Walker, 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. Send your message with the words "prayer request."



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