

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH SECRETARY: Terrie Yates

RECEPTIONISTS: Mary Lou Felts
Mary Szabo

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.

OCTOBER 12TH, 2025 & THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (10/13) 8:00 AM - JOHN STORM+
Tue (10/14) 8:00 AM - THOMPSON FAMILY
Wed (10/15) 11:00 AM - JODY TRENNY
Thu (10/16) 6:30 AM - WATSON FAMILY
Fri (10/17) 7:30 PM - TOM WARREN
Sat (10/18) 5:30 PM - CAROLIN VANDUSEN
Sun (10/19) 8:00 AM - ADRIAN IPPOLITO+
9:30 AM - GALIK FAMILY INTENTION
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

"And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; (Luke 17:15) Just as the healed man returned to glorify God, deacons are called to bring Christ's healing love to others through their dedicated service to the Church. Today, let us show our gratitude for the deacons that serve our Church. If you are called to the diaconate, consider how you can bring Christ's healing love to others through service. "Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or (703)841-2514.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (10/11 - 10/12) Regular Collection

Next weekend (10/18 - 10/19) Regular Collection
Mission Sunday Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for October 5th was \$11,928. **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.**



FROM THE PASTOR CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY CONFIRMED!

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of St. Matthew's, I congratulate the young people of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Loverde on Thursday, October 2nd. Their reception of the gifts of the Holy Spirit reminds us all of how much we depend upon God's grace each day. Many thanks are due to everyone who helped with this great event: the parents and sponsors; our DRE, Joanne Warren; the RE volunteers; our sacristans and church decorators; and those who prepared the reception. Let us pray for the newly confirmed as they continue on the path of faith.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Paul M. Eversole

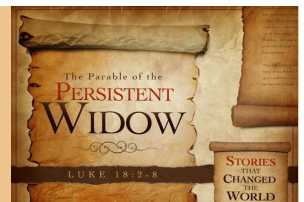
OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY



During October, please join the Knights of Columbus on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. and on Sundays at 7:30 a.m. as they pray the Rosary before Mass.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19th READINGS

Ex 17:8-13
Tm 3:14 - 4:2
Lk 17:1-8



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

10/14 & 10/15 RE Classes
10/21 & 10/22 RE Classes
10/28 & 10/29 RE Classes

All Saints Party
Save the Date!



Friday, October 31st from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Dinner, Games, Prizes, Trunk or Treat, and the best candy without all the walking.

Come dressed as your favorite saint (or non scary costume).

Adults and teens are needed to help with the games. We would also welcome donations of prewrapped candy. Please call the parish office to volunteer and donations may be dropped off at the parish office.



Father Kapaun proved himself to be the greatest example of manhood that I've ever seen in my life." The most decorated Chaplain in US Army History, Servant of God Emil Kapaun's

story inspires us and reminds us that every man can achieve the greatness to which God has called us. The Kapaun's Men Virtue Series features two of Kapaun's fellow Prisoners of War and invites you to dive into the life of Father Kapaun and the virtues he exemplified.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

Mondays thru November 10th

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - In the Parish Center

Deacon Mike Strain is continuing weekly presentations on the spirituality of St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross.



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED, OCTOBER 13th
COLUMBUS DAY**

**We will resume office hours at 9:00 a.m.
on Tuesday, October 14th.**

**(If you have an EMERGENCY or an urgent need to
speak with a priest, please call the
emergency number (540)498-3170**

SUMMIT ACADEMY GALA 2025



**Saturday, November 8, 2025
6:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.**

**Rappahannock Grand Ballroom
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Jepson Alumni Executive Center
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and Dancing**

For more information go to: thesummitva.org/gala



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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

Brochures with wreath prices and order forms, as well as Christmas cards will be available after weekend Masses thru Sunday, October 26th. For more information, contact Joe Liposky at: joelip2010@comcast.net or (540)805-5466.



KIDS WINTER COATS TO GO

Saturday, October 11th

10:00 a.m. - Noon

St. Matthew's Parish Center

Coats are **FREE** to families in need
First come first serve until coats are gone.

Donations may be brought to
St. Matthew's Parish Center
Friday, Noon - 3:00 p.m.

QUO VADIS FATHER-SON SEMINARY VISIT

Saturday, Nov. 15th 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

St. John Paul Seminary, Washington, D.C.



Quo Vadis events are for young men in high school interested in growing in their spiritual life and exploring their vocation. Meet the seminarians and their formators. See where they live, pray, eat and study. Tour their campus at

Catholic University. Fathers are welcome but not required. For more information and to register, visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis. Deadline to register is November 3rd.

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, Eric Laxton, 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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