

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH SECRETARY: Terrie Yates

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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 19TH, 2025 & THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (10/20) 8:00 AM - FOR HEARTS TO OPEN TO CHRIST
Tue (10/21) 8:00 AM - PHYLLIS JOHANSEN+
Wed (10/22) 11:00 AM - PAULS STAUB+
Thu (10/23) 6:30 AM - JUDY MERCEDES
Fri (10/24) 7:30 PM - FRANK & LAURA NORRIS
Sat (10/25) 5:30 PM - JOHN BUCCIGROSSI+
Sun (10/26) 8:00 AM - SUSAN Y. JONES+
9:30 AM - ANALISE JENKINS
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

"When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:8) Priests and religious brothers and sisters help to keep faith alive in the world. Could God be calling you to be one of these dedicated servants? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or (703)841-2514.

Current and Upcoming Collections

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

Next weekend (10/25 - 10/26) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for October 12th was \$18,423. **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



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.**

THE ROSARY - A PRAYER FOR PEACE

"The Church has always attributed particular efficacy to this prayer, entrusting to the Rosary, to its choral recitation and to its constant practice, the most difficult problems. At times when Christianity itself seemed under threat, its deliverance was attributed to the power of this prayer, and Our Lady of the Rosary was acclaimed as the one whose intercession brought salvation.

*The Rosary is by its nature a prayer for peace, since it consists in the contemplation of Christ, the Prince of Peace, the one who is "our peace" (Eph 2:14). Anyone who assimilates the mystery of Christ - and this is clearly the goal of the Rosary - learns the secret of peace and makes it his life's project. Moreover, by virtue of its meditative character, with the tranquil succession of *Hail Marys*, the Rosary has a peaceful effect on those who pray it, disposing them to receive and experience in their innermost depths, and to spread around them, that true peace which is the special gift of the Risen Lord (cf. Jn 14:27; 20:21)."*

Pope St. John Paul II



MASS FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING

St. Patrick Church - 9149 Elys Ford Road,
Fredericksburg, VA
Tuesday, October 28th 9:00 a.m.

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 26th READINGS

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

Lk 18:9-14





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-8th Grade

10/21 & 10/22 RE Classes
10/28 & 10/29 RE Classes
11/04 & 11/05 RE Classes (Tuesday
classes **will meet** even though Spotsy
schools are closed)

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.

Peace of Christ,
Joanne Warren, DRE



This new film is the world's biggest
documentary on Pope St. John Paul
II. It reveals his remarkable legacy in
the history of the Church and
the world, as well as how his
extraordinary personality, generosity, courage, and
sense of humor united people on all continents,
regardless of their social status, age, or religious beliefs.

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.

ALL SOULS' NOVENA

November 2nd thru November 10th



Enroll your departed loved ones in 9 days
of Masses, beginning on All Souls' Day.
Novena envelopes are available in the pews
and in your envelope packets; please
return them to the collection basket or the
Parish Office. Offerings will benefit our

Parish Building and Grounds Fund.

SUMMIT ACADEMY GALA 2025

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

Rappahannock Grand Ballroom
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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. Next week the youth will attend the
Diocesan Youth Rally. 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: (540-805-5466) or
joelip2010@comcast.net.

A GLASS CLASS IS COMING!!



Class size is
Limited - you
MUST sign
up ahead of
time.

November 7th - 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!

To sign-up email Susan Sablon at:
susanmsablon@gmail.com

JOHN PAUL the GREAT'S FALL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 2, 2025 1:00—4:00 p.m.

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https://jpthegreat.fsenrollment.com/portal/new_inquiry.

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."

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.
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