

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✠ Robert E. Lee Drive

Pastor.....Rev. Paul M. Eversole
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Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

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HOURS: Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

BUSINESS

MANAGER: Jared Darr
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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

Monday

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

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays.....9:00 am - 11:00 am

(except during Christmas Week and Easter Week, and on holy days of obligation or federal holidays).

First Fridays.....8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Exceptions to this schedule are noted inside the bulletin. Please note:

**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 - 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Fridays 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; and the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. *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 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 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 25TH 2026 ☞ THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Mon (10/26) 8:00 AM - SUSAN Y. JONES+
Tue (10/27) 8:00 AM - COLETTE+ & YVES GUILLOUX+
Wed (10/28) 11:00 AM - RODRICK CONNOR
Thu (10/29) 6:30 AM - RICHARD HEWES
Fri (10/30) 7:30 PM - DONALD DONOVAN+
Sat (10/31) 5:30 PM - M/M RICHARD JOHANSEN
Sun (11/01) 8:00 AM - NORMA DETRANE+
9:30 AM - GALIK FAMILY SPECIAL INT.
11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEWS

*"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but
whoever humbles himself will be exalted."*

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

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart...and your neighbor as yourself." Every vocation is rooted in this twofold commandment of love. Priesthood, consecrated life, and sacramental marriage call us to give ourselves fully to God while serving others with compassion and selflessness. How is God inviting you to live out this love in a vocation that blesses both Him and those around you? 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 (10/24) - (10/25)	Regular Collection
Next weekend (10/31) - (11/01)	Regular Collection Bldg. & Grounds Coll.

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for October 11th was \$17,346 and for the 18th was \$14,674. Thank You!

In order to meet St. Matthew's operating expenses and save for future projects, the **First Collection** should bring in at least \$12,500 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

FR. EVERSOLE'S APPEAL FOR PEACE AND CALM DURING MASS

Many thanks to all those who are helping to sustain a peaceful atmosphere for the celebration of Mass, the Church's perfect prayer. As a parish community, let us respect everyone's right to worship in a peaceful atmosphere, to be able to hear everything that is said or sung at Mass, and to benefit from the time set aside for personal prayer after Holy Communion.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HONOR OUR VETERANS

All military veterans are invited to sign up for a **Veterans' Day** honor to take place on the weekend of **November 7th - 8th**. Those who sign up will receive an American flag to place near the entrance to the church before all weekend Masses.

Sign-ups will be taken after all Masses next weekend (October 31st – November 1st.)

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

Sponsored by The St. Faustina Conference
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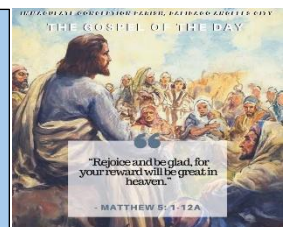
Through the generous support of our wonderful volunteers, donors, walk participants, and corporate sponsors (App Teeza, Rappahannock Foot and Ankle Specialists, and Itavie) we **raised \$3,952.66!** 100% of these funds will serve families in our community needing financial support. Thank You!!



SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, December 6th
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sign up now in the Red Cross
Blood Donor App at:
redcrossblood.org

SUNDAY, Nov. 1st
READINGS
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a



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

10/27	RE Classes
10/28	NO RE Classes
11/03	NO RE Classes
11/04	RE Classes
11/10	RE Classes
11/11	NO RE Classes

All Saints' Party- Save the Date!
Saturday, October 31st from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Please call the office to RSVP NO LATER THAN
OCTOBER 27th.**

Dinner, games, prizes, Trunk or Treat, and great candy without all of 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. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office.

Many blessings,
Danielle Houck, DRE



Is Halloween really a pagan holiday – or is it deeply Christian?



In this episode of What Catholics Believe, Dr. Ben Akers explains the Catholic roots of Halloween, its connection to All Saints' Day And All Souls' Day, and how Catholics can celebrate it faithfully. Discover the history of trick-or-treating, the dangers of the occult, the meaning behind costumes, and even the Catholic perspective on vampires and zombies. Learn why Halloween is a time to reflect on death, rejoice in Christ's victory over sin, and pray for the communion of saints – on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven.



ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES MARIAN APPARITIONS

Mondays Nov. 2nd thru Dec. 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Deacon John Hubbarth will be leading discussions on Marian Apparitions and their importance to us. Classes will be held in the Parish Center and also live streamed.

K OF C CHRISTMAS CARDS AND WREATH SALES



Christmas cards and brochures with prices and order forms will be available after weekend Masses thru today, October 25th. Delivery of greenery will be after November 30th. For more information contact Joe Liposky at: joelip2010@comcast.net or (540)805-5466.



YOUTH MINISTRY

9th – 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will **NOT** meet this evening. The teens will be attending the Diocesan Rally. Classes will resume on November 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Kinley for more information at: stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.



HOLY LAND CARVINGS ON SALE November 14th and 15th

The Bethlehem Carving Group will be offering their handcrafted religious articles from the Holy Land after all weekend Masses in the Parish Hall.

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.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

**Sponsored by
St. Matthew's Food Pantry**

Parishioners who would like to participate in this year's Thanksgiving Dinner Program may **pick up a bag in front of the Church after all Masses this weekend.**

Please fill the bag with items on the list stapled to the bags and **return them on the weekend of Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st.**

KIDS WINTER COATS TO GO

**Saturday, November 7th 9:00 a.m. - noon
St. Matthew Parish Center**



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

**Donations may be brought to
St. Matthew's Parish Center
Friday, November 6th from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

**To place loved ones on this list, please
contact the Parish Office.**

Rosanne Backhus, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Doug Bond, Mary Buccigrossi, Dan Carver, Helen Cash, Mary Cave, Ester Diaz, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Fr. Eversole, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Frances Gray, Christopher Hubbarth, Mike Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Carol Mauro, Frank Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Julie Morgan, Ellis Newhouse, Cecilia Diane O'Brien, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, Breanne Cave Paulson, David Pritchard, Marjean Rice, Dylan Rodriguez, 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. Send your message with the words "prayer request."

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