

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

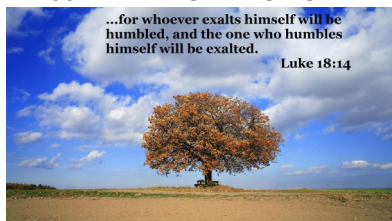
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Dave Scharett: 540-388-8736.

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.

OCTOBER 26TH, 2025 & THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (10/27) 8:00 AM - BEATRICE ARMIJO
Tue (10/28) 8:00 AM - ANDY & MARIE NORRIS
Wed (10/29) 11:00 AM - LIZ KING+
Thu (10/30) 6:30 AM - JOHN FRANCIS GIBBONS+ AND EMILE GIBBONS
Fri (10/31) 7:30 PM - STEPHEN LEAR+
Sat (11/01) 9:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
5:30 PM - DEBORAH YOUNG+
Sun (11/02) 8:00 AM - POPE FRANCIS+
9:30 AM - ALL SOULS NOVENA/ ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
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

"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Humility is essential in all vocations, whether it be sacramental marriage, priesthood, or consecrated life. What are some ways you can work on becoming humbler in your life? Have you humbled yourself to ask God what His plan is for you? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or (703)841-2514

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (10/25 - 10/26) Regular Collection
Mission Sunday Collection

Next weekend (11/01 - 11/02) Regular Collection
Buildings & Grounds Coll.

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for October 19th was \$14,323. **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.**

MASSSES FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY AND ALL SOULS' DAY (Nov. 1st-2nd)

Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints will be offered at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 31st and at 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 1st. Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) will be offered at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 2nd.

Attending any Mass on Saturday evening or on Sunday will fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation for this weekend.



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.



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS
BACK!**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2nd READINGS

Is 25:6, 7-9

Rom 5:5-11

Jn 6:37-40

**YOU MUST BE
BORN AGAIN**

John 3:1-17

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

10/28 & 10/29 RE Classes
11/04 & 11/05 RE Classes (Tuesday classes
will meet even though Spotsy schools are
closed)
11/11 & 11/12 No 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.

Peace of Christ,
Joanne Warren, DRE



Brother Francis answers the
question, "What is All Saints Day?"
Brother Francis is an award-winning
series created to help parents and
teachers educate children in their Catholic faith.



GOURMET BREAKFAST November 16nd After All Masses in the Parish Center

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

THE 33rd INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING November 15th—23rd

The week will begin with a noon Mass at the Basilica of
the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in
Washington, D.C. followed by Eucharistic Adoration, the
Rosary, Confessions, and speakers. The event is free.
For more information on the weeks events visit
www.iwopf.org or call 703-707-0799.



A GLASS CLASS IS COMING!! 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

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



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will **NOT** meet tonight. Teens will
be attending RALLY. Classes will resume on
November 2nd. 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 today. For more information, contact Joe
Liposky at: or joelip2010@comcast.net or (540) 805-



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 November
1st/2nd.**

SOCIAL OUTREACH IN SEPTEMBER

St. Matthew's Food Pantry assisted 223 families. Our
pantry delivers help to residents of Enoch Manor and Kes-
wick senior apartments on a regular basis, and sends provi-
sions to food pantries in Orange and King George counties.
Our mobile pantry delivers help monthly to families in
Southern parts of our county.

Food Donations totaling 5,914 lbs. came from St. Matthew's
Church, Catholic Charities, Panera (Massaponax), and
Wawa (Spotsylvania),

St. Matthew's Baby Closet assisted 64 families. Baby sup-
plies distributed were valued at \$2,418 and included cloth-
ing, 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 homebound.

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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