

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 5TH, 2025 & THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Mon (10/06) 8:00 AM - JERRY ORTLEY
Tue (10/07) 8:00 AM - JOHN BUCCIGROSSI+
Wed (10/08) 11:00 AM - SCHNEBELEN FAMILY
Thu (10/09) 6:30 AM - ANGELA & ROGER
CHEWNING, SR.
Fri (10/10) 7:30 PM - CECILIA MARTINEZ LARA+
Sat (10/11) 5:30 PM - PETER DAVIS+
Sun (10/12) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
9:30 AM - BEVERLY NORRIS+
11:00 AM - PURTELL & WALLAN FAMILY+



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

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Luke 17:6) God can do great things with even the smallest acts of faith. If you feel a calling to priesthood or consecrated life, have faith that God will provide the strength to follow His will. 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 (10/05 - 10/06) Regular Collection
Building & Grounds Collection

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

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for September 28th was \$12,806. **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.**

NO DAILY MASS OCTOBER 6th - 9th

Father Eversole will be on retreat, so Monday morning Adoration and daily Mass and confessions will be canceled from Monday, October 6th through Thursday, October 9th.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I would appreciate the help of your prayers as I begin a brief course of chemotherapy for a highly treatable form of cancer. My doctors are optimistic, I feel fine, and the side effects of my treatment should be minimal. I rely upon your prayers and support in all things as we serve God together here at St. Matthew's, and I will keep you posted on my progress. Thank you for your prayers and kindness!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. 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 12th READINGS

Kgs 5:14-17

Tm 2:8-13

Lk 17:11-19



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

10/07 & 10/08 RE Classes
10/14 & 10/15 RE Classes
10/21 & 10/22 RE Classes



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.

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



Join Brother Francis in this entertaining and guidance-filled presentation that will inspire children to deepen their faith by praying the Rosary!

Besides being a lot of fun, Brother Francis: The Rosary is a captivating way to help children use their hearts and minds in prayer.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS Monday, October 6th - Monday, November 10th 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Join Deacon Mike Strain for weekly presentations on the Spirituality of St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. These doctors of the Church help us to understand the importance and necessity of daily prayer, and how we can overcome struggles in making progress in our spiritual union with God.

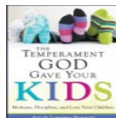


THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED, OCTOBER 13th COLUMBUS DAY

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 FALL FORUM The Temperament God Gave Your Kids



With Art & Laraine Bennett
The Summit Academy
5888 Plank Road, Fredericksburg
Thursday, October 16, 2025
7:00 p.m. Discussion - 8:00 p.m. Reception

For more information go to: thesummitva.org/fallforum



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

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



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, October 10th - Noon. - 3:00 PM

THINKING OF A PRIESTLY VOCATION?



Spend a weekend at a seminary and explore your vocation. Live, pray, eat and recreate with seminarians and experience first-hand what seminary life is like. Join Vocations Director Father Noah Morey for a weekend at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The group departs northern Virginia Friday November 21 at 5:30 p.m. and returns Sunday November 23 in the afternoon. Cost is \$40. Contact the Office of Vocations for more information or to register at 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. The deadline to register for this trip is Monday November 10th.

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, Mary Faulconer, 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, Tony 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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