

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

BUSINESS

MANAGER: Jared Darr
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FACILITIES

MANAGER: Jim Buck

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 - 2:00 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.

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026 & THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Mon (09/14) 8:00 AM - SED HENLEY
Tue (09/15) 8:00 AM - TINA LONG
Wed (09/16) 11:00 AM - THE RASHID FAMILY
Thu (09/17) 6:30 AM - DAVID KRISKOVICH+
Fri (09/18) 7:30 PM - MARCELLE & FRANCIS
VINCINANZO
Sat (09/19) 5:30 PM - MARY ANN ROESER GRAY+
Sun (09/20) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
9:30 AM - SUSAN HULL+
11:00 AM - EDITH PALETTA LOFFERT+



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

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Priests bring Christ's mercy to the world through their ministry, comforting families at funerals, anointing the sick in hospitals and nursing homes, and offering guidance and forgiveness through the sacraments. How is God calling you to share His mercy in your life, and could He be inviting you to serve His people as a priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (09/12 - 09/13) Regular Collection
Missionary Co-op Collection
Next weekend (09/19 - 09/20) Regular Collection
Catholic University

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for September 6th was \$16,412. 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

To donate for Ukraine war relief, please visit:
<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html>

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 or during Christmas Week and Easter Week, or on holy days of obligation.**

CATECHISM FOR ADULTS ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

➡ Are you thinking of joining the Catholic Church?

➡ Are you already Catholic, and wish to refresh your knowledge of the Faith?

Then this informal course of instruction is for you! We meet in the Parish Center on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., beginning on September 1st and continuing until Easter. Those interested should leave their name and telephone number with Father Eversole at the Parish Office (540)582-5575.

AN APPEAL FROM FR. EVERSOLE FOR PEACE AND CALM DURING MASS

I would like to thank everyone who has been cooperating with our parish-wide effort to maintain a peaceful atmosphere for Mass. Your help has already yielded a calmer setting for the Church's perfect prayer, and greater respect for everyone's rights:

the right to take part in the Mass in a peaceful setting;

the right to be able to hear everything that is said or sung at Mass; and

the right to benefit from times of silence during Mass especially after Communion.

"Courtesy is the Sister of Charity"

St. Francis of Assisi

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 20th
READINGS

Is 55:6-9
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Mt 20:1-16a



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

Registration for the 2026-2027 Religious Education year is ongoing. **Classes start next week. There is still space available, so please register as soon as possible.**

Forms can be found in the vestibule of the church, the parish office, or on our website www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org.

Classes will be offered:

Grades K-5 Tuesday from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Grades 6-8 Wednesday from 6:00-7:15 p.m.

A class will be offered for those who need to "catch up" on the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Please call the parish office for more information. **Classes begin September 22nd and 23rd.**

A 6th Grade Catechist Aide is still needed.

Please call the parish office or email Danielle Houck, DRE, at stmatthewre@comcast.net for more information or to volunteer.



Fun with Exalting the Holy Cross | Catholic All Year with Kendra Tierney



In honor of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14th Kendra Tierney shares how to talk to kids about Jesus' suffering. The video includes a family-friendly at home

Veneration of the Cross, and the family's favorite feast day foods.



MASS FOR MARRIAGE JUBILARIANS Sunday, October 18th - 2:30 p.m. Cathedral of St. Thomas More

Celebrating a silver or golden wedding anniversary this year? Were you married in 1976 or 2001? Join Bishop Burbidge for a special celebratory Mass. To register, call the parish office before October 1st. For more information go to: www.arlingtondiocese.org/marriagejubilee.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES COMING THIS FALL Mondays 7:00 p.m. - In the Parish Center

Divine Mercy

A discussion of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska's writings in her "Divine Mercy in My Soul" and our need to understand, seek, and accept Divine Mercy. Beginning Sept. 14th and ending October 19th. Presented by Deacon Mike.

Marian Apparitions

A discussion on Marian Apparitions and their importance to us. Beginning Nov. 2nd and ending December 7th. Presented by Deacon John.

YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade



The countdown begins! The annual Youth Ministry Kick-Off will be held next Sunday, September 20th from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. In the Parish Center. We invite all high schoolers and their families to attend. We are so excited to see our returning teens and meeting new students. There will be dinner, fellowship, and a presentation about our program. Please RSVP to stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com if you are able to attend.



**Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul/St. Faustina Conference
St. Matthew Church and
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**Saturday, October 3, 2026 - 10:00 AM
St. Matthew Church Grounds**

**Onsite registration: 9:00 AM
Or Scan the QR Code**

Event Coordinator
Beth Yorio 540-287-3266



registration: <https://donorbox.org/events/958733>



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, Christine Klein, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Carol 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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