

# ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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**HOURS:** Monday thru Friday  
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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](http://www.svdpstfaustina.org)

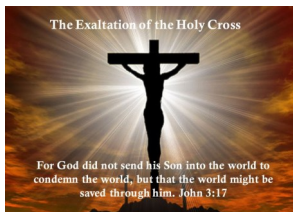
*Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis.* To volunteer, call Dave Scharett: 540-388-8736.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The Assembly meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

# SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 & THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

## MASSSES

Mon (09/15) 8:00 AM - BLADEN BROWN  
Tue (09/16) 8:00 AM - JOHN BUCCIGROSSI+  
Wed (09/17) 11:00 AM - FRANCES GRAY  
Thu (09/18) 6:30 AM - TINA LONG  
Fri (09/19) 7:30 PM - PAULA STAUB+  
Sat (09/20) 5:30 PM - JOHN BUCCIGROSSI+  
Sun (09/21) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S  
9:30 AM - JERRY LUZUM+  
11:00 AM - MICHAEL JARMOLOWICH+



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 God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."* Just as Christ selflessly gave Himself for the sake of humanity, you may be invited to reflect that profound love by dedicating your life to the service of others. Are you open to discerning whether God is calling you to share in this mission through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org)

## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (09/13- 09/14) Regular Collection  
Catholic University Collection  
Next weekend (09/20 - 09/21) Regular Collection  
Missionary Co-op Collection

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for September 7<sup>th</sup> was \$17,601. **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](http://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](http://ukrcatholic.org) (click on "Help Ukraine")  
Donations for Gaza War relief may be made via Catholic Relief Services [crs.org](http://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.**

## MISSIONARY PRIEST NEXT WEEKEND

Father Cyben Vitug, a priest of the Diocese of Sorsogon in the Philippines, will be preaching at all Masses as part of the Missionary Cooperative. The second collection will support efforts to spread the Gospel in Fr. Vitug's diocese, our own diocese, and throughout the world, so please be generous!

## CATECHISM FOR ADULTS HAS BEGUN!

This presentation of the Faith is perfect for all those 18 and older who wish to learn more about Catholicism or join the Catholic Church. Meetings began on September 9<sup>th</sup> and are being held on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. until Easter. Please take advantage of this opportunity for learning and discussion in an informal setting. These meetings serve as instruction for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

**ST. MATTHEW WOMEN'S GUILD  
PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF  
OUR LADY OF LOURDES &  
THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON  
Emmitsburg, Maryland - Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 a.m. Bus Departs - 9:00 p.m. Bus Returns**

All women of the parish are invited to attend. Transportation, tickets and lunch will be provided. Dinner available for purchase at local restaurants. For additional information contact Laura Morris (540)845-7289 or Terrie Yates (540) 582-5575. Reserve your seat no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> Readings

Am 8:4-7  
Tm 2:1-8  
Lk 16:1-13



## 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 2025-2026 Religious Education year is ongoing. **Classes start this 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](http://www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org)

Classes will be offered:

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

Grade 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 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

Peace of Christ,

Joanne Warren, DRE

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Join us in  
**Celebrating the Feast  
of Saint Matthew  
Sunday, September 21  
12:30-3:30 p.m.  
Parish Grounds**

Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair  
(a few tents with tables/chairs will be set up)

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, chips, potato salad, and drinks will be provided by the parish but feel free to bring a dish to share.

Please do not bring alcoholic beverages.

Live music by Paul Gilly  
and the Gunslingers  
Family Games  
Games and Activities for the kids  
Bounce House  
Face Painting  
Corn Hole  
Chili Cook-off

Volunteers are needed to help set up tents, tables and chairs on Sunday morning please contact the parish office if you can help.



## YOUTH MINISTRY 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Youth Ministry will hold its annual kickoff on September 21st from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. There will be a cookout as well as a presentation for parents and teens regarding plans for the coming year. The kickoff is open to all members of the family. If you are planning to attend it is important that you email Sheila Kinley at [stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com).



### A MIGHTY IS HER CALL RETREAT

Saturday, September 27, 2025

9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

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For more information or to Register contact  
Deacon Mark Maines at:

[Mark.Maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:Mark.Maines@arlingtondiocese.org)

### CALLING ALL CHILI CHEFS

**Do you make the best Chili in Spotsylvania?**

Come join our Parish Picnic Chili Cook-off Contest



Bring enough Chili for 30 3oz. tastings to be judged as Father's Favorite or Over All #1. Tastings will be made available between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. with judging to follow. Registration is required by Sept. 15th to participate in this event. Please call Terrie at the Parish Office for more information or to register.

**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, 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](mailto:lynnkobasa_2@msn.com). Send your message with the words "prayer request."



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