ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil ..... Saturday, 5:30 pm
Sunday.....8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Daily
Monday, Tuesday, Saturday.....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……..after 8:00 am Mass

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

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Thurs. 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Rev. Mr. John Hubbarth……...Business Mgr.
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PARISH WEBSITE
www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org

MUSIC MINISTRY
Melanie Bolas, Choir Director
Grayson Cordova, Organist
stmatthewmusic1@comcast.net

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.

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. & 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-6 PM; Fridays 9 AM-12 NOON; 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 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 18TH 2022 ~ 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Mon	(09/19)	8:00 AM - GALIK FAMILY INTENTION
Tues	(09/20)	8:00 AM - ED DOMINY+
Wed	(09/21)	11:00 AM - RICHARD SWEENEY+
Thu	(09/22)	6:30 AM - SAM PURTELL
Fri	(09/23)	7:30 PM - BLADEN BROWN
Sat	(09/24)	8:00 AM - REXTON "SMOKEY" REED+
		5:30 PM - MARY MANGANELLO+
Sun	(09/25)	8:00 AM - REIDER FAMILY INTENTION
		9:30 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
		11:00 AM - MARGUERITE SCHWAB+

Saturday evening and Sunday Masses are being live streamed.

ROSARY ON FRIDAY EVENINGS

7:00 p.m. in the Church

Please join in praying the Rosary for an increase in faith, hope, charity and peace in our country and throughout the world.

VOCATIONS

"No servant can serve two masters."

Are you discerning a vocation to serve the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Fr. Michael Isenberg: (703)841-2514, or write: **michael.isenberg@arlingtondioceseocese.org**

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (09/17-09/18) 1) Regular Collection
Special Needs Collection

Next weekend (09-24-09/25) 1) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for September 11th amounted to $16,903. 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.

Online giving: www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org., go to General Information and choose Online Giving.

PEACE AND FREEDOM IN UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

To donate for war relief, please visit: koc.org/ukraine
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

THE FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST SEPTEMBER 21st

"*Jesus saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office, and he said to him: Follow me.* Jesus saw Matthew, not merely in the usual sense, but more significantly with his merciful understanding of men.

He saw the tax collector and, because he saw him through the eyes of mercy and chose him, he said to him: *Follow me.* This following meant imitating the pattern of his life—not just walking after him. Saint John tells us: *Whoever says he abides in Christ ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.*

And he rose and followed him. There is no reason for surprise that the tax collector abandoned earthly wealth as soon as the Lord commanded him. Nor should one be amazed that neglecting his wealth, he joined a band of men whose leader had, on Matthew's assessment, no riches at all. Our Lord summoned Matthew by speaking to him in words. By an invisible, interior impulse flooding his mind with the light of grace, he instructed him to walk in his footsteps. In this way Matthew could understand that Christ, who was summoning him away from earthly possessions, had incorruptible treasures of heaven in his gift."

St. Bede

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OUTDOOR ROSARY

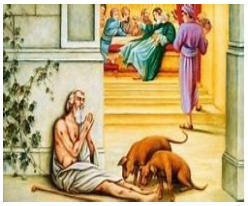
Saturday, September 24th, 4:30 P.M.

Our monthly Saturday Rosary will take place, outdoors in front of the church, weather permitting (in case of inclement weather, it will be held in the Church). Please join us asking Mary's intercession for our country.

SUNDAY READINGS

September 25th, 2022

Am 6:1a, 4-7
1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes have started, but it is not too late to register. Please contact the Religious Education Office for more information.

9/20 & 9/21	RE Classes
9/27 & 9/28	RE Classes
10/04 & 10/05	RE Classes

Peace of Jesus Christ
Joanne Warren

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWSLETTER

The Summer edition of The Mission, Catholic Charities' quarterly newsletter, is now available. This latest edition includes inspiring stories about how the Church, through Catholic Charities, and with the help of local parishes, welcomes refugees, assists homeless mothers with children, and supports seniors struggling to make ends meet as inflation soars. Read The Mission online at ccda.net/the-mission-newsletter/.

K of C CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

Brochures with prices and order forms will be available after weekend Masses Oct. 1st - Oct. 30th .Delivery of items ordered will be Nov. 20th - Nov. 26th . For more information, contact Joe Liposky at 540-805-5466 or joelip2010@comcast.net.

PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

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

Matt Ahart, Rosanne Backhus, Bob Beals, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Mary Buccigrossi, Helen Cash, Mary Cave, Ryan Cunningham, Betty Davis, Patrick Denny, Dave Downs, Matthew Duffy, Fr. Alex Drummond, Diane Edling, Tom Faleskie, Alice Foley, Lisa Foos, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Mary Gibbons, George Granofsky, Luke Harring, Marie Harrington, Tony Hubbarth, David Hunziker, Marie Johnson, John Mahoney, Melissa Martinez, Stephen Middleton, Robert Monastra, Mary Ann Myers, Ellis Newhouse, Vicky O'Donnell, Maria Osorio, Glovenia Pauls, Jeff Pignataro, Mary Ann Ptasznik, Pete Rekdal, Susan Sablon-Harrington, Dave Scharett, Sid Sidelko, Charles Sill, Natalie (Caporali) Smith, Ron Smith, Tim Sottek, Matt Storm, Judy Sullivan, Cole Therault, Leonard Thompson, Sam Tomarchio, Charles & Stephen Weaver, Chrissie Weaver, and Nicholas Yaworski.

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."

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry will hold its annual kickoff on Sunday, September 25th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. There will be food, games, and a presentation for the parents and teens regarding plans for the coming year, the calendar of events and cost expectations. The kickoff is open to all members of the family. **If you are planning to attend, it is important you let Deacon Mike Strain know by Wednesday, September 21st by emailing him at deaconmike2@comcast.net.**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
In the Parish Center

Starting September 26th join Deacon Mike Strain as he begins discussing **The Acts of the Apostles, the Beginning of Our Church.**

DAY OF HEALING AND PRAYER

October 15, 2022

project rachel
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A day of prayer and healing for women who have experienced abortion, in a private and peaceful setting. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703)841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

SOCIAL OUTREACH IN AUGUST

St. Faustina Conference SVdP received 178 calls. The home visitation team worked 89 cases, and provided assistance to 7 families, homeless persons and elderly living alone. Financial and in-kind assistance for utility bills, medicine, rent, food, clothing and other needs came to $5,644.80, including funds provided by Catholic Charities. Donations in the amount of $20,108.51 were received from SVdP Members, St. Matthew Church, St. Patrick's, Catholic Charities, Friends of St. Vincent de Paul, and the SVdP website, Friends of the Poor Walk, and iGive.

St. Matthew's Food Pantry assisted 196 families. Our pantry delivers help to residents of Enoch Manor and Keswick senior apartments on a regular basis, and gives provisions to food pantries in Orange and King George counties.

Food Donations totaling 5,594 lbs. came from St. Patrick's Church/Knights of Columbus, St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Charities, and Panera (Massaponax).

St. Matthew's Baby Closet assisted 61 families. Baby supplies distributed were valued at $2,220.00 and included clothing, formula, lotion, shampoo, blankets, baby wash, baby bottles, diapers, and diaper rash lotion.

St. Matthew's Thrift Store volunteers are working Mon. - Fri. to provide affordable shopping for clothing and household needs and to generate proceeds in support of charitable activities.

St. Matthew's Good Samaritans are resuming visits to the homebound.

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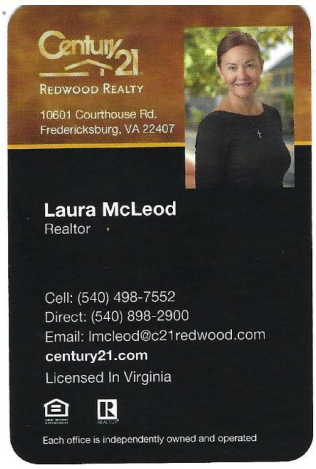

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