

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.

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2025 & THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (09/22) 8:00 AM - CAROL & PHIL DELL'UOMO
Tue (09/23) 8:00 AM - JAN MARIE COLEMAN
Wed (09/24) 11:00 AM - JANET MANN
Thu (09/25) 6:30 AM - KEN LUZUM+
Fri (09/26) 7:30 PM - JOEL NGUMBAH
Sat (09/27) 5:30 PM - MARY MANGANELLO+
Sun (09/28) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
9:30 AM - RUSSELL YATES+
11:00 AM - JOHN BUCCIGROSSI+



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

"No servant can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and mammon." Luke 16:13), A vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life is a call to single-hearted service to God. If you think you have a vocation to one of these then 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 (09/20 - 09/21) Regular Collection
Missionary Cooperative Collection
Next weekend (09/27 - 09/28) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for September 14th was \$13,148. **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.**

FROM THE PASTOR THANK YOU!

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for attending our Parish Picnic today! I appreciate the hard work of all those who helped to organize this event, including our DRE, Mrs. Joanne Warren, and the Knights of Columbus.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Eversole

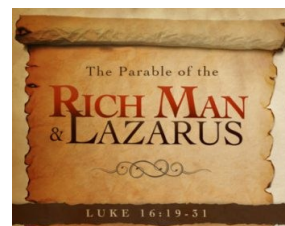


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

Brochures with prices and order forms will be available after weekend Masses beginning Saturday, October 4th thru Sunday, October 26th. For more information, contact Joe Liposky at: (540)805-5466 or joelip2010@comcast.net.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH Readings

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



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

Religious Education have begun. **There is still space available in most classes, please call the Religious Education office for more information.**

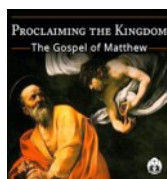
Classes offered are:

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.

Peace of Christ,
Joanne Warren, DRE



The audio course "Proclaiming the Kingdom" systematically unpacks the riches of the Gospel of Matthew. Sometimes called "the Gospel of the Kingdom" because of its central theme, Matthew was the most often quoted of the four gospels in the writings of the early Church Fathers. These talks were originally delivered to an audience of priests and deacons on retreat at St. Vincent's Archabbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. They are both theologically rich and eminently practical.



MASS FOR JUBILARIANS Sunday, October 19th, 2:30 p.m. Cathedral of St. Thomas More Arlington, VA

If you were married in 1975 or 2000, please join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2025 Mass for Jubilarians.. Contact the parish office to register no later than October 3rd. For more information visit:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/marriagejubilee/>



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



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will hold its annual kickoff tonight 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.



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 6301 Campus Drive, Fredericksburg, VA Open House, Wed. Sept. 24th 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

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



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

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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