

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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HOURS: Monday thru Friday
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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 28TH, 2025 & THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (09/29) 8:00 AM - ALEXIA+
Tue (09/30) 8:00 AM - MANNING/OLANDER FAMILIES
Wed (10/01) 11:00 AM - SYLVIA BIBBY
Thu (10/02) 6:30 AM - JOYCE JURKIW+
Fri (10/03) 7:30 PM - MONICA MACINDOE+
Sat (10/04) 5:30 PM - PAULA STAUB+
Sun (10/05) 8:00 AM - LAURA & COLONEL SMITH+
9:30 AM - RICHARD BOHMER+
11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW



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 they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." (Luke 16:31) This Priesthood Sunday, pray for vocations and for those who have answered the call to be witnesses of the Gospel. Write a letter or send a message to a priest who has inspired you, letting them know that you are praying for them, and ask them to pray for you as you discern your vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (09/27 - 09/28) Regular Collection
Next weekend (10/05 - 10/06) Regular Collection
Buildings & Grounds Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for September 21st was \$14,174. **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.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

Begins Monday, October 6th

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. Meetings will run from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Mondays from October 6th through November 10th.



**COFFEE AND DONUTS
FOLLOWING ALL MASSES**
October 5, 2025 - In the Parish Center
Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul

SUNDAY October 5th Readings

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Tm 1:6-8, 13-

Lk 17:5-10



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

9/30 & 10/01 RE Classes
(Fire Drill this week)
10/07 & 10/08 RE Classes
10/14 & 10/15 RE Classes

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, DRE



Sing the Angel of God prayer aloud and learn it by heart,
as well as what the Catechism says.



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MUSIC! October 2nd is the Feast of the Guardian
Angels.

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 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 will be
available for purchase by attendees at
local restaurants. For additional infor-
mation contact Laura Morris (540)845-
7289 or Terrie Yates (540)582-5575. Reserve your seat
no later than October 1st.



MASS FOR JUBILIARANS
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/>



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will meet tonight from 6:30-
8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. For more
information, please contact Sheila Kinley at:
stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.

SOCIAL OUTREACH IN AUGUST

St. Matthew's Food Pantry assisted 242 families. Our
pantry delivers help to residents of Enoch Manor and
Keswick senior apartments on a regular basis, and sends
provisions to food pantries in Orange and King George
counties. Our mobile pantry delivers help monthly to
families in Southern parts of our county.

Food Donations totaling 5,294 lbs. came from St.
Matthew's Church, Catholic Charities, Panera
(Massaponax), and Wawa (Spotsylvania),

St. Matthew's Baby Closet assisted 52 families. Baby
supplies distributed were valued at \$2,095 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. -
Sat. to provide affordable shopping for clothing and
household needs and to generate proceeds in support of
charitable activities. Volunteers are needed!

St. Matthew's Good Samaritans are visiting the home-
bound.

SHADOW A JOHN PAUL the GREAT WOLF

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

Brochures with prices and order forms and
Christmas Cards 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.

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
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