

# ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

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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..... 4:30 pm

***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

## 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 arrange visitation of the elderly, the sick or the homebound.

## SAINT MATTHEW THRIFT STORE (Breezewood Shopping Center)

Address: 10639 Courthouse Road • Telephone: 540-834-2479.

Hours: M-F 10 AM-3PM; Sat. 9:30 AM-2:30 PM; Sun.-Closed

*Volunteers and donations of clothing, household items and furniture needed on a continuing basis.*

## SVdP FOOD PANTRY (Breezewood Shopping Center)

Address: 10643 Courthouse Road • Telephone: 540-834-5555.

Hours: 1<sup>st</sup> four Wednesdays 4 PM-6 PM; 1<sup>st</sup> four Fridays 9 AM-11 AM;

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 9AM-11AM; closed 5<sup>th</sup> Weeks. *Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis.*

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Saint Faustina Conference

**SVdP Hotline:** 540-834-5555. Website: [www.svdpsfaustina.org](http://www.svdpsfaustina.org)

*Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Lilian Fay, 540-379-6466.*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Bishop Keating Council 12434 meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the St. Joseph Parish Center; 4<sup>th</sup> degree, The Fathers Cilinski Assembly meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. of each month at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. For information, call the Parish Office 540-582-5575.

# APRIL 2, 2017 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASSES

**Mon (04/03) 8:00 AM - BROWN FAMILY INTEN. AKA PRINTING**  
**Tues (04/04) 8:00 AM - TRACIE & LEONARD SHORT**  
**Wed (04/05) 11:00 AM - IRIS CRAWFORD & GRAYSON NEWCOMB**  
**Thu (04/06) 6:30 AM - JEFF FITZPATRICK +**  
**Fri (04/07) 7:30 PM - ROSEMARIE GORTLER +**  
**Sat. (04/08) 8:00 AM - DECEASED of WHITTAKER FAMILY +**  
**5:30 PM - SUSAN CLAY**  
**Sun (04/09) 8:00 AM - LOUIS ACHILLE +**  
**9:30 AM - HOLLY & ZACH YOUNG**  
**11:00 AM - PEOPLE of ST. MATTHEW'S**

## Mass Intentions



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## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (04/01-04/02) 1) Regular  
 2) Bldgs/Grounds  
 Next weekend (04/08-04/09) 1) Regular

Please remember that second collections, when scheduled, are taken up after Communion. If you are not receiving collection envelopes, please call Jane at the parish office.

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

**Last weekend's First Collection amounted to \$12,364. THANK YOU!** In order to meet our Parish's operating expenses and save for future projects, **the First Collection should bring in at least \$11,000 every weekend.**

Please keep in mind that the First Collection at Sunday Mass, funds all operating expenses of your parish, including salaries, utilities and administrative needs.

**2017 Increased Offertory Program:** Each year the parish asks its registered households to give prayerful consideration to their support for Saint Matthew's. Information about the program has been made available through the mail and the bulletin, and at Mass. Can your household increase its weekly donation to the first collection in the new year? Because of the generosity of many households, Saint Matthew's has been able to expand its ministries and improve its facilities. Please help your parish continue with this progress.

Weekly Collection envelopes and online giving options ([www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org](http://www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org)) are available to all parishioners.

## THE IMPORTANCE of BAPTISM

"The baptized have become 'living stones' to be 'built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood.' (1 Pet 2:5) By Baptism they share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission. **Baptism gives a share in the common priesthood of all believers.**



Having become a member of the Church, the person baptized belongs no longer to himself, but to him who died and rose for us. (Cf. 1 Cor 6:19; 2 Cor 5:15) From now on, he is called to be subject to others, to serve them in the communion of the Church, and to 'obey and submit' to the Church's leaders, holding them in respect and affection. (Cf. Eph 5:21; 1 Cor 16:15-16; 1 Thess 5:12-13; Jn 13:12-15) Just as Baptism is the source of responsibilities and duties, the baptized person also enjoys rights within the Church: to receive the sacraments, to be nourished with the Word of God and to be sustained by the other spiritual helps of the Church.

'Reborn as sons of God, [the baptized] must profess before men the faith they have received from God through the Church and participate in the apostolic and missionary activity of the People of God.'

*Catechism of the Catholic Church #1268-1269*



## LENTEN ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH April 5<sup>th</sup> thru April 7<sup>th</sup>

**Wed. April 5<sup>th</sup>** Mass.....11:00 a.m.  
 Confessions.....After 11:00 a.m. Mass  
 & 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Fri. April 7<sup>th</sup>** Soup Supper.....5:45-6:45 p.m.  
 Stations of the Cross.....7:00 p.m.  
 Confessions.....7:00 p.m.  
 Mass.....7:30 p.m.



Eucharistic Adoration..8:00 p.m.-12:00 MN



The April 7<sup>th</sup> Soup Supper will be hosted by our Knights of Columbus.

Thank you to our SVdP, Thrift Store, & Food Pantry volunteers for hosting last Friday's Soup Supper.

## SUNDAY READINGS APRIL 9, 2017-- Palm Sunday

Mt 21: 1-11

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14--27:66





## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

04/04 & 04/05 RE Classes  
04/11 & 04/12 RE Classes  
04/18 & 04/19 NO RE Classes



During Lent students in grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to go to Confession during their regular class time on the dates indicated below. Classes will dismiss at the normal time from the classrooms.

**Wednesday**  
04/05

Grade 8

04/11 & 04/12

Stations of the Cross  
The Stations of the Cross will begin immediately following Benediction. The children will then go to their classrooms and be dismissed at the normal time.

### Story time with Jesus



And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one, "Surely it is not I?" He said to them, "One of the Twelve, the one who \_\_\_\_\_." (Hint: Mark14:18-20)

Peace of Jesus Christ,  
Joanne Warren

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## WORKSHOP ON INFERTILITY, MISCARRIAGE & INFANT LOSS

The Office for Family Life is sponsoring a workshop for couples struggling with infant loss and infertility on **Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** (9:00 a.m. Mass). The workshop will be held at Holy Trinity Church in Gainesville, VA. Cost is \$15.00 per person and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/pregnancylossworkshop](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/pregnancylossworkshop) to register.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



Youth Ministry will meet this evening, Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and next Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

The Youth will be going on a hike to Shenandoah National Park on **Saturday, April 8th**. For further details on Youth Ministry activities, visit the parish website: [www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org](http://www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org).

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



On Tuesday, April 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center, Deacon John will continue his Adult Education/Lenten Retreat on the Holy Spirit. The topic this week will be: **"The Gifts of the Holy Spirit."**

**THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF GIFTS, BUT THE SAME SPIRIT DISTRIBUTES THEM. THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF SERVICE, BUT THE SAME LORD. THERE ARE DIFFERENT KINDS OF WORKING, BUT IN ALL OF THEM AND IN EVERYONE IT IS THE SAME GOD AT WORK.**

1 CORINTHIANS 12

Beginning on **Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m., Deacon Mike will be presenting **"The Bible and Liturgy."**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



**Rita Bobik, Dan Carver, Carol Mauro, Charlie Lowe, Mary Faulconer, Monica Ellis, Sid Sidelko, Christina Good, Harold Ellis, Lorenzo Ellis, Doreen Ellis, Margaret Lansden, Carol Martin, Betty Messink, Ed O'Brien, Lester Sexton, John Bernard, Melissa Martinez, Zack Yorio, Amy Whittaker, Tim Flanagan, and Ted Hokuana.**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** For parishioners and immediate family members or for emergency situations, please contact Lynn Kobasa at [lynnkobasa@verizon.net](mailto:lynnkobasa@verizon.net) or Sharon Shappy at (540) 207-0553. Please send your message with the words "prayer request."

## ADDICTION RECOVERY ASSISTANCE



Recovery and support meetings are 12 step programs for individuals suffering from addiction to alcohol and/ or narcotics and their family members suffering the feelings of desperation and disappointment caused by their exposure to the behavior of a loved one who is an active alcoholic/addict. Visit [www.intherooms.com](http://www.intherooms.com) for general information and there are brochures in our church vestibule pamphlet rack with local meeting schedules.

**Coffee & Donuts** Coffee and Donuts are being served by our SVdP Society today after all Masses, in the Parish Center.

Our monthly **food drive** is taking place today, **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** after all Masses, in the Parish Center.