

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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Rev. Mr. Paul Gregory
Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

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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

Friday7:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Normally heard at the following times:

Mondayafter 8:00 am Mass

Tuesdayafter 8:00 am Mass

Wednesday.....after 11:00 am Mass

Thursday.....after 6:30 am Mass

Friday7:00 pm

Saturday4:30 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: 1st four Wednesdays 4 PM-6 PM; 1st four Fridays 9 AM-11 AM;

2nd & 4th Saturdays 9AM-11AM; closed 5th 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.svdpstfaustina.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 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the St. Joseph Parish Center; 4th degree, The Fathers Cilinski Assembly 3568 meets 3rd Mon. of each month at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. For information, call the Parish Office 540-582-5575.

AUGUST 27, 2017 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions For The Week

Mon (08/28)	8:00 AM - BETTY MESSINK
Tues (08/29)	8:00 AM - ALPHONSE ANDRES +
Wed (08/30)	11:00 AM - AMY WHITTAKER
Thu (08/31)	6:30 AM - CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT
Fri (09/01)	7:30 PM - CHELSIE HUBBARTH
Sat (09/02)	8:00 AM - SAM & DELLA WALLAN + 5:30 PM - ANNA BUCCIGROSSI +
Sun (09/03)	8:00 AM - RITA MEDINA + 9:30 AM - DIFFERENT PEOPLE 11:00 AM - PEOPLE of ST. MATTHEW'S



BISHOP MARTIN MTUMBUKA of KARONGA, MALAWI

Next weekend, **September 2nd/3rd**, Bishop Martin Mtumbuka of Malawi will be speaking at all Masses, as part of the 2017 Arlington Diocese's Mission Cooperative Plan. He is the first bishop of The Diocese of Karonga, established in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI, located in SE Africa and covering 5,400 square miles. He serves 61,000 Catholics. Please welcome him and pray for him.

Current and Upcoming Collection

This weekend (08/26-08/27) 1) Regular

Next weekend (09/02-09/03) 1) Regular
2) Bldgs/Grounds

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

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

Last weekend's First Collection amounted to \$11,319. **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, in the bulletin, and at Mass. Can your household increase its weekly donation to the first collection. 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) are available to all parishioners.

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH FOR ADULTS

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic? Were you Baptized as a Catholic, but have not yet received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation?

Then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you! Our meetings are on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center, beginning on September 5th and continuing until Easter. There is no need to register in advance - simply come to the first meeting. The fundamentals of the Catholic Faith are presented in an informal setting, with opportunities for questions and discussion.



This course is also useful for those who are curious about the Catholic Church or Catholics who wish to review their catechism. Questions should be directed to Father Eversole at the Parish Office.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

7:00 PM-CONFESSIONS

7:30 PM- MASS

8:00 PM-12:00 Midnight
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

Jude Murphy, Madeline Murphy, William Kerwin, Erin Burke, Irene Foltz, Joe Fillare, Bill Barrett, Chris Warren, Richard Saunders, Carol Martin, Beverley Liposky, Rita Bobik, Marie Ellis, Sid Sidelko, Ed O'Brien, John Bernard, Zack Yorio, Amy Whittaker, Tim Flanagan, Ted Hokoana, Margaret Lansden, John Riley, and Dwight Mottet.

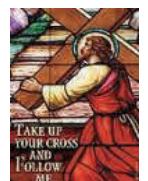
PRAYER REQUESTS: For parishioners and immediate family members or for emergency situations, please contact Lynn Kobasa at lynnkobasa_2@msn.com (note email change) or Sharon Shappy at (540) 207-0553. Send your message with the words "prayer request."

SUNDAY READINGS September 3, 2017

Jer 20:7-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for the Religious Education Year for grades K-8 has begun. Our classes will begin **September 26th & 27th**.

Grades K & 1 will be offered Tuesday from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Grades 2-4 will be offered on two nights: either Tuesday evening from 5:00-6:15 or Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:15.

Grades 5-8 will be offered Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:15.

Registration forms have been mailed to all those families who were registered last year. Forms can also be found in the vestibule of the church or on the church website.

Peace of Jesus Christ,
Joanne Warren

SAVE THE DATE!



Our Knights of Columbus Council will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on **Saturday, Sept. 9th, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass**. There will be gluten-free meals available. **RSVP by Wed., Sept. 6th** to the Parish Office (582-5575) or George Knight (785-0977).



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! SENIOR MASS & LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass begins at 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon in the Parish Center. Please bring a dish to the Parish Hall (**prior to Mass**) following these guidelines:

- A-L Tossed Salads**
- M-S Desserts**
- T-Z Bread & Butter**

RSVP by Friday, Sept. 15th, by phone (582-5575) or email (stmatthewsec@comcast.net).

YOUTH MINISTRY



On **Friday, Sept. 8th**, Deacon Mike will bless and initiate the new Youth Ministry fire pit and benches (behind the Parish Center on the gravel lot) built by Jonathan Crespo and other volunteers. Then hamburgers and hot dogs will be grilled to celebrate the end of the first week of school! The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



On Tuesday, **Sept. 12th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Ctr., the Adult Formation classes will resume. Deacon Paul Gregory will present an introduction to "Catholic Morals and Ethics." All are welcome.



RETREAT FOR PEOPLE FACING SERIOUS ILLNESS SEPT. 22ND - SEPT. 24TH

This retreat offers a unique opportunity for men & women facing serious physical illness to come away for a weekend retreat of spiritual renewal and refreshment. Celebrate life and the love of the Lord Jesus in a beautiful and comfortable place (San Damiano Retreat House) among caring and generous people. **Register by Fri., Sept. 1, 2017** at retreat@ccda.net or (703) 841-3830. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org

"FEED MY LAMBS... TEND MY SHEEP"

(John 21:15-16)



The following are just a few examples of what St. Matthew's accomplished in **July** with help from other parishes and organizations in the area. **THANK YOU!**

The St. Faustina Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul fed **313 families** and **1,253 individuals**, distributing **12,564 lbs.** of food through the Food Pantry and Enoch George Manor. St. Matthew's parishioners donated **685 lbs.** of food; St. Patrick's - \$500 & 957 lbs.; St. Jude's - \$160 & 245 lbs.; St. Mary's - 368 lbs.; Bread for Our Brothers - 510 lbs.; Costco - 98 lbs.; Miller Farms - 717 lbs.; Panera Bread - 548 lbs.; Catholic Charities - 3,910 lbs.; Wegman's - 167 lbs.; misc.- 22 lbs. & \$243; Friends of the Pantry - \$1,400; Work Camp-600 lbs. Food card sales totaled \$600. Seven families received **130 lbs.** of food through the USDA Program. **Ten families** were provided with shelter and utility needs. There were **54** hot line calls. Also, **22** former foster children who are transitioning to college were provided with gift cards and backpacks.

The Baby Closet served 84 families with a combined total of 118 children. We distributed DC Diaper Bank diapers to **50 children** and non-diaper bank diapers to **68 children**. This is an increase in the number of families supported from the previous month.

Good Samaritans visited many to minister to their physical and spiritual needs. This does not include those visited weekly by our clergy to provide the Sacraments. **THANK YOU!** If you would like to be visited or volunteer, please call the parish office.



SVdP FOOD PANTRY

CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

ST. MATTHEW PARISH CTR.

FREE ADMISSION



Hot dogs & hamburgers provided by Knights of Columbus
Donations accepted

Bring a bag of non-perishable groceries & get a raffle ticket.

VENDORS NEEDED

Contact Betty Messink at 540-891-7402 or betty91@verizon.net to reserve your space.

(All proceeds from Space Rental will benefit SVdP and our Food Pantry)