

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:

Mondayafter 8:00 am Mass

Tuesdayafter 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: 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 6, 2017 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

MASSES

Mon (08/07) 8:00 AM - FR. JOE CURRIE + & JOAN BELCHER +
Tues (08/08) 8:00 AM - LISA & TOM FALESKIE
Wed (08/09) 11:00 AM - EMPLOYMENT
Thu (08/10) 6:30 AM - JOSEPHINE KLOTZ
Fri (08/11) 7:30 PM - DECEASED OF CONNER FAM. +
Sat. (08/12) 8:00 AM - MARY'S SHELTER
5:30 PM - MARY FAULCONER
Sun (08/13) 8:00 AM - JOSEPH LIBERTI +
9:30 AM - LOUIS ACHILLE +
11:00 AM - PEOPLE of ST. MATTHEW'S



Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (08/05-08/06) 1) Regular
 2) Bldgs/Grounds
 Next weekend (08/12-08/13) 1) Regular
 2) Disability Awareness

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 \$11,225. 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

THE TRANSFIGURATION

Today's feast has long been celebrated throughout the Eastern and Western Church on the same day. During the fifteenth century it was extended to the universal Church by Pope Calixtus III.

Twice during the Liturgical year we remember the Transfiguration in a special way. First, on the Second Sunday of Lent, to affirm the divinity of Christ before we commemorate his Passion. And second, today, as we recall the exaltation of Christ in anticipation of his eternal glory. This revelation prefigured the splendor of heaven where we will see God face to face. Through grace, we acquire the seed of eternal life during our present existence and begin to participate to a certain extent in the promise of salvation even now.

The Lord wants to strengthen us with the hope of heaven too, especially if at some point the way becomes taxing, and discouragement causes us to falter. Thinking about the life of heaven will help us be strong and to persevere. May we not fail to keep before our eyes the final destination prepared for us by God the Father.

Fr. Francis Fernandez

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017 (HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION)

MASS TIMES:

MON., AUG. 14TH (VIGIL) - 7:30 PM
TUES., AUG. 15TH
8:00 AM and 7:30 PM



PORTO CHARITIES ANNUAL COLLECTION For God's Special Children

Bishop Burbidge has endorsed **Porto Charities "Special Kids, Special Needs Collection"** on behalf of intellectually and developmentally challenged youth within the diocese. Next weekend's second collection will assist special need programs to special need students within the diocese. Please be generous in your support of this worthwhile endeavor.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD DRIVE

Food collection will take place after all Masses in the St. Joseph Parish Center this weekend.



KNIGHT'S GOURMET BREAKFAST SUNDAY AFTER ALL MASSES IN THE PARISH CENTER

SUNDAY READINGS August 13, 2017

1Kgs 19:9a,11-13a

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

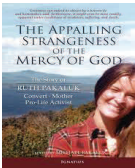
Grades K & 1 will be offered Tuesday from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

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 were mailed last week 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



This book is the powerful story of an amazing woman, Ruth Pakaluk, who converted to Catholicism at Harvard, married her college sweetheart, and joyfully welcomed seven children. She became a renowned pro-life leader and brilliant debater, who was struck with breast cancer and died at the young age of forty-one. Ruth's inspiring story is told primarily through her humorous, sparkling, and insightful letters in which her realistic cheerfulness shines. A biographical overview by her husband fills in important details about her life, and a collection of her talks on abortion, faith, and being a Catholic wife and mother conclude the volume. **Sign up for free at www.formed.org: parish code V3RRFV.**

SEASONS of HOPE BEREAVEMENT GROUP

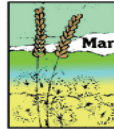
The bereavement group, "Seasons of Hope," will start a new session beginning **Tuesday, August 8th, from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**, and run for six consecutive Tuesdays, in the St. Jude Church Activity Ctr. The program is for those who have lost a spouse at least 3 months previously. For information or to register, please call the St. Jude office, (540) 891-7350.

MORNINGS of MERCY for DIVORCED CATHOLICS SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017



Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats that deal with topics such as grief, parenting, suffering and hope. The morning will include Mass, a featured speaker, time for discussion, and Benediction. The retreat will be hosted at St. Veronica Catholic Church in Chantilly. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org to register or for more information.

2017 MARRIAGE JUBILEE MASS



Are you celebrating a **Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this Year?** Were you married in **1967 or 1992?** Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the **2017 Marriage Jubilee Mass** to be celebrated on **Sun., October 15th at 2:30 p.m.** at the Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Potomac Falls, VA.

Please contact the parish office, 582-5575, by **September 22nd** to register. For more information visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH
9:00 AM-2:00 PM
ST. JOSEPH PARISH CTR.**



Sign ups: This weekend, Aug. 5th/6th after all Masses. Contact Mark Zaepfel, (540) 845-8194 for information.



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017
7:00 PM--ST. JUDE ACTIVITY CTR.
10725 COURTHOUSE RD.**



HELP AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Join us for a Day of Prayer & Healing for Women, **Saturday, September 30, 2017**, for confidential help after abortion. To register call 888-0456-4673 or visit helpafterabortion.org.



PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

Al Pitts, Blanche Satterlee, Bill Barrett, Chris Warren, Richard Saunders, Carol Martin, Beverly Liposky, Rita Bobik, Monica Ellis, Sid Sidelko, Ed O'Brien, John Bernard, Melissa Martinez, Zack Yorio, Amy Whittaker, Tim Flanagan, Ted Hokoana, Bradley Miller, Margaret Lansden, Sevinc May 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."

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER for
COLLEGE STUDENTS DAY
AUGUST 13, 2017**



Please pray for college-age students--they are our future and they need our united prayers so God will strengthen them and give them grace to stand for all that is good and true on campus and in their lives. Please visit www.prayingcollegemoms.org for information about **Praying College Moms**.