

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:

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: 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.

JULY 23, 2017 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (07/24) 8:00 AM - MARY ANNE BUCCIGROSSI
Tues (07/25) 8:00 AM - STAN NICHOLS +
Wed (07/26) 11:00 AM - DECEASED OF BUCCIGROSSI
& PENN FAMILIES +
Thu (07/27) 6:30 AM - J. DONLAN PIEDMONT +
Fri (07/28) 7:30 PM - FIORITO FAMILY INTEN.
Sat. (07/29) 8:00 AM - FR. PATRICK ISAAC +
5:30 PM - JOE RIBLEY
Sun (07/30) 8:00 AM - ANDRIANA PUCCIA +
9:30 AM - AMY ELIZABETH WHITTAKER
11:00 AM - PEOPLE of ST. MATTHEW'S



Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (07/22-07/23) 1) Regular

Next weekend (07/29-07/30) 1) Regular

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 \$11,495. **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 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) are available to all parishioners.

MUSTARD SEED FAITH

"What do we really believe? It is as though man were realizing for the first time what is involved in this profession of Christianity. It is as though we were going through the Creed slowly, and saying to ourselves, "Do I believe this, and this, and this?"

Faith is required when we speak of obedience. Faith in a God who created us, a God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Faith in a God to whom we owe obedience for the very reason that we have been endowed with freedom to obey or disobey. Love, beauty, truth, all the attributes of God which we see reflected about us in creatures, in the very works of man himself, whether it is bridges or symphonies wrought by his hands, fill our hearts with such wonder and gratitude that we cannot help but obey and worship.

Lord, I believe, help my unbelief."

Servant of God Dorothy Day



PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

Mildred Wilson, Blanche Satterlee, Betty Reilly, 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, Margaret Lansden, and Dwight Mottet.

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



SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th
9:00 AM-2:00 PM

St. Joseph Parish Center

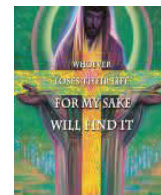
Sign-ups: July 29th/30th and Aug. 5th/6th after all Masses. Contact Mark Zaepfel (540) 845-8194 for information.

SUNDAY READINGS July 30, 2017

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Rom 8:28-30,

Mt 13:44-52

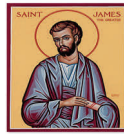




ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Mary Magdalene was one of Christ's disciples. She was given the name "Magdalene" because, although Jewish, she lived in a Gentile town, Magdala, in northern Galilee. Jesus cleansed her of seven demons, forgiving her of her sins. She was a devoted follower of Jesus, known by some as "the apostle to the apostles". She is said to have been the first person to see Jesus after He rose from the dead. Her feast day is July 22nd.

ST. JAMES



St. James the Greater was one of the first disciples of Jesus. The son of Zebedee, he and his brother, John, were fishermen when Jesus called them to follow Him. He was one of only three apostles chosen by Jesus to witness His Transfiguration. He is believed to be the first of the apostles to be martyred for his faith. His feast day is celebrated on July 25th.

NATIONAL NFP AWARENESS WEEK JULY 23-29, 2017

The 2017 theme for Natural Family Planning Week is "It's Time! Say 'Yes' to God's Plan for Married Love." For more information on NFP, please see brochures in the church vestibule, or visit the website: www.arlingtondiocese.org (Click on Marriage & Family- NFP).



DIOCESAN ALTAR SERVER PICNIC

All altar servers and their parent(s) are invited to this picnic on **Tues., Aug. 8th at Lake Fairfax Park, Reston, VA, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Email the Vocations Office, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or call (703) 841-2514.

SHARE



The **SHARE Food Program**, supported by Catholic Charities, St. Matthew Church and the Knights of Columbus, is seeking a volunteer to provide the leadership to manage the monthly distribution of quality reduced price groceries to SHARE customers. **This program has been sponsored by our parish for 25 years!** Please reach out and help us to continue here or we may have to offer it to other local Catholic churches.

Please call Jim Berry at (540) 834-0788 for details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers are needed to work Wednesday afternoons or Friday mornings at the St. Faustina Food Pantry, located in the Breezewood Shopping Ctr. Please help us serve the hungry and needy. Contact Frank Mauro: cfmauro@yahoo.com or (703) 980-3318 or Barbara Brandao: (540) 548-2005.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Friday, July 28th is the Arlington Diocese **Kings Dominion Day**. The day will begin with Mass at St. Mary's, Fredericksburg, at 9:00 a.m. Following Mass, we will travel to King's Dominion. It is anticipated that some adults/teens will return about 7:00 p.m. Those who choose to stay until the park closes at 10:00 p.m. will return to St. Matthew's around 11:00 p.m. The cost of admission is \$35 in addition to spending money for food/souvenirs. All teens, including those entering 9th grade in the fall are invited. For more information, visit deaconmike2@comcast.net

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



"Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known." Experience increased trust and intimacy in your marriage through a **World Wide Marriage Encounter** weekend. The next weekends are: **Sept. 15-17, 2017 in Herndon, VA and Oct. 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD.** Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

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.

LAUDATE! CHOIR CAMP

Foster your child's love of music this summer with an exciting, intense, and rewarding choir camp, held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, **July 31-August 4**. Open to all rising 2nd-12th grade children. Activities are geared to all skill levels. Experienced instructors will foster a love of sacred music, with an emphasis on Catholic choral tradition. For information, contact Jon Laird at laudatechoircamp.com

Mary's Shelter **RSVP BY JULY 24**

for love is the beauty of the soul

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