

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.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 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.

MAY 21, 2017 ☪ 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSSES

Mon (05/22) 8:00 AM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Tues (05/23) 8:00 AM - STEPHANIE HITESHEW
Wed (05/24) 11:00 AM - JOSEPH KRZAN, SR. +
Thu (05/25) 6:30 AM - RICH FAMILY INTEN.
Fri (05/26) 7:30 PM - JENKINS FAMILY INTEN.
Sat. (05/27) 8:00 AM - BRIAN CONNER +
5:30 PM - RICHARD SUENNEN +
Sun (05/28) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE of ST. MATTHEW'S
9:30 AM - THOMAS M. HAYES +
11:00 AM - ED O'BRIEN



Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (05/20-05/21) 1) Regular
2) Diocesan Retired Priests

Next weekend (05/27-05/28) 1) Regular
2) Cath. Communications

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 \$11,665. **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) are available to all parishioners.

FATIMA PRAYERS

Prayers Given by Our Lady

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee!
My God, my God,
I love Thee in the Most
Blessed Sacrament!

SACRIFICE PRAYER

O Jesus, it is for love of You,
for the conversion of sinners,
and in reparation
for the sins committed against
the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

DECADE PRAYER

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins,
save us from the fires of hell.
Lead all souls to Heaven, especially
those most in need of Thy mercy.
(Said after each decade of the Rosary)

MINISTRY FAIR SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH



Do you want to participate more in activities at St. Matthew's, but are uncertain as to what opportunities are available? Then plan now to meet representatives from St. Matthew's ministries at our **Parish Ministry Fair, Sunday, June 4th after all Masses** in the St. Joseph Parish Center.



Also, our Knights of Columbus will be serving their **Famous Gourmet Breakfast** during that time.

PLEASE PRAY for our SICK



Mary Ellen Scharett, Monica Ellis, Beverly Liposky, Sid Sidelko, Ed O'Brien, Lester Sexton, Margaret Lansden, Melissa Martinez, Zack Yorio, John Bernard, Amy Whittaker, Tim Flanagan, Rita Bobik, Ted Hokoana, Betty Messink, Carol Martin, Jack Eschmann, Barry Tointon and Dwight Mottet .

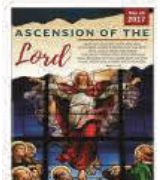
PRAYER REQUESTS: For parishioners and immediate family members or for emergency situations, please contact Lynn Kobasa at lynnkobasa@msn.com (note email change) or Sharon Shappy at (540) 207-0553. Send your message with the words "prayer request."

SUNDAY READINGS May 28, 2017

Acts 1:12-14

1 Pt 4:13-16

Jn 17:1-11a





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

05/23 & 05/24 RE Classes (Last Class)

Save the Date:



Saint Matthew VBS
July 17-21
9:00 a.m. - Noon

At Maker Fun Factory VBS kids will learn they were created by God and built for a purpose! This amazing adventure will help kids deepen their faith by discovering our loving God made each of us. Registration forms are available in the vestibule, in the parish office, or on our website.

Peace of Jesus Christ,
Joanne Warren



Famous as the patron of hopeless situations, St. Rita of Cascia is immortalized in this wonderful film about this beautiful woman who lived in Italy in the fourteenth century. This wife and mother later endured immense pain as she lost everything in her life. She found peace and hope through the generosity of a nearby convent of sisters, and with their help developed a deep union with Christ that greatly inspired all near her. **Sign up for free at www.formed.org parish code: V3RRFV.**

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) will sponsor a **diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour today, May 21st, from 3-4 p.m. in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of Angels Church in Woodbridge.** Join us in praying for world peace through the conversion of souls.

VOCATIONS

Those who love Me will keep my word.



Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Write Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@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. Please call Jim Berry at (540) 834-0788 for details or visit us at the Ministry Fair, Sunday, June 4th.



YOUTH MINISTRY



Youth Ministry will meet today for our End of Year Cookout, from 3-5 p.m. at the Parish Center. Bring a side dish, salad or dessert. The entire family is invited; just let Deacon Mike know how many will attend: deaconmike2@comcast.net.

Catholic Homeschool Conference June 23 & 24 2017

The IHM National Homeschool Conference will be held at the Fredericksburg Expo & Convention Center, 2371 Carl D. Silver Pkwy, Fredericksburg, VA on Friday, June 23rd (9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.) and on Saturday, June 24th (9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Father Jeffrey Kirby, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Mr. Jeff Cavins and Mrs. Mary Ellen Barrett are confirmed speakers! Admission is free. Registration is not required. Visit www.ihmconference.org or email: info@ihmconference.org for information.

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“FEED MY LAMBS... TEND MY SHEEP”

(John 21:15-16)



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

The St. Faustina Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul had **26 hotline calls and assisted 4 parish families with utilities, gas, & household goods totaling \$966. They fed 240 families and 933 individuals, 9,967lbs. of food, including distribution to parish families, plus 24 families at Enoch George Manor. Seven families received 1,144 lbs. of food through the USDA program. St. Matthew's parishioners donated - \$2,500 & 1,008 lbs.; St. Patrick's - \$500 & 700 lbs.; Bread for Our Brothers - 205 lbs.; Panera Bread - 1,060 lbs.; Catholic Charities - 3,003 lbs.; Costco - 198 lbs.; St. Jude's - \$467 & 290 lbs.; Wegman's - 316 lbs. misc.- 180 lbs. & \$647; Friends of the Pantry - \$1,284. Food card sales totaled \$745.**

The Baby Closet served **74 families with a combined total of 107 children.**

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 office.