

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✘ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

Pastor.....Rev. Paul M. Eversole
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Rev. Mr. Paul Gregory
Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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MUSIC 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:

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 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.

OCTOBER 15, 2017 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Mon (10/16) 8:00 AM - NO MASS
Tues (10/17) 8:00 AM - NO MASS
Wed (10/18) 11:00 AM - NO MASS
Thu (10/19) 6:30 AM - NO MASS
Fri (10/20) 7:30 PM - MARY ALICE ESCHMANN+
Sat (10/21) 8:00 AM - MARY DAVISON
 5:30 PM - MATTHEW BENNETT +
Sun (10/22) 8:00 AM - JOSHUA GARCIA +
 9:30 AM - CAROL & FRANK MAURO
 11:00 AM - PEOPLE of ST. MATTHEW'S



Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (10/14-10/15) 1) Regular
 Next weekend (10/21-10/22) 1) Regular
 2) Mission Sunday

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 \$14,502. **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.

OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

"It is a great mistake to think that only priests and religious and those who have withdrawn from the turmoil of the world are supposed to meditate upon the truths of our Faith and the mysteries of the life of Jesus Christ. If priests and religious have an obligation to meditate on the great truths of our holy religion in order to live up to their vocation worthily, the same obligation, then, is just as much incumbent upon the laity—because of the fact that every day they meet with spiritual dangers which might make them lose their souls. Therefore they should arm themselves with the frequent meditation on the life, virtues and sufferings of Our Blessed Lord—which are so beautifully contained in the mysteries of the Holy Rosary."

Saint Louis Mary de Montfort

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE



Father Eversole will be on retreat from Monday, Oct. 16th through Thursday, Oct. 19th, so there will be no Masses or confessions on those days.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017 KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Sign ups will be held Oct. 21/22 & 28/29 after all Masses.



PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

Jude Murphy, William Kerwin, Erin Burke, I Chris Warren, Richard Saunders, Carol Martin, Beverley Liposky, Rita Bobik, Marie Ellis, Sid Sidelko, Ed O'Brien, John Bernard, Zack Yorio, Amy Whittaker, Ted Hokoana, Margaret Lansden, and Barbara Carver.

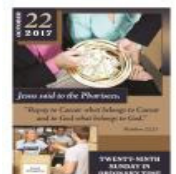
PRAYER REQUESTS: For parishioners and immediate family members or for emergency situations, please contact Lynn Kobasa at lynnkobasa_2@msn.com (note email change) or Sharon Shappy at (540) 207-0553. Send your message with the words "prayer request."

SUNDAY READINGS October 22, 2017

Is 45:1, 4-6

1 Thes 1:1-5b

Mt 22:15-21





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

10/17 & 10/18 RE Classes
 10/24 & 10/25 RE Classes
 10/31 & 11/01 **No RE Classes**

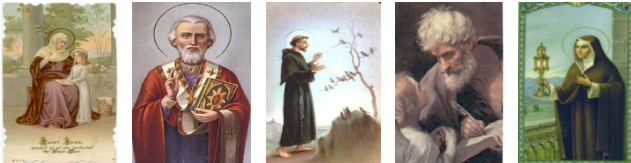
Formation in Christian Chastity:

This year we will continue the Diocesan program called **Formation in Christian Chastity** for Grades 1-8. Grades 1-4 are taught at home by parents and Grades 5-8 will have a lesson presented in RE class. The lesson will be taught on the date indicated below:

Fifth & Sixth Grade: October 18
 Seventh & Eighth Grade: October 25

Lesson plans and material can be found on the Arlington Diocese website:
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/youth-training-programs/formation-in-christian-chastity>

All Saints Party



Saint Matthew's Annual All Saints Party
October 31, 2017
6:00-7:15 p.m.
Dinner

Parade of Saints, Games and Prizes
Hallowed Walk of Candy (Trunk or Treat)

Kids come dressed as your favorite Saint or in red or white to honor the martyrs. Non-scary costumes also invited. Guaranteed to have the best candy without all the walking!

I am in need of adult and youth volunteers to help with the party. Please call 582-5575 or email stmatthewre@comcast.net to volunteer or RSVP.

Peace of Jesus Christ
 Joanne Warren

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
 ON DEMAND.

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima, Portugal, were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, and many thousands of independent eye-witness accounts, *The 13th Day* dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady between May and October 1917. This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend *Parental Guidance* and that parents preview it before watching with children.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry will meet this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. For more information on Youth Ministry, visit our church website: stmatthewspotsylvania.org

Next **Sunday, October 15th**, Youth Ministry will have a fund raiser for Work Camp 2018. **Krispy Kreme donuts** will be available for purchase. Yum!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



On Tuesdays, **throughout October**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center, the Adult Formation classes will resume. Deacon Paul Gregory will continue with an introduction to "Catholic Morals and Ethics." All are welcome.

SVdP FOOD PANTRY

CRAFT FAIR/BAKE SALE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

PARISH CENTER
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 bettym91@verizon.net to reserve your space.

OCTOBER SENIOR MASS AND LUNCHEON CANCELLATION

CANCELLED

There will be **NO October Senior Mass and Luncheon** due to a scheduling conflict. The next Senior Mass and Luncheon will be held on November 15th.

HOMESCHOOL MASS

Homeschool families are invited to celebrate Mass with Bishop Michael Burbidge on **Saturday, November 3rd**, at **10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gainesville**. Bring a picnic lunch to continue the celebration following Mass. A light reception of beverages and desserts will be provided by the Office of Catholic Schools. Register by **October 20th** to catholicschools@arlingtondiocese.org

ST. JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, NOV. 5th
1:00-4:00 PM



Saint John Paul the Great H.S. turns 10 this year! Come to the Open House and learn about all that has been accomplished. **The first 100 8th graders to pre-register will receive a free T-shirt!** Visit jpthegreat.org, or admissions@jpthegreat.org or call (703) 445-0300 for more information.