

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✘ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

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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 22, 2017 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Mon (10/23)	8:00 AM - GANNON FAMILY INTENTION
Tues (10/24)	8:00 AM - VIOLET CRAWFORD
Wed (10/25)	8:00 AM - AMY WHITTAKER
Thu (10/26)	6:30 AM - ANN BROWN & AKA PRINTING
Fri (10/27)	7:30 PM - CAROL MAURO
Sat (10/28)	8:00 AM - CHRISTINE EMBREY+ 5:30 PM - CHARLES LOWE III+
Sun (10/29)	8:00 AM - MARY RIZZO+ 9:30 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S 11:00 AM - MICHAEL MUNRO

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

On Wednesday, October 25th, Mass will be offered at 8:00 a.m., with NO confessions following. The 11:00 a.m. Mass and confessions are cancelled for this day only.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017 KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE



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

Current and Upcoming Collections

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

Next weekend (10/28-10/29) 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 \$13,720. **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.

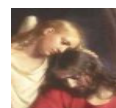


THE MOTHER of GOD and the CHURCH on PILGRIMAGE

"The Second Vatican Council speaks of the pilgrim Church, establishing an analogy with Israel of the Old Covenant journeying through the desert. The journey also has an *external character*, visible in the time and space in which it historically takes place. For the Church 'is destined to extend to all regions of the earth and so to enter into the history of mankind,' but at the same time 'she transcends all limits of time and of space.' And yet the essential *character* of her pilgrimage is *interior*: it is a question of a *pilgrimage through faith*, by 'the power of the Risen Lord,' a pilgrimage in the Holy Spirit, given to the Church as the invisible Comforter (*parakletos*) (cf. JN. 14:26; 15:26; 16:7): 'Moving forward through trial and tribulation, the Church is strengthened by the power of God's grace promised to her by the Lord, so that...moved by the Holy Spirit, she may never cease to renew herself, until through the Cross she arrives at the light which knows no setting.'

It is precisely *in this ecclesial journey or pilgrimage* through space and time, and even more through the history of souls, that *Mary is present*, as the one who is 'blessed because she believed,' as the one who advanced on the pilgrimage of faith, sharing unlike any other creature in the mystery of Christ. The Council further says that 'Mary figured profoundly in the history of salvation and in a certain way unites and mirrors within herself the central truths of the faith.'"

Pope St. John Paul II



PRAY for OUR SICK

Jude Murphy, William Kerwin, Erin Burke, 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, Barbara Carver, May Charlotte Tierny, Bob Jones and Bradley Miller.

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

SUNDAY READINGS October 29, 2017

Ex 22:20-26

1 Thes 1:5c-10

Mt 22:34-40





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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:

Seventh & Eighth Grade: October 25

Lesson plans and material can be found on the Arlington Diocese website:

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

FORMED® THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.



Join Brother Francis in this entertaining and guidance-filled presentation that will inspire children to deepen their faith by praying the Rosary! Sign up free www.formed.org; **parish code: V3RRFV.**

YOUTH MINISTRY



Today, Sunday, Oct. 22nd, the Youth Ministry is participating in the Diocesan Youth Rally at Bishop O'Connell High School.

Next Sunday, **Oct. 29th**, there will be a meeting after each Mass for those students wishing to participate in the Mission Trip this summer, in addition to the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



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

THANKSGIVING BASKETS



Sponsored by our SVdP & Knights of Columbus

Parishioners who would like to participate in this year's **Thanksgiving Dinner Program** may **pick up a grocery bag in front of the St. Joseph Parish Center after all Masses this weekend and next (this will replace the regular Food Drive for November)**. Please fill the bag with the items on the list stapled to the bags and **return them the weekends of Nov. 4th/5th & 11th/12th**. For more information, contact Jim Berry (K of C at (540-834-0788) or Frank Mauro (SVdP) at (540) 898-3129.

CANCELLED

OCTOBER SENIOR MASS AND LUNCHEON CANCELLATION

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**.

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.



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 are welcome

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

(Proceeds from Space Rental will benefit SVdP Food Pantry)



THRIFT STORE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Do you have a few hours to contribute each week to aid our parish and local community? **Our Thrift Store** (located at 10639 Courthouse Rd., in the Breezewood Shopping Center) is in need of volunteers, especially on **Saturdays**. Our volunteers are instrumental in raising money through sales at the store, which in turn support parishioners and those in our community in need. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the **Thrift Store at (540) 834-2479** (M-F: 10 AM-3PM; Sat.: 9:30AM-2:30 PM).