

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

Pastor.....Rev. Paul M. Eversole
DeaconsRev. Mr. John Hubbarth
Rev. Mr. Paul Gregory
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 8, 2017 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (10/09)	8:00 AM - AMY ELIZABETH WHITTAKER
Tues (10/10)	8:00 AM - HELEN FRANK +
Wed (10/11)	11:00 AM - JOSHUA GARCIA +
Thu (10/12)	6:30 AM - ARDELLE FREIMARK +
Fri (10/13)	7:30 PM - JARED VANWAGENEN +
Sat (10/14)	8:00 AM - LOUIS J. ACHILLE + 5:30 PM - FR. SAM BEARDSLEE
Sun (10/15)	8:00 AM - GREG ARLING 9:30 AM - WATSON FAMILY 11:00 AM - PEOPLE of ST. MATTHEW'S

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (10/07-10/08) 1) Regular

Next weekend (10/14-10/15) 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.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE **CLOSED** MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH COLUMBUS DAY

We will resume normal office hours at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, October 10th.

(If you have an EMERGENCY or an urgent need to speak with a priest, please call the emergency # 540-498-3170).

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

Last weekend's First Collection amounted to \$13,446. **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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to congratulate the young people of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Monday from Bishop Burbidge. I appreciate the hard work of those who helped them prepare for Confirmation, and those who made the celebration so beautiful: Mrs. Joanne Warren, our DRE, and her wonderful RE volunteers; the parents and sponsors; our deacons; our choir and musicians; those who helped with the liturgy and decorated the church; the Knights of Columbus and those who organized the reception. Please join me in praying for these young men and women, newly strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Yours in Christ,
Father Eversole

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

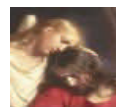


Father Eversole will be on retreat from Monday, Oct. 16th through Thursday, Oct. 19th, so there will be no Masses or confessions on those days.

FATIMA ROSARY CRUSADE



Everyone is invited to pray an outdoor Rosary in honor of the 100th anniversary of our Lady's apparitions at Fatima. Bring your Rosary and a chair to **Loriella Park** on Leavells Road (assemble next to the tennis courts) on **Saturday, October 14th at noon**. For further information please call Laura Morris (540-786-1828) or Claire Dionne (540-548-3503).



PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

Jude Murphy, Madeline Murphy, William Kerwin, Erin Burke, Irene Foltz, 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 John Riley.

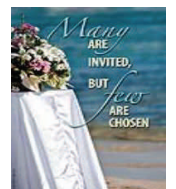
PRAYER REQUESTS: For parishioners and immediate family members or for emergency situations, please contact Lynn Kobasa at lynnkobasa_2@msn.com (note email change) or Sharon Shappy at (540) 207-0553. Send your message with the words "prayer request."

SUNDAY READINGS October 15, 2017

Is 25:6-10a

Phil 4:12-14,19-20

Mt 22:1-14





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

10/10 & 10/11 RE Classes
10/17 & 10/18 RE Classes
10/24 & 10/25 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:

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

Save the Date! Our annual **All Saints Party** will be on **Tuesday, October 31st from 6:00-7:15 p.m.** Dinner, Games, Prizes, Trunk or Treat, and the best candy without all the walking. Adult, Middle School and High School age volunteers are needed to help with the games.

Peace of Jesus Christ,
Joanne Warren



DIVINE MERCY CARE GALA: ANCHOR OF HOPE NOVEMBER 4, 2017 DULLES HILTON

Come enjoy an evening of dinner, dancing, auctions and an inspiring talk by Dr. John Bruchalski. This Gala supports Divine Mercy Care's mission, which includes serving women through Tepeyac OB/GYN's excellent medical care. Register through divinemercycare.org



FRI., OCTOBER 13th -- 7:00 PM
ST. JUDE ACTIVITY CENTER

SVdP FOOD PANTRY

CRAFT FAIR

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
betty91@verizon.net to reserve your space.

(All proceeds from Space Rental will benefit SVdP
and our Food Pantry)

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



On Tuesdays, throughout **October** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center, the Adult Formation classes are held. Deacon Paul Gregory will continue his presentation on "Catholic Morals and Ethics." All are welcome.

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.

MORNING of MERCY for DIVORCED CATHOLICS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th 9:00 AM-12:00 NOON

ST. MARY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH--FREDERICKSBURG

Topics such as grief, parenting suffering and hope will be explored. Meetings are free; please register at (703) 841-2550 or www.arlingtondiocese.org/divorced.

MEN'S FALL RETREAT

The Men's Fall Retreat, "Into the Breach: Fighting Beside Christ for Those You Love," will be held at **San Damiano Retreat Center** (125 Kitchen Rd., White Post, VA) on **Friday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. - Sunday, October 22 at 12:00 noon.** Visit familylife@arlingtondiocese.org or call (703)841-2550 or to register.



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

It is providential that our biennial Diocesan Pilgrimage falls during the 100th anniversary of the apparitions in Fatima, when Our Lady called for worldwide prayers for peace. The theme for this year's pilgrimage is taken from Saint John Paul the Great, "**Totus Tuus; We are totally yours, Mary.**" For a complete schedule of events please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org and click on Diocesan Pilgrimage.

SAVE the DATE:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017 KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE



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