

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✘ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

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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 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.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (09/11)	8:00 AM - VICTIMS of 9/11 ATTACKS
Tues (09/12)	8:00 AM - VALERIE WALSH
Wed (09/13)	11:00 AM - TERRIE YATES
Thu (09/14)	6:30 AM - ELIZABETH PIEDMONT-MARTON
Fri (09/15)	7:30 PM - KATE FOUNTAIN
Sat (09/16)	8:00 AM - MICHAEL CAJOHN + 5:30 PM - EVELYN PARROTT
Sun (09/17)	8:00 AM - PEOPLE of ST. MATTHEW'S 9:30 AM - DAVID KRISKOVICH + 11:00 AM - DAVID CORRELLUS, JR. +



Current and Upcoming Collection

This weekend (09/09-09/10) 1) Regular
2) Parish Special Needs

Next weekend (09/16-09/17) 1) Regular
2) Cath. Univ. of America

Please remember that second collections, when scheduled, are taken up after Communion. If you are not receiving collection envelopes, please call the parish

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to maintain the SVdP hotline. This can be done from home with a minimum time commitment. Training will be provided. If you would like more information or have time to help with this important mission, please call either Deacon Paul or Deacon John at the Parish Office - 540-582-5575.



PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

Last weekend's First Collection amounted to \$16,271. **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.



OUR LADY OF SORROWS SEPTEMBER 15TH THE 7 SORROWS OF MARY

1. The prophecy of Simeon.
2. The flight into Egypt.
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple.
4. Mary meets Jesus on the way to Calvary.
5. Jesus dies on the Cross.
6. Mary receives the dead body of Jesus in her arms.
7. Jesus is placed in the tomb.

O God, who willed that, when your Son was lifted high on the Cross, his Mother should stand close by and share his suffering, grant that your Church, participating with the Virgin Mary in the Passion of Christ, may merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

HOLY LAND CARVINGS September 9th/10th



Olivewood carvings from the Holy Land will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend-- **September 9th/10th**, in the St. Joseph Parish Center. Most of the artisans live in Beit Sahour, Israel, which is the "Shepherd's Field," the actual area outside of Bethlehem where the angels appeared to announce the birth of Jesus. Your purchase will support Catholics and Orthodox in the Holy Land, who suffer from the region's political & religious conflicts.



PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

Mark McDougal, Jude Murphy, Madeline Murphy, William Kerwin, Erin Burke, Irene Foltz, Joe Fillare, Bill Barrett, 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 .

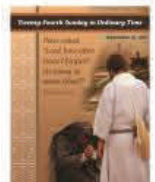
PRAYER REQUESTS: For parishioners and immediate family members or for emergency situations, please contact Lynn Kobasa at lynnkobasa_2@msn.com (note email change) or Sharon Shappy at (540) 207-0553. Send your message with the words "prayer request."

SUNDAY READINGS September 17, 2017

Sir 27:30--28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for the Religious Education Year for grades K-8 begins this week. Our classes will begin **September 26th & 27th**.

Grades K & 1 will be offered Tuesday from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Grades 2-4 will be offered on two nights: either Tuesday evening from 5:00-6:15 or Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:15.

Grades 5-8 will be offered Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:15.

Class placement letters have been sent to all those who have registered for the 2017-2018 Religious Education Year. **If you did not receive a letter, I do not have your registration form. Please register as soon as possible as some classes are filling up.** Registration Forms can be found online at www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org, in the vestibule of the church, and in the parish office.

Would you be willing to help the Religious Education Program? Training is provided and we use the Faith and Life textbook series which has a wonderful teacher's manual. Please contact the Religious Education Office for more information. We are in need of a volunteer for:

Wednesday 6:00-7:15 Session: Catechist Grade 3
Catechist Grade 4

Peace of Jesus Christ,
Joanne Warren



CEMETERY PLOTS

St. Isidore the Farmer in Orange, VA has a new cemetery. Plots for parishioners of parishes other than St. Isidore are \$1,000 each. Effective January 1st, 2018, the price for each plot will be raised to \$1500. Each plot can hold one casket, or one casket and one cremation urn, or two cremation urns. Please feel free to contact Valencia Bowman with any questions via email: stisidore2001@gmail.com or by telephone: 540-672-4933, ext. 10.



SVdP FOOD PANTRY

CRAFT FAIR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

ST. MATTHEW PARISH CTR.

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



On **Sunday, Sept. 24th at 5:00 p.m.**, Youth Ministry will kick off its school year with a cookout. Parents are also invited!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



On Tuesday, **Sept. 12th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Ctr., the Adult Formation classes will resume. Deacon Paul will present an introduction to "Catholic Morals and Ethics." All are welcome.



2017 MARRIAGE JUBILEE MASS

Are you celebrating a **Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this Year?** Were you **married in 1967 or 1992?** Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the **2017 Marriage Jubilee Mass** to be celebrated on **Sun., October 15th at 2:30 p.m.** at the Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Potomac Falls, VA. **Please contact the parish office, 582-5575, by September 22nd to register. For more information visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM**

COMMUNICATIONS & PRAYER WORKSHOP FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The workshop will feature Fr. James Hudgins ("Deep Prayer, Deep Conversion"), Fr. Anthony Pinizzotto ("How to Communicate Effectively & Handle Conflicts with your Spouse") & a talk by Ron & Terry Riggins ("Unity in Prayer Brings Harmony in Marriage"). The workshop will be held on **Sat., Sept. 23rd at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, Fredericksburg, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Cost is \$55. For registration visit www.arlingtondiocese.org and click on Marriage & Family Events. **No registration at the door.**

POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT SAT., SEPT. 30, 2017

An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion, will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 30th**. For further information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel at 888-456-4673 or info@helpafterabortion.org

SENIOR MASS & LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass begins at 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon in the Parish Center. Please bring your dish to the Parish Hall (**prior to Mass**). **Please follow these guidelines:**

- A-I Main Dish**
- J-R Salad or Vegetable**
- S-Z Dessert**



RSVP by Friday, Sept. 15th, by phone (582-5575) or email stmatthewsec@comcast.net.