

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

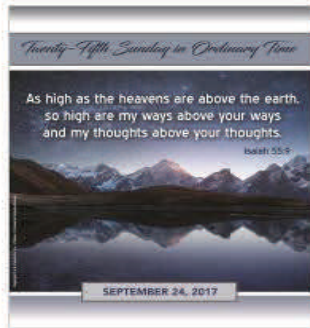
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Lilian Fay, 540-379-6466.

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 24, 2017 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Mon (09/25) 8:00 AM - EMPLOYMENT
Tues (09/26) 8:00 AM - SUE EGAN & DON RINES
Wed (09/27) 11:00 AM - TOM FALESKI
Thu (09/28) 6:30 AM - LESTER RESSLER +
Fri (09/29) 7:30 PM - POOR SOULS in PURGATORY+
Sat (09/30) 8:00 AM - F.B. +
 5:30 PM - JOSHUA GARCIA +
Sun (10/01) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE of ST. MATTHEW'S
 9:30 AM - EDWARD J. O'BRIEN IV
 11:00 AM - RICHARD SWEENEY



Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (09/23-09/24) 1) Regular
2) Hurricane Relief

Next Weekend (09/29-10/01) 1) Regular
2) Bldgs & Grounds

Please remember that second collections, when scheduled, are taken up after Communion. If you are not receiving

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

Last weekend's First Collection amounted to \$13,635. **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 FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS SEPTEMBER 29TH

This celebration in honor of the three archangels was established by the Lateran Council in the year 745. St. Michael's name means "Who is like God?" St. Gabriel's name means "Power of God." St. Raphael's name means "God has healed."



"This feast is meaningful to us because in every Mass we are called upon to sing or recite the threefold 'Holy, Holy, Holy' with the angels. Secondly, we should recall the words of Christ: 'I solemnly assure you, you shall see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man' (Jn 1:51)." (Enzo Lodi)

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

All are invited and encouraged to attend the **Diocesan Pilgrimage on Saturday, October 14th, at the Basilica in Washington, D.C.** The day includes Mass with Bishop Michael Burbidge, confessions, blessing of religious articles and a Eucharistic Procession. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/diocesanpilgrimage for more information,



PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

Josephine Dyer, Mark McDougal, Jude Murphy, Madeline Murphy, William Kerwin, Erin Burke, Irene Foltz, Joe Fillare, 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.

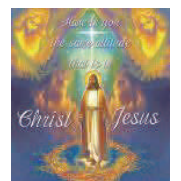
PRAYER REQUESTS: For parishioners and immediate family members or for emergency situations, please contact Lynn Kobasa at lynnkobasa_2@msn.com (note email change) or Sharon Shappy at (540) 207-0553. Send your message with the words "prayer request."

SUNDAY READINGS October 1, 2017

Ez 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11

Mt 21:28-32





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes start this week. Please bring your child directly to the church.

09/26 & 09/27 RE Classes
10/03 & 10/04 RE Classes
10/10 & 10/11 RE Classes
10/17 & 10/18 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 Grade: October 18
Sixth Grade: October 18
Seventh Grade: October 25
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

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



Join the ever-joyful Brother Francis as he teaches children about the blessings that come when heart and mind are filled with praise to God and thoughts of his goodness. Children will learn what the Bible has to say about singing and music. This episode includes songs from *Brother Francis* episodes 1-9 along with short, thought-provoking quotes from the saints: **Sign up for free at www.formed.org; parish code V3RRFV.**

SVdP FOOD PANTRY



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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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Tonight, Sunday, Sept. 24th at 5:00 p.m., Youth Ministry will kick off its school year with a cookout. Food and drinks will be provided as well as information for parents on activities for the coming year.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



On Tuesday, **Sept. 26th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center, the Adult Formation classes will resume. Deacon Paul Gregory will continue his introduction to "Catholic Morals and Ethics." All are welcome.

POST ABORTION HEALING RETREAT FOR WOMEN



An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Saturday, September 30th**. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. For further information and confidential registration, contact Project Rachel at www.info@helpafterabortion.org.

"FEED MY LAMBS... TEND MY SHEEP"

(John 21:15-16)



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

The St. Faustina Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul fed **298 families and 1,205 individuals**, distributing **12,500 lbs. of food**, through the Food Pantry and Enoch George Manor. An additional **3,469 lbs.** were distributed to Livingston Elem. School, other churches and depots. There were **70 Hotline calls**. St. Matthew's parishioners donated **-1,120 lbs. of food**; St. Patrick's - **\$500**; St. Jude's - **\$145 & 140 lbs.**; St. Mary's - **210 lbs.**; Bread for Our Brothers - **565 lbs.**; Costco - **61 lbs.**; Miller Farms - **328 lbs.**; Panera Bread - **485 lbs.**; Catholic Charities - **4,106 lbs.**; Wegman's - **540 lbs.**; misc. - **220 lbs. & \$100**; Friends of the Pantry - **\$1,175**; Craft Fair - **\$280**. Food card sales totaled **\$500**. Seven families received food through the USDA program. Ten families were provided with shelter, food and utility needs.

The Baby Closet served **89 families** with a combined total of **124 children** (an increase of **5 families** from July). DC Diaper bank diapers were distributed to **99 children**; non-diaper bank diapers were given to **25 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 parish office.

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
GOURMET BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, OCT. 1ST
PARISH CENTER
AFTER ALL MASSES**

