

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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Parochial Vicar..... Rev. Augustine Tran
Deacons.....Rev. Mr. John Hubbarth
Rev. Mr. Ed Whelan
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 & Friday 7:30 pm

Thursday 6:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Normally heard at the following times:

Monday after 8:00 am Mass

Tuesday after 8:00 am Mass

Wednesday 7:00 pm

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION

All Catholics residing within our parish boundaries (Parish Office will clarify, if needed) should register as soon as possible.

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 required (packets are available in church vestibule).

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

Volunteers and donations of clothing, household items and furniture needed on a continuing basis.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Saint Faustina Conference

SVdP Hotline: 540-834-5555

Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Mark McDougal, 540-850-0226.

AFTER HOURS PRIEST EMERGENCY TELEPHONE: 540-498-3170

JANUARY 22, 2012 ☩ 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (01/23) 8:00 AM - WALTER KELLY + &
FLORENCE STYKA +
Tues (01/24) 8:00 AM - HANS & ELLEN HETRICK &
FAMILY
Wed (01/25) 7:30 PM - ELIZABETH CRAWFORD
Thu (01/26) 6:30 AM - MR. S. BAUMAN
Fri (01/27) 7:30 PM - JOHN & ANTONIETTA
DICOLA
Sat (01/28) 8:00 AM - ANNA NHUNG CHU +
5:30 PM - MARY SUTTER +
Sun (01/29) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
9:30 AM - ANDREA FARLEY
11:00 AM - DANIEL HELD +

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (01/21-01/22) 1) Regular
2) Church in Latin America

Next weekend (01/28-01/29) 1) Regular

Please remember that second collections, when scheduled, are taken up after Communion. All registered households should be receiving packets of collection envelopes in the mail every month. If you are not receiving envelopes, please call Jane at the parish office (540-582-5575).

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

Last weekend's First Collection amounted to \$11,838. Thank you! In order to meet our Parish's operating expenses and save for future projects, **the First Collection should bring in at least \$10,500 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.

The Lord asks us to spend at least one hour a week with Him at Mass; can your household contribute at least one hour's income per week to the support of your Parish? Please use your collection envelopes every weekend or contribute through **Online Giving** via our parish website:

www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org

Thank you for your continued support, and please pray that all parish households will generously support St. Matthew's.

As in years past, letters with total year end contribution amounts will be sent to those people who mail their requests to the Parish Office with a stamped return address envelope.

Dear St. Matthew's Parishioners,

I would like to congratulate **Deacon Mike Strain and his wife, Phyllis**, on his ordination to the permanent diaconate on Saturday, January 14th. I ask the whole parish to join me in wishing our new deacon well as he begins his ministry, and in thanking Bishop Loverde for assigning him to Saint Matthew's. I appreciate the Knights of Columbus' generosity in providing the reception for Deacon Strain last Sunday

Many Parish households have responded generously to our **Increased Offertory Program**, and in doing so have already improved the parish's finances. I ask all households to persevere in fulfilling their pledges, and I thank them for their support.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Eversole



PRAYER FOR LIFE

Our Lady of Guadalupe, we turn to you who are the protectress of unborn children and ask that you intercede for us, so that we may more firmly resolve to join you in protecting all human life. Let our prayers be united to your perpetual motherly intercession on behalf of those whose lives are threatened, be they in the womb of their mother, on the bed of infirmity, or in the latter years of their life. May our prayers also be coupled with peaceful action, which witnesses to the goodness and dignity of all human life, so that our firmness of purpose may give courage to those who are fearful and bring light to those who are blinded by sin. Encourage those who will be involved in the March for Life; help them to walk closely with God and to give voice to the cry of the oppressed, in order to remind our nation of its commitment to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all people. O Virgin Mother of God, present our petitions to your Son and ask Him to bless us with abundant life. Amen



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Religious Education:

01/24 & 01/25 Paul's Third Missionary Journey Part I

01/31 & 02/01 Paul's Third Missionary Journey Part II

Junior High Upcoming Activities:



February 11 Game Night 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Bring a snack and your favorite game for an evening of fun. Join us for 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by dinner and games.

February 21 Mardi Gras Benefit Dinner
Bluegrass and BBQ

Peace of Jesus Christ
Joanne Warren

SUNDAY READINGS JANUARY 29, 2012

Dt 18:15-20

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

THANK YOU
from

DEACON MIKE STRAIN



To St. Matthew's Parishioners:

Phyllis and I would like to thank each one of you for your warm and generous response to my ordination as a Permanent Deacon. We've been members of St. Matthew's for almost 14 years, and are continually impressed by the members of this great parish. We especially want to thank **Grand Knight, Joe Liposky, and all the Knights of Columbus** for their support of the reception after the Masses, as well as the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**, and of course the dear ladies of the "Lunch Bunch". We look forward to remaining at St. Matthew's, and I look forward to serving you as one of the Deacons of the parish. May God continue to bless each one of you.

Deacon Mike Strain

MUSIC NOTES



Singers are needed for the **5:30 p.m. vigil and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass**. Rehearsals are **Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Church**. Altos and men are especially needed.

St. Matthew's Children's Choir, for those in grades 2-7, rehearses on **Wednesdays, from 4:30-5:30 p.m., in the St. Joseph room of the Parish Center**. The choir sings every other week at **11:00 a.m. Mass**. The children must be in the choir loft on the Sundays they sing at 10:20 a.m.

If you or your child are interested in singing, please contact Ms. Linda Long, at joysong707@comcast.net or the Parish Office (582-5575).



IN THE DIOCESE

2012 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

In mid-January, many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Loverde regarding the 2012 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). This year's BLA theme is "**Love One Another With the Heart of Christ!**" After reflecting upon the importance of the vital initiatives funded by the BLA, please prayerfully consider Bishop Loverde's request for support and give generously to assist the many programs and ministries that serve the people in need in our diocese.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

As we continue to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (through January 25th), let us pray:

Make known in us, O Lord, the abundance of your mercy and, in the power of your Spirit, remove the divisions between Christians, that your Church may appear more clearly as a sign raised high among the nations and that the world, enlightened by your Spirit, may believe in the Christ whom you have sent. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

(Roman Missal, pg. 1272)

CONFERENCES FOR MEN & WOMEN

The Office for Family Life is hosting a **Men's Conference on Saturday, March 3, 2012, at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Herndon**. The theme for this year is "**Sharing Our Faith with Others: Evangelization & Apologetics**". Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Loverde. For more details, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/men

The ladies of the diocese are invited to attend the **Women's Lenten Conference on Saturday, March 10th at St. Raymond of Penafort in Springfield**. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Loverde. For more information, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/women

