

# ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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

# FEBRUARY 5, 2012 ☞ 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASSES

Mon (02/06) 8:00 AM - CAROL WARNIMENT +  
Tues (02/07) 8:00 AM - DULAC FAMILY INTENTION  
Wed (02/08) 7:30 PM - TIMOTHY JAMES BOVA +  
Thu (02/09) 6:30 AM - PHYLLIS MAHONEY  
Fri (02/10) 7:30 PM - RAY & MICHELLE PURSEL  
Sat (02/11) 8:00 AM - DONNA AFFENIT +  
5:30 PM - LOWE FAMILY INTENTION  
Sun (02/12) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S  
9:30 AM - RAY & MICHELLE PURSEL  
(25TH WEDDING ANNIV.)  
11:00 AM - MEEHAN & GOODWIN  
FAMILIES

## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (02/04-02/05) 1) Regular  
2) Bldg. & Grounds  
Next weekend (02/11-02/12) 1) Regular  
2) Arlington Herald

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.

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

**Last weekend's First Collection amounted to \$9,985.** 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](http://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.**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The Holy Season of Lent is fast approaching, and the parish clergy and staff are making preparations. **Please bring your blessed palms from previous years to the church or Parish Office so we can burn them for Ash Wednesday (February 22nd).**

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Eversole



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## MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Our Parish has many Masses that are available to be offered. By offering a Mass, you are requesting that the infinite graces of the Mass be applied to a specific person or intention (a Mass might be offered for a person who is sick or dying, a person or family who has lost a loved one, or for someone marking a special occasion).

The Parish Office has beautiful Mass cards available. Stop in, use online giving, or use the Mass Intention Envelope included in your monthly packets .

## ARLINGTON CATHOLIC HERALD

Subscribing to the *Arlington Catholic Herald*, our diocesan newspaper, is an excellent way to stay informed about church news on the diocesan, national, and global level. Next weekend, the second collection will be in support of the *Herald*. By contributing \$22 in the *Herald* envelope from your packet, your household can have the *Herald* delivered to your home for one year. Your household may also subscribe to the *Herald* by calling 1-800-377-0581 or email [circulation@catholicaherald.com](mailto:circulation@catholicaherald.com)

## BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL LOVE ONE ANOTHER WITH THE HEART OF CHRIST



Our bishop is asking all Catholic households to help him respond to needs throughout our diocese. In coming weeks, there will be opportunities to respond to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) at Mass and through the mail. Please read the newsletter being distributed with today's bulletin that contains detailed information about how the BLA funds are distributed throughout our diocese. Every pledge is important! Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to support the many programs and ministries that serve the people of our diocese.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



### Religious Education:

02/07 & 02/08 Review Lesson 8-14  
02/14 & 02/15 Quiz #2 (Grades 2-8)  
02/21 & 02/22 No RE Classes

### 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. Dinner will be provided.



**MARDI GRAS DINNER AND CONCERT**  
**FEBRUARY 21, 2012**  
**6:00-7:30 P.M.**  
**ST. JOSEPH PARISH CENTER**

Please join us as we celebrate **Fat Tuesday** with a delicious dinner of BBQ and Gumbo followed by a Blue Grass Concert by Sonrise. This will be a **fund raising event for the Sagarmatha Children's Home in Nepal**. Dinner will be served from 6-6:45 p.m. and the concert will be from 6:45-7:30 p.m. There is no fee for the dinner but **donations will be accepted**.

**Reserve your spot no later than February 16<sup>th</sup> by calling the Religious Education Office or email [stmatthewre@comcast.net](mailto:stmatthewre@comcast.net).**

Peace of Jesus Christ  
Joanne Warren

## TABLES OF EIGHT

Would you like to meet other parishioners in a social environment? Do you like to eat? Then stop by our signup table in the St. Joseph Parish Center after Masses next weekend, **Feb. 11th & 12th**, and join **Tables of Eight** here at St. Matthew's. Groups of eight adults will get together once a month, in March, April, & May, at a mutually agreed upon place and time, to share a meal and fellowship. You may sign up with a spouse, friend or as a single. Our initial gathering to meet your group will take place in the St. Joseph Parish Center on **Sun. Feb. 26, 5:30- 7:00 p.m.**

For more information or if you will be out of town next weekend, call Greg Cebula, (540) 582-8541. **Deadline for sign ups is February 20th.**

## SENIOR'S MASS & LUNCHEON

Just a reminder that our next **Senior Mass & Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15th**. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Tuesday, Feb. 14th.



## MARY'S SHELTER



Dear St. Matthew's Parishioners,

We would like to express our **heartfelt thanks** to you for your very generous gifts via the Christmas Giving Tree. The total value of these cards was **over \$3,000!** These funds were desperately needed. We have bought new residents clean sheets and bedding, and the previous residents can take theirs with them to their new dwellings. These cards are also used to replace dishes, rugs and cleaning supplies. Additionally, many women are not yet receiving food stamps and WIC when they first come here, so this covers their food & necessities.

We feel truly blessed that we have the support of such a generous parish such as St. Matthew's has been the past 5 years. Without your assistance, we would not have the ability to meet the needs of our many residents. Please continue to keep our homes, residents, and volunteers in your prayers, as you are in ours. For more info, visit [www.marysshelterva.org](http://www.marysshelterva.org)

In Christ,  
The Staff & Directors at Mary's Shelter

## JOHN PAUL THE GREAT H. S.

Considering Catholic High School? Pope John Paul the Great H.S. invites rising 9th, 10th, & 11th graders to spend a day on campus to see what life is like as a JP "Wolf". Participate in the new "shadow" program by registering at [www.jpthegreat.org](http://www.jpthegreat.org) Also, applications for admission may be found online & should be completed ASAP to be considered for 1st round admission & financial aid decisions.



## KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS YOUTH FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

**FEBRUARY 5th at 1:00 p.m.**  
**SPOTSYLVANIA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

All boys & girls, ages 10-14 (**age eligibility is determined by the age of contestant as of January 1, 2012**), are invited to participate in this local level of competition, **TODAY!** Call Al Fehrens 898-3112 for more information.

## FOOD PANTRY



Our **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** (located in the Breezewood Shopping Center) **needs volunteers to transport bread and other items from the Fredericksburg Food Bank on Thursdays.** Flexible hours are available.

Please contact Christine Purtell at (410)299-7977 for more information. Thank you for your continued support of the Food pantry.

