

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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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:

Monday after 8:00 am Mass

Tuesday after 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.svdpsfaustina.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.

MAY 28, 2017 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

MASSSES

Mon (05/29) 8:00 AM - PAUL PURTELL +
Tues (05/30) 8:00 AM - JEANNE HOCH
Wed (05/31) 11:00 AM - PETER FILLARE +
Thu (06/01) 6:30 AM - STEVE YOUNG
Fri (06/02) 7:30 PM - DAVID CORRELLUS, JR. +
Sat. (06/03) 8:00 AM - MIKE ATKINSON +
5:30 PM - EDWARD LERNER +
Sun (06/04) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE of ST. MATTHEW'S
9:30 AM - CAROL LEAR
11:00 AM - MICHAEL MUNRO



Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (05/27-05/28) 1) Regular
2) Catholic Communications

Next weekend (06/03-06/04) 1) Regular
2) Bldgs/Grounds

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

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

Last weekend's First Collection amounted to \$11,152. **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 and the bulletin, and at Mass. Can your household increase its weekly donation to the first collection in the new year? 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.

JESUS AWAITS US IN HEAVEN

"According to the Gospel of St Luke the last gesture of our Lord on earth was to give a blessing. The Eleven had gone, as Jesus had told them to, from Galilee to the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem. On seeing the risen Christ once more they fell down before him as their Master and their God and *worshipped him*. Now they are much more conscious of what they had for some time believed in their hearts and confessed with their lips: that their Master was the Messiah. They were delighted and full of joy at having their Lord and their God so near. After the forty days spent in his company they could be witnesses to what they had seen and heard. The Holy Spirit would confirm in them the teachings of Jesus and would lead them to the complete truth.

Jesus confirmed the faith of those who worshipped him and taught them that the power they were to receive was a sharing in his own divine power. The power to forgive sins, and to bring about a rebirth through Baptism is the power of Christ himself, given now to his Church."

-Fr. Francis Fernandez



"They hover as a cloud of witnesses above this nation."

Henry Ward Beecher

In honor of those who have given their lives in the defense of our country...

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 29th**

Normal business hours resume on Tues., May 30th.

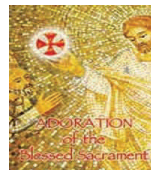
If you have an **EMERGENCY** or an urgent need to speak with a priest, please call the emergency # 540-498-3170.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
JUNE 2, 2017**

7:00 PM-CONFESSIONS

7:30 PM- MASS

8:00 PM-12:00 Midnight
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

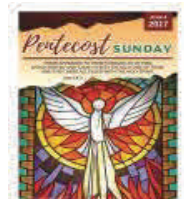


**SUNDAY READINGS
June 4, 2017**

Acts 2: 1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13

Jn 20:19-23





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Save the Date:



Saint Matthew VBS
July 17-21
9:00-Noon

At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids will learn they were created by God and built for a purpose! This amazing adventure will help kids deepen their faith by discovering our loving God made each of us. Registration forms are available in the vestibule, in the parish office, or on our website.

Peace of Jesus Christ,
Joanne Warren



She died at nineteen, and five hundred years later, her legend and legacy are stronger than ever. Leelee Sobieski shines as the legendary warrior and saint,

Joan of Arc, who, at seventeen, led one of the greatest military campaigns for freedom the world has ever witnessed. **Joan of Arc** is a riveting epic film of faith, inspiration, triumph, and tears. Born to a peasant French family, Joan heard the voices of saints calling her to unite her besieged nation. Joan convinced the young French king that God was calling her to command an army into battle to save France. It became an incredible adventure as Joan of Arc defied all odds and marched into history.

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 18th



Beautiful **Father's Day Novena Cards** will be available in the church vestibule beginning next weekend, June 3rd/4th. Enroll your dad in nine days of Masses, beginning on Sunday, June 18th.

Please return the outer envelope with your offering to the collection basket or to the Parish Office by Friday, June 16th. Offerings will be used to replace the roof on the church.



MINISTRY FAIR SUNDAY, JUNE 4th

Do you want to participate more in activities at St. Matthew's, but are uncertain as to what opportunities are available? Then plan now to meet representatives from St. Matthew's ministries at our **Parish Ministry Fair, Sunday, June 4th after all Masses** in the St. Joseph Parish Center.

Also, our Knights of Columbus will be serving their **Famous Gourmet Breakfast** during that time.




YOUTH MINISTRY



On Friday, June 2nd, there will be an overnight in the Parish Center for those attending Work Camp. **Saturday, June 17th**, there will be a **Work Camp meeting** after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center.

CATHOLIC BOOK SALE: JUNE 11th

On Sun., June 11th, the **Hispanic Leadership School** will be selling religious books at Saint Matthew's to raise funds for their apostolate.  For many years, this volunteer organization has helped to form young Catholic men and women in the Faith, primarily among the Hispanic communities in large parishes in Northern Virginia. Your purchase will help them to continue their good works.



SECULAR FRANCISCANS

The Secular Franciscans will meet Saturday, **June 10th, at St. Jude's Activity Ctr.** (10725 Courthouse Rd.). The meeting begins at 10:15 a.m. in the church, praying the Liturgy of the Hours. Formation and meeting will follow. For more information, please stop by or call Mary Anne at (540) 226-0965.

MARRIAGE NULLITY PRESENTATION

What is the marriage nullity process in the Diocese of Arlington? How does one introduce an annulment case? Fr. Robert Rippy, J.C.L., Judicial Vicar, will give a presentation on the **Marriage Nullity Process** on **Tuesday, May 30th, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope in Potomac Falls.** Questions about the nullity process and the grounds needed to begin the process will be addressed. Reserve a space by calling Danine Welsh at 703-841-2556, leaving your name, phone number and number of attendees.

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE June 23 & 24 2017

The IHM National Homeschool Conference will be held at the Fredericksburg Expo & Convention Center, 2371 Carl D. Silver Pkwy, Fredericksburg, VA on **Friday, June 23rd (9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.)** and on **Saturday, June 24th (9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)**. This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Father Jeffrey Kirby, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Mr. Jeff Cavins and Mrs. Mary Ellen Barrett are confirmed speakers! Admission is free. Registration is not required. For information, visit info@ihmconference.org

CONGRATULATIONS ALL GRADUATES!!

God bless you in all your
future endeavors!

