

# 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..... 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..... 3:00 pm

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays .....9:00 am - 11:00 am  
First Fridays.....8:00 pm - 9:00 p.m.

**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. Weddings are not celebrated during Christmas Week and Easter Week.

## 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 volunteer, or arrange visitation of the elderly, the sick or the homebound.

## SAINT MATTHEW THRIFT STORE (Breezewood Shopping Ctr.)

Address: 10639 Courthouse Road • Telephone: 540-834-2479.

Hours: Monday through Friday 10 AM-3 PM; Sat. 10 AM-2 PM & Sun.-Closed. *Volunteers and donations of clothing, household items and furniture needed on a continuing basis.*

## SAINT MATTHEW FOOD PANTRY & BABY CLOSET

Address: 8206 Robert E. Lee Dr. • Telephone: 540-507-8106.

The Food Pantry and Baby Closet assist clients during the following hours: Wednesdays-2 PM-6 PM; Fridays 9 AM-12 NOON; and the first Saturday of the month from 9 AM to 11 AM. *-Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis.*

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Saint Faustina Conference

**SVdP Assistance Line:** 540-834-5555. Website: [www.svdpstfaustina.org](http://www.svdpstfaustina.org)  
*Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call the parish office: 540-582-5575.*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** To find information about the Bishop Keating Council 12434 or The Fathers Cilinski Assembly 3568, please visit <http://www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org> and select Knights of Columbus under the Outreach Ministries tab. The council meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The Assembly meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

# APRIL 12, 2026 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## MASSES

Mon (04/13) 8:00 AM - FOR NEWBORNS  
Tue (04/14) 8:00 AM - KELLI IRISH  
Wed (04/15) 11:00 AM - KENNETH KELP+  
Thu (04/16) 7:30 PM - RODRICK CONNOR  
Fri (04/17) 7:30 PM - JOYCE JURKIW+  
Sat (04/18) 8:30 PM - JIM BERRY+  
Sun (04/19) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S  
9:30 AM - COLE THERIAULT+  
11:00 AM - EMILY & KATIE BROWN



The Saturday 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass is being live streamed.

## PRAY THE ROSARY WITH YOUR PARISH FAMILY

Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary for an increase in faith, hope, love and peace in our country and throughout the world, on the last Saturday of the month at 4:30 p.m. (in front of the church, weather permitting; otherwise, in the church), and on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

## VOCATIONS

*"Peace be with you."* As we reflect on Jesus' merciful heart, we pray for those who bring Christ's peace through the priesthood, honoring and supporting them in their vocation. If you sense a call to this ministry of mercy, take time to explore God's plan for you. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). or (703) 841-2514.

## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (04/11 - 04/12) Regular Collection

Next weekend (04/18 - 04/19) Regular Collection

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

Due to early bulletin printing the first Collection for April 5<sup>th</sup> will be reported in the April 19<sup>th</sup> bulletin. Thank You!

In order to meet St. Matthew's operating expenses and save for future projects, the First Collection should bring in at least \$12,000 every weekend.

In addition to Mass collections, weekly donations may be mailed, dropped off at the Parish Office or made through online giving. Please help us by using your Offertory Envelopes when donating by cash or check.

For online giving go to our parish website:

[www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org](http://www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org), and Go to General Information and choose



## PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND, UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

To donate for Ukraine war relief, please visit:  
<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html>

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please consider spending some time in prayer before the Sacred Host exposed on the altar. Adoration takes place on Mondays 9-11 a.m. and on First Fridays 8-9 p.m. Information on prayer before the Eucharist is available in the vestibule. **MONDAY morning adoration does not take place on federal holidays or during Christmas Week and Easter Week, or on holy days of obligation.**



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Please join us after the 11:00 a.m. Mass for a Holy Hour with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

## POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II SOLEMN ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT OF THE WORLD TO THE DIVINE MERCY

God, merciful Father,  
in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have revealed Your love  
and poured it out upon us in the Holy Spirit,  
the Comforter.

We entrust to You today the destiny of the world  
and of every man and woman.

Bend down to us sinners, heal our weakness,  
conquer all evil, and  
grant that all the peoples of the earth may experience  
Your mercy. In You, the Triune God,  
may they ever find the source of hope.

Eternal Father, by the Passion and Resurrection of  
Your Son, have  
mercy on us and upon the whole world! Amen.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 19<sup>h</sup> READINGS

Acts 2:14, 22-33  
Pt 1:17-21  
Lk 24:13-35



## PLEASE BE AWARE!!

**NO ONE** from the Parish Office will text or email you asking for monetary help or gift cards. Please **do not respond to any form of this kind of communication.** Please call the office if you have any questions.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

04/14 & 04/15 RE Classes  
04/21 & 04/22 RE Classes  
04/28 & 04/29 RE Classes



The Face of Mercy explores the history and relevance of Divine Mercy in our turbulent times. Watch its story unfold, from an unpretentious Polish nun who experienced powerful visions of a merciful God, to her countryman Saint John Paul II who propelled the message of Divine Mercy onto the world stage. Filmed in stunning 4K and seamlessly weaving together theology and history with modern testimonials and visual effects, this stirring film creates a remarkable tapestry of what constitutes the face of mercy in our modern world.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It contains scenes of war and historic violence. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

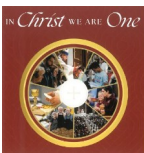


Save the Date  
Saint Matthew VBS  
June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
9:00 a.m. – noon  
Rising K-Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



## SUMMIT ACADEMY SUMMER CAMPS

Camp Frassati is an outdoor summer adventure for rising 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. At camp, students will follow in the footsteps of St. Frassati through outdoor exploration (hiking, paddling, and climbing) and spiritual formation. To register or for more information, please visit: [thesummitva.org/summercamps](http://thesummitva.org/summercamps).



## IN CHRIST WE ARE ONE BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL 2026

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal! If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on your blessings and consider making a gift now. The BLA unites us as a diocesan family to support programs, ministries and services which help tens of thousands of people. You may mail your gift or go online to [arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code to make a gift. Thank you for your generosity!



## YOUTH MINISTRY 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Youth Ministry will meet tonight at 6:30 in the Parish Center. The Work Camp Tool Safety Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.



On April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> teens will be selling raffle tickets for handmade items and taking requests for yard work to raise funds for Work Camp.

For more information, please contact Sheila Kinley at [stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com).



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES MEN'S THERAPY GROUP

Beginning April 14<sup>th</sup>, a 12-session program will be conducted to help men over 18 years of age to address issues relating to sexuality and scrupulosity. For details, contact [peter.drabant@ccda.net](mailto:peter.drabant@ccda.net) or call Catholic Charities at 540-371-1124.



## 14th ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY GOLF CLASSIC

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Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

For more information call: 540-854-2300 or email [tpollnow@paulstefanhome.org](mailto:tpollnow@paulstefanhome.org)  
To register go to: [www.paulstefanhome.org](http://www.paulstefanhome.org)



## COFFEE AND DONUTS

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
After All Masses

In the Parish Center  
Sponsored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
St. Faustina Conference

## PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK To place loved ones on this list, please contact the Parish Office.

Stephen Austin, Rosanne Backhus, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Mary Buccigrossi, Dan Carver, Helen Cash, Mary Cave, Randy Chapman, Barbara Coughenour, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Fr. Eversole, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Mary Gibbons, Marguerite Govoni, Frances Gray, Mike Hemmesch, Christopher Hubbarth, Mike Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Carol Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Robert Monastra, Ellis Newhouse, Cecilia Diane O'Brien, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, Marjean Rice, Dave Scharett, Sid Sidelko, Faye Sill, Natalie (Caporali) Smith, Sam Tomarchio, Marjorie Welsh, Joseph Waterman.

PRAYER REQUESTS: For parishioners and immediate family members or for emergency situations, please contact Lynn Kobasa at [lynnkobasa\\_2@msn.com](mailto:lynnkobasa_2@msn.com). Send your message with the words "prayer request."


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