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PARISH WEBSITE

www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org

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..... 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

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.

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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 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.svdpsfaustina.org

Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Dave Scharett: 540-388-8736.

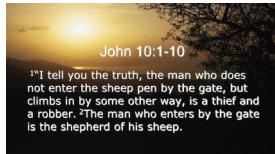
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: To find information about the Bishop

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 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The Assembly meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 30, 2023 ☞ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES

Mon (05/01) 8:00 AM - RICH FAMILY INTENTION
Tues (05/02) 8:00 AM - CLARK FAMILY INTENTION
Wed (05/03) 11:00 AM - JENKINS FAMILY INTENTION
Thu (05/04) 6:30 AM - MASS CANCELLED TODAY
Fri (05/05) 7:30 PM - ETHAN BLEVINS+
Sat (05/06) 5:30 PM - ANN NESTOR+
Sun (05/07) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
9:30 AM - MERRY EVERSOLE
11:00 AM - JOHN & MICHELE SHAPPY+



All Sunday Masses are 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially in our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. or 703-841-2514.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (04/29 - 04/30) 1) Regular Collection
2) Catholic Home Missions
Next weekend (05/06 - 05/07) 1) Regular Collection
2) Bldg. & Grounds

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection amount for April 23rd was \$12,166. 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, General Information and choose Online Giving or scan this QR code



PEACE AND FREEDOM IN UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

To donate for war relief, please visit: koc.org/Ukraine

We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE THIS WEEK

On Thursday, May 4th, there will be NO Mass or confessions.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, make me holy.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, fill me with love.
Water from Christ's side, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds, hide me.
Never let me be parted from you.
From the evil enemy, protect me.
At the hour of my death, call me.
And in eternal life always keep me.

Amen.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

A Novena of Masses will be offered in honor of Mother's Day, beginning on Sun., May 14th thru Mon., May 22nd. Beautiful cards for the Novena are available in the church vestibule. Please return the outer envelope with your offering to the collection basket or the Parish Office by Friday, May 12th. Offerings will benefit our Buildings & Grounds Fund.



PLEASE BE AWARE!!

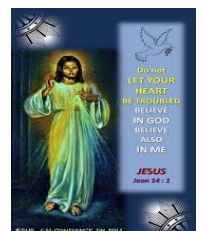
NO ONE from the Parish Office will text or email you asking for monetary help or gift cards. Please do not respond to any form of this kind of communication. Call the office if you have any questions.

SUNDAY MAY 7th READINGS

Acts 6:1-7

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12





05/02 & 05/03 RE Classes
 05/09 & 05/10 RE Classes
 05/16 & 05/17 RE Classes
 (end of 2022-2023 year)

Vacation Bible School



Save the Date!
 June 12th -16th
 9:00 a.m.- noon

**ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRY
 FAIR
 and BAKE SALE
 Sun., May 21st
 In the Parish Center**



Come enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut while visiting with members of our parish ministries about service opportunities. Delicious baked goods provided by our own Women's Guild will also be available for purchase.

**PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY
 The Bethlehem Carving Group
 Sat., 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Sun., 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 In the Arlington Diocese**

The job includes unpacking and packing boxes, setting up displays of religious artifacts at parishes and helping with selling. For more information call 202-302-5889 or email www.bethlehemcarvings.org.

DIOCESAN RESOURCE PAGE

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington website includes a resource page where parishioners can access information regarding events affecting the Church. Read the policies on child protection and responses from Bishop Burbidge and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.arlingtondiocese.org/child protection.

PARISH REGISTRY UPDATES

- Have you had an address change?
- Deleted your home phone?
- Updated your cell number or email address?

If any of these answers are **Yes**, please notify the parish office by either completing a [blue Parish Update Form](#) available in the vestibule or by calling the parish office (540-582-5575).



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry will meet on April 30th.



The teens have built picnic tables at the Work Camp Tool Safety Workshop to be raffled off. The raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend and May 7th.

For more information please contact Deacon Mike at deaconmike2@comcast.net.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
 AT ST. MATTHEW'S**

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
 YOUTH MINISTRY**

**FOR DETAILS ON THIS PART-TIME POSITION,
 PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE:**

www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org



**GOURMET BREAKFAST
 SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023
 FOLLOWING ALL MASSES**

St. Matthew Parish Center
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PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

To place loved ones on this list, please contact the Parish Office.



Janice Anthony, Rosanne Backhus, Clifford Bergen, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Mary Buccigrossi, Helen Cash, Mary Cave, Barbara Coughenour, Helena Correllus, Betty Davis, Patrick Denny, Dave Downs, Matthew Duffy, Fr. Alex Drummond, Tom Faleskie, Lavern Fillare, Alice Foley, Lisa Foos, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Mary Gibbons, George Granofsky, Marie Harrington, Kathy Helms, Christopher Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, David Hunziker, Marie Johnson, Laverne Koczot, Melissa Martinez, Stephen Middleton, Robert Monastra, Ellis Newhouse, Maria Ochoa, Maria Osorio, Glovenia Pauls, Jeff Pignataro, Al Ptasznik, Pete Rekdal, Susan Sablon-Harrington, Dave Scharett, Sid Sidelko, Natalie (Caporali) Smith, Ron Smith, Tim Sottek, Judy Sullivan, Charlotte Taraschke, Cole Therault, Cathy Thodos, Leonard Thompson, Sam Tomarchio, Charles & Stephen Weaver, Chrissie Weaver, and Nicholas Yaworski.

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

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