

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

Pastor..... Rev. Paul M. Eversole
Deacons..... Rev. Mr. John Hubbarth, Ret.
Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

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HOURS: Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

BUSINESS

MANAGER: Jared Darr
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FACILITIES

MANAGER: Jim Buck

PARISH

SECRETARY: Terrie Yates

RECEPTIONISTS: Mary Lou Felts
Mary Szabo

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org



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

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 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The Assembly meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 16TH, 2026 & THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (08/17) 8:00 AM - RODRICK CONNOR+
Tue (08/18) 8:00 AM - JOSEPH STAKEM
Wed (08/19) 11:00 AM - BLADEN BROWN
Thu (08/20) 6:30 AM - MICHAEL JARMOLOWICH+
Fri (08/21) 7:30 PM - DAN EGAN+
Sat (08/22) 5:30 PM - J.D. LEONARD
Sun (08/23) 8:00 AM - CEIL KELPMEIER+
9:30 AM - FRANCES &
FREDERICK VITIELLO
11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S



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

"Woman, great is your faith!" In discerning a vocation, we are called to courage and perseverance, trusting God's plan for our lives. Whether called to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, answering His call requires faith that He will guide and sustain us every step of the way. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (08/15 - 08/16) Regular Collection

Next weekend (08/22 - 08/23) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for August 9th was \$18,137. 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, and Go to General Information and choose Online Giving or scan this QR code.



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.**

CATECHISM FOR ADULTS ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

- ➡ Are you thinking of joining the Catholic Church?
- ➡ Are you already Catholic, and wish to refresh your knowledge of the Faith?

Then this informal course of instruction is for you! We meet in the Parish Center on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., beginning on September 1st and continuing until Easter. Those interested should leave their name and telephone number with Father Eversole at the Parish Office (540)582-5575.

AN APPEAL FROM FR. EVERSOLE PEACE AND CALM FOR THE MASS

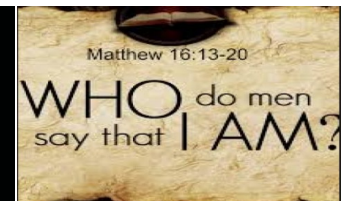
I ask for everyone's kind help and cooperation in maintaining a peaceful atmosphere for the celebration of Mass. Please keep in mind that everyone has:

- the right to take part in the Mass in a peaceful setting,
- the right to be able to hear everything that is said at Mass, and
- the right to benefit from times of silence at Mass especially after Communion.

The PA system in the vestibule and outside the church makes it possible for you to continue praying the Mass if you need to take young children out in order to calm them when they are crying or rambunctious. My thanks to everyone for your help—the Masses are already more peaceful.

READINGS

Is 22:19-23
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20



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-8th Grade

Registration for the 2026-2027 Religious Education year has begun. Registration forms and calendars were mailed to all previously registered families. If you have not received a form, they can be found in the vestibule of the church, the parish office, or on our website www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org.

Classes will be offered:

Grades K-5 Tuesday from 5:00-6:15 p.m.
Grade 6-8 Wednesday from 6:00-7:15 p.m.

A class will be offered for those who need to "catch up" on the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Please call the parish office for more information. **Classes begin September 22nd and 23rd.**

The Following RE Volunteers Are Needed:

Catechists: for grades 1st, 4th and 5th grades.

Catechist aides for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, and the Sacrament "Catch Up" Class.

Wednesday evening Safety Monitor.

Please call the parish office or email Danielle Houck, DRE, at stmatthewre@comcast for more information or to volunteer.



Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story



Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story is the story of Servant of God Michelle Duppong, who bore witness to Christ through heroic suffering and a passion for inviting others to be transformed by His love.

SOCIAL OUTREACH IN MAY

St. Matthew's Food Pantry assisted 244 families. Our pantry delivers help to residents of Enoch Manor on a regular basis, and sends provisions to food pantries in Orange and King George counties.

Food Donations totaling 3,498 pounds came from St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Charities, Panera (Massaponax), and Wawa (Spotsylvania).

St. Matthew's Baby Closet assisted 48 families. Baby supplies distributed were valued at \$1,785.00 and included formula, lotion, shampoo, blankets, baby wash, baby bottles, diapers, and diaper rash lotion.

St. Matthew's Thrift Store volunteers are working Mon. - Sat. to provide affordable shopping for clothing and household needs and to generate proceeds in support of charitable activities.

St. Matthew's Good Samaritans are visiting the homebound.



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Regular Youth Ministry meetings have ended for the school year. For information on summer events contact Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com

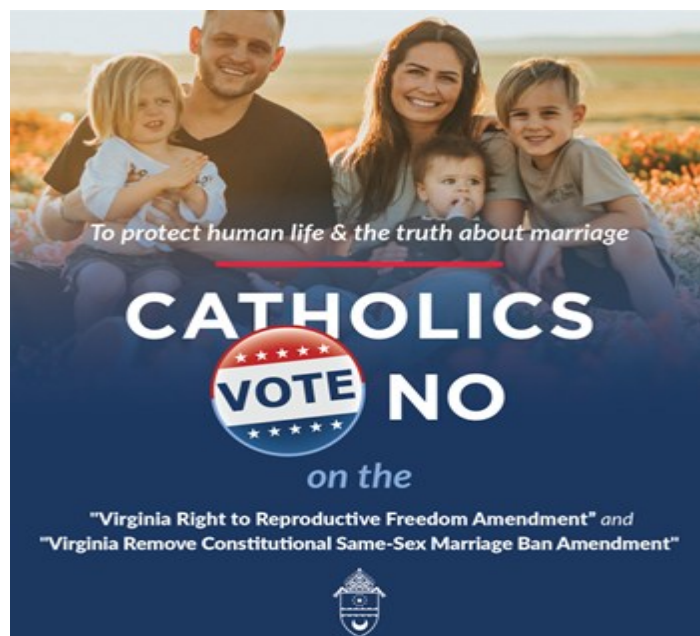


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mdonlon@saintpatrickschoolva.org



PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

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

Rosanne Backhus, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Doug Bond, Mary Buccigrossi, Dan Carver, Helen Cash, Mary Cave, Barbara Coughenour, Ester Diaz, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Fr. Eversole, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Mary Gibbons, Marguerite Govoni, Frances Gray, Christopher Hubbarth, Mike Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, Christine Klein, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Carol Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Julie Morgan, Ellis Newhouse, Cecilia Diane O'Brien, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, David Pritchard, Marjean Rice, Dylan Rodriguez, 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. Send your message with the words "prayer request."

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