

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

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

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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

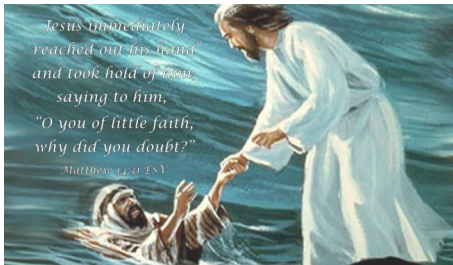
SVdP Assistance Line: 540-834-5555. Website: www.svdpstfaustina.org
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call the parish office: 540-582-5575.

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 9TH, 2026 ~ THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Mon (08/10) 8:00 AM - JOHN & ROSEMARY STORM
Tue (08/11) 8:00 AM - PAIGE MCMAHON+
Wed (08/12) 11:00 AM - PETER DECAPRIO+
Thu (08/13) 6:30 AM - MLECZKO FAMILY
Fri (08/14) 7:30 PM - MIKE VOLRATH+
Sat (08/15) 5:30 PM - CONNIE & RICHARD HURNEY
Sun (08/16) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW
9:30 AM - MARY ELLEN &
DAVE SCHARETT
11:00 AM - BETH & JEFF YORIO



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

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." In the midst of uncertainty and challenge, Jesus calls us to trust in His presence. Vocations invite us to step out in faith, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage, placing our lives in His hands and allowing Him to guide us. How is He calling you? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (08/08 - 08/09) Regular Collection
Disability Awareness Coll.

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

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for July 26th was \$15,253 and for August 2nd was \$15,501. 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



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.**

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.

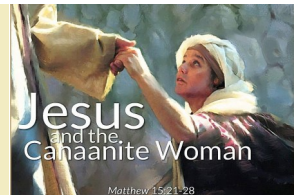
CATECHISM FOR ADULTS ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

- ➡ 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.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th READINGS

Is 56:1, 6-7
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Mt 15:21-28



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.

Grades 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.



The Bible and the Virgin Mary The Assumption



This session examines the dogma of the Assumption of Mary and the many facets of the identity of the woman in the Apostle John's vision in Revelation 12. Learn how John's vision in Revelation is the dramatic fulfillment of the promise God made back in the Garden of Eden: the "first gospel."

MEN'S SILENT RETREAT FINDING JESUS WITH ST. FRANCIS

Friday through Sunday, September 25th - 27th

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During this Jubilee Year of St. Francis, the whole Church remembers and prays for the grace to imitate a man totally transfixed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Guided by the life and heroic example of St. Francis, the

Poor Man of Assisi, we will seek the Peace and Joy that he found. For more information or to register, please email Deacon Maines at:

mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org or
visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat.

PORTO CHARITIES



The second collection this week will support Porto Charities, a non-profit in the Diocese of Arlington dedicated to providing young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with access to Catholic education, meaningful work, and opportunities for lifelong flourishing in their communities. All proceeds from the Special Kids/ Special Needs collection will go directly to supporting parishes and Catholic schools in our diocese working to build a culture of true belonging for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



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



Congratulations to the newly elected officers for the Knights of Columbus **Bishop Keating Council #12434** (3rd degree) & the **Fathers Cilinski Assembly #3568** (4th degree) for 2026-2027.

The Grand Knight for the Bishop Keating Council is Thomas Cleary; Deputy Grand Knight - Mark Buck; Financial Secretary - John Morris; Treasurer - Joe Liposky; Chancellor - Tom Wheeler; Recorder - Erik Inbody; Advocate - Al Ptaszniak; Warden - Don Revetta; Inside Guard - James Kidd; Outside Guard - Mike Lansden; 1-yr. Trustee - Curtis Klugh; 2-yr. Trustee - Mike Bruso; 3-yr. Trustee - Jim Buck; Chaplain - Fr. Paul M. Eversole. The Bishop Keating Council meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

The newly elected officers of the **Fathers Cilinski Assembly**: Faithful Navigator - Mike Bruso; Faithful Comptroller - Ryan Pysner; Faithful Captain - Joe Bury; Faithful Admiral - Vince Rivellese; Faithful Scribe - John Morris; Faithful Purser - Joe Liposky; Faithful Pilot - Steve Perchalski; Faithful Inner Sentinel - John Harris; Faithful Outer Sentinel - Yves Tiani; Faithful Trustee 1 Year - Jared Darr; Faithful Trustee 2 Year - Al Ptaszniak; Faithful Trustee 3 Year - Joe Bury; Color Corps Commander - Jim Buck; Faithful Friar - Father Paul M. Eversole. The Fathers Cilinski Assembly meets the 4th Monday of each month in the Parish Center. God bless you all!

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, Mike Hemmesch, 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, 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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