

# ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**HOURS:** Monday thru Friday  
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**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 to 6 PM; Fridays 9 AM to 11 AM; 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 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 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.

# DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2025 & THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASSES

Mon (12/22) 8:00 AM - VALDA & ED SINKORA  
Tue (12/23) 8:00 AM - DEACON ED+ & MARY WHELAN  
Wed (12/24) 8:00 AM - PAULIUS SINKORA  
5:30 PM - DEACON JOHN &  
JANE HUBBARTH  
12:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S  
Thu (12/25) 8:30 AM - JOANNE & TOM WARREN  
10:30 AM - DEACON MIKE &  
PHYLLIS STRAIN  
Fri (12/26) 7:30 PM - CLARENCE ELLIS+  
Sat (12/27) 5:30 PM - JOAN MCCLUGHLIN  
Sun (12/28) 8:00 AM - JOHN BUCCIGROSSI+  
9:30 AM - JOSEPH CONREY+  
11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST MATTHEW'S



## 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

"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Mary's trust in God's plan is a model for all vocations. Could God be inviting you to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, living fully for Him to bring His presence to others? Embrace His call with courage. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office via email at: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). or (703)841-2514.

## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (12/20 - 12/21) Regular Collection  
(12/24 - 12/25) Christmas Collection  
Next weekend (12/27 - 12/28) Regular Collection

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

Due to early bulletin printing the First Collection for December 14<sup>th</sup> will be reported in the January 11<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 \$12,500 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 Online Giving or scan this QR code.



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

Donations for war relief in Ukraine may be made via  
The Archeparchy of Philadelphia  
Ukrainian Catholic Church

[ukrcatholic.org](http://ukrcatholic.org) (click on "Help Ukraine")

Donations for Gaza War relief may be made via  
Catholic Relief Services [crs.org](http://crs.org)

## 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, during Christmas Week and Easter Week, or on holy days of obligation.**



## FROM THE PASTOR

### MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THANK YOU!

Dear St. Matthew's Parishioners,

As we rejoice in the mysteries of our Lord's Birth, please join me in thanking everyone who makes our parish a place of worship, welcome and community during the holidays and throughout the year: those who helped with our Christmas Parade float and Christmas Market; our deacons and parish staff; our liturgical volunteers, sacristans and church decorators; our religious education and youth ministry volunteers; our Knights of Columbus and Women's Guild; and all those who help those in need, including our Food Pantry, Baby Closet and Thrift Store workers and the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Because of your generosity, prayers and support, St. Matthew's is able to imitate the charity and humility of our New-Born King. Many thanks to all of you, and may God Bless you with a peaceful Christmas Season.

Yours In Christ,  
Fr. Eversole



## SUNDAY DECEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> READINGS

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Col 3:12-21

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



## 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

**12/23 & 12/24** No RE Classes  
**Merry Christmas**  
**12/30 & 12/31** No RE Classes  
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## A GLASS CLASS IS COMING!!

January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> - In the Parish Center

Check in between 9:00 a.m. and

10:00 a.m. Work until Noon

Support the St. Matthew Church

Food Pantry and Baby Closet!

Fee \$50.00 for 2 projects.

Bring 3 food items for the food pantry  
and make an additional project!

Class size is limited—you must sign up ahead of time

To sign-up email Susan Sablon at:

[susanmsablon@gmail.com](mailto:susanmsablon@gmail.com)

In case of snow the classes will be on  
January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

## SOCIAL OUTREACH IN NOVEMBER

**St. Matthew's Food Pantry** assisted 240 families. Our pantry delivers help to residents of Enoch Manor and Keswick senior apartments on a regular basis, and sends provisions to food pantries in Orange and King George counties.

Food Donations totaling 7,539 lbs. came from St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Charities, Panera (Massaponax), and Wawa (Spotsylvania).

**St. Matthew's Baby Closet** assisted 55 families. Baby supplies distributed were valued at \$1,693 and included clothing, 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. Volunteers are needed!

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



No meeting tonight. Classes will resume on January 4th. Wishing our Youth Ministry Families a very Blessed Christmas! For more information contact Sheila Kinley at [stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com).



## SCHEDULE for CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S

### CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY - DEC. 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30 AM CONFESSIONS

4:45 PM CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

5:30 PM VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS

11:20 PM CAROLS & SING-ALONG

### CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY - DEC. 25<sup>th</sup>

12:00 MIDNIGHT MASS

8:30 AM MASS

10:30 AM MASS

### SOLEMNITY of MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER of GOD

#### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31<sup>st</sup>,

5:30 PM VIGIL MASS

THURSDAY, JAN. 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30 AM MASS

10:30 AM MASS

## CHRISTMAS CLOSINGS

The Parish Office will be closed:  
December 18<sup>th</sup> (noon) - January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
It will reopen on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

The Food Pantry will be closed:

December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>

They will reopen on January 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Thrift Store will be closed:

December 24<sup>th</sup> - December 26<sup>th</sup>

December 31<sup>st</sup> - January 5<sup>th</sup>



## PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

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

Rosanne Backhus, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Mary Buccigrossi, Dan Carver, Helen Cash, Mary Cave, Randy Chapman, Barbara Coughenour, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Mary Gibbons, Frances Gray, Christopher Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, David Hunziker, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Carol Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Robert Monastra, Ellis Newhouse, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, Breanne Cave-Paulson, Dave Scharett, Sid Sidelko, Faye Sill, Natalie (Caporali) Smith, Sam Tomarchio, Al Undercoffer, 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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