

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 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

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 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 28TH, 2025 & THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

MASSSES

Mon (12/29) 8:00 AM - MARY LOU FELTS
Tue (12/30) 8:00 AM - TERRIE YATES
Wed (12/31) 11:00 AM - ROBERT KELP+
5:30 PM - CINDY WELLER
Thu (01/01) 8:30 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW
10:30 AM - PAIGE MCMAHON+
Fri (01/02) 7:30 PM - JOANNE WARREN
Sat (01/03) 5:30 PM - PAULA STAUB+
Sun (01/04) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST MATTHEW
9:30 AM - GALIK & CHIR FAMILIES
11:00 AM - EDMUND BENSON AND
ZACHARY SHORT



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

"Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel." Joseph's obedience to God protected the Holy Family. Pray and reflect on the kind of obedience God may be asking of you. If you sense it may be as a priest or religious, reach out to the Vocations Office via email at: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or (703)841-2514.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (12/27 - 12/28) Regular Collection
Next weekend (01/03 - 01/04) Regular Collection
Building & Grounds Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for December 14th, 21st, and 28th will be reported in the January 11th 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, 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 (click on "Help Ukraine")

Donations for Gaza War relief may be made via
Catholic Relief Services 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.**

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen

Pope Francis

SOLEMNITY of MARY THE HOLY MOTHER of GOD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31st

5:30 PM VIGIL MASS

THURSDAY, JAN. 1st

8:30 AM MASS

10:30 AM MASS



SUNDAY JANUARY 4th READINGS

Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12



PLEASE BE AWARE!!

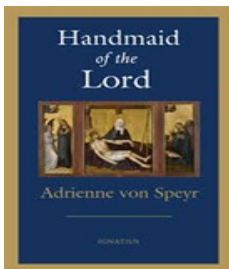
NO ONE from the Parish Office will text or email you asking for monetary help or gift cards. Please **do not respond to any form of this kind of communication.** Please call the office if you have any questions.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-8th Grade

12/30 & 12/31 No RE Classes
Happy New Year
01/06 & 01/07 RE Classes
01/13 & 01/14 RE Classes

Peace of Christ,
Joanne Warren, DRE



In this profound book on the mystery of Mary, Adrienne von Speyr reflects on the life, attitude, and prayer of the Mother of God. She shows how Mary's assent to God's will—her Fiat: "Let it be done to me according to thy word"—is what defines and sanctifies every aspect of her life. She gives new insights into Mary's holiness, suffering, prayer, and role of spiritual motherhood for all mankind.



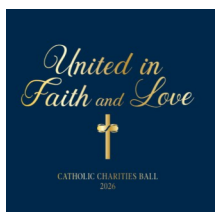
CHRISTMAS CLOSINGS

The Parish Office will be closed:
thru - January 2nd
It will reopen on Monday, January 5th

The Food Pantry will reopen on January 3rd
The Thrift Store will reopen on January 5th



CATHOLIC CHARITIES BALL FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026, 6:00 p.m. RITZ-CARLTON, TYSONS CORNER MCLEAN, VA



Come celebrate the great works of Catholic Charities and raise the funds necessary to continue to support the ministries. Purchase a table, a seat, or make a donation to help us reach our goal of \$1.7 million by visiting ccda.net/ball.

A GLASS CLASS IS COMING!!

January 9th and 10th - 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



In case of snow the classes will be on
January 16th and 17th



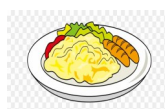
YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

No meeting tonight. Classes will resume on January 4th. Wishing our Youth Ministry Families a very Happy New Year! For more information contact Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.



ENGLISH AND CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Catholic Charities is offering online English and Citizenship classes for adults. AM & PM classes available. Fees for 16 weeks: English - \$200.00; Citizenship - \$125.00. Classes start January 21, 2026. Register now using the QR code.



GOURMET BREAKFAST January 4th After All Masses in the Parish Center

Come join fellow parishioners for a fabulous gourmet breakfast prepared by our Knights of Columbus.

ST. MATTHEW WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will meet on January 4th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

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, 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. Send your message with the words "prayer request."





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