

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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 7TH, 2025 & THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSSES

Mon (12/08) 8:00 AM - TERRY AND RALPH STEINIGER
11:00 AM - FR. PATRICK+
7:30 PM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW
Tue (12/09) 8:00 AM - MICHAEL PURTELL+
Wed (12/10) 11:00 AM - JAMES DUNN+
Thu (12/11) 9:00 AM - BLADEN BROWN
Fri (12/12) 7:30 PM - MELANIE & STEVEN BOLAS
Sat (12/13) 5:30 PM - AMBER IRISH
Sun (12/14) 8:00 AM - CAROLINE CLARK+
9:30 AM - SUZANNE DILLER+
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

Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (12/06 - 12/07) Regular Collection
Building & Grounds

Next weekend (12/13 - 12/14) Regular Collection
Catholic Charities Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for November 30th was \$13,035. **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.**

THE SOLEMNITY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Patronal Feast Day of the USA
Monday, December 8th

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED:
8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.

NO MONDAY MORNING ADORATION ON DECEMBER 8th

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE December 12th



Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mystical Rose, make intercession for holy Church, protect the sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke you in their necessities, and since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life, of burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance. Amen

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14th READINGS

Is 35:1-6a
Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11



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

12/09 & 12/10 RE Classes
12/16 & 12/17 RE Classes
12/23 & 12/24 **No RE Classes Merry Christmas**
12/30 & 12/31 **No RE Classes Happy New Year**



Brother Francis leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord! Featuring meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep our focus on Christ this Christmas.



**December 13th from
3:00-8:00 p.m.**

Bring the whole family. Activities and crafts for Kids, craft vendors, carols and tree lighting, dinner, beer garden, and musical entertainment by the Low 'n' Browns.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS BEGIN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th

Our Annual Children's Christmas Pageant will be presented at 4:45 p.m. on Christmas Eve in the Church. The mandatory rehearsals will be on Sundays, December 7th, 14th, and 21st after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. If you have elementary thru middle school children who are interested in taking part, please contact Danya Ivory at (540)207-2402 or Melanie Bolas at: stmatthewfamilychoir@gmail.com.



2025 GIVING TREE

Advent is a time to prepare for the Birth of Jesus at Christmas; our Giving Tree brings us the opportunity to share our blessings with those in need in our local community. Please take envelopes from the tree, and return them with the requested gift for the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Matthew's Food Pantry and Baby Closet, or Mary's Shelter.**

The Giving Tree will be at the front doors of the Church thru December 17th. You may return your donation envelopes to the collection basket or the Parish Office.



CHRISTMAS CLOSINGS

**The Parish Office will be closed:
December 18th (noon) - January 2nd
We will reopen on Monday, January 5th**

**The Food Pantry will be closed:
December 22nd - January 2nd
They will reopen on January 3rd**

**The Thrift Store will be closed:
December 24th - December 26th
December 31st - January 5th**



YOUTH MINISTRY - 9th - 12th Grade

No meeting tonight. Teens and families are invited to make a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in DC with the Youth Ministry. Reminder - our annual Scavenger Hunt will be on Sunday, December 14th. More information to follow, For more information contact Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.

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

**Class size
is limited -
you must
sign up
ahead of
time.**

Support the St. Matthew Church
Food Pantry and Baby Closet!

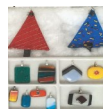
Fee \$50.00 for 2 projects.

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

To sign-up email Susan Sablon at:
susanmsablon@gmail.com



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



SCHEDULE for CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S

CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY - DEC. 24th

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. 25th

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. 31st

5:30 PM VIGIL MASS

THURSDAY, JAN. 1st

8:30 AM MASS

10:30 AM MASS

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, Angie Walker, 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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