

# 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, Saturday ..... 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 ..... 4:30 pm

***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

## 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 arrange visitation of the elderly, the sick or the homebound.

## SAINT MATTHEW THRIFT STORE (Breezewood Shopping Center)

Address: 10639 Courthouse Road • Telephone: 540-834-2479.

Hours: M-F 10 AM-3PM; Sat. 9:30 AM-2:30 PM; Sun.-Closed

*Volunteers and donations of clothing, household items and furniture needed on a continuing basis.*

## SVdP FOOD PANTRY (Breezewood Shopping Center)

Address: 10643 Courthouse Road • Telephone: 540-834-5555.

Hours: 1<sup>st</sup> four Wednesdays 4 PM-6 PM; 1<sup>st</sup> four Fridays 9 AM-11 AM;

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 9AM-11AM; closed 5<sup>th</sup> Weeks. *Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis.*

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Saint Faustina Conference

**SVdP Hotline:** 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 Frank Mauro: 703-980-3318.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Bishop Keating Council 12434 meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the St. Joseph Parish Center; 4<sup>th</sup> degree, The Fathers Cilinski Assembly 3568 meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. of each month at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. For information, call the Parish Office 540-582-5575.

# FEBRUARY 4, 2018 ☞ 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

## MASSSES

Mon (02/05)	8:00 AM - ROBERT WHITE FAMILY+
Tues (02/06)	8:00 AM - ANNA THOMPSON+
Wed (02/07)	11:00 AM - PHILIP & MARGUERITE KRASS+
Thu (02/08)	6:30 AM - JOSEPHINE DYER+
Fri (02/09)	7:30 PM - REED FAMILY INTENTION
Sat (02/10)	8:00 AM - STEPHEN WHITTAKER FAM.+ 5:30 PM - REV. WILLIAM AITCHESON
Sun (02/11)	8:00 AM - JOSEPHINE DYER+ 9:30 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S 11:00 AM - JUSTIN COUSINEAU

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive,  
K of C Gourmet Breakfast and Blood Drive Sign-up



February 4, 2018  
After All Masses in the Parish Center



## JUST A REMINDER



You may drop off your blessed palms from previous years in the container located in the church vestibule. These blessed palms will be burned and used on Ash Wednesday (Feb 14<sup>th</sup>).

## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (02/03-02/04) 1) Regular  
2) Buildings & Grounds

Next weekend (02/10-02-11) 1) Regular  
2) Catholic Herald Collection

Please remember that second collections, when scheduled, are taken up after Communion. If you are not receiving collection envelopes, please call the parish office.

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

Last weekend's First Collection amounted to \$12,915. **THANK YOU!** In order to meet our Parish's operating expenses and save for future projects, the First Collection should bring in at least \$11,000 every weekend.

Please keep in mind that the First Collection at Sunday Mass, funds all operating expenses of your parish, including salaries, utilities and administrative needs.

**2018 Increased Offertory Program:** The 2018 Increased Offertory is under way! The prayers and donations of every household are necessary to support our parish and its efforts to bring the love of Christ and the truth of His Gospel to our community. Please give prayerful thought to increasing your weekly contributions in the new year.

Weekly Collection envelopes and online giving options ([www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org](http://www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org)) are available to all parishioners.

## VISITING JESUS IN THE TABERNACLE



Is it not true that charmed by the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we find ourselves drawn more and more to the Tabernacle where he keeps unceasing vigil, longing to bestow upon us his blessings and graces? Let us then, give ourselves up with all our hearts to the Divine attraction, for in Jesus alone is to be found all light, all strength, all consolation, and Jesus is there near us in His Eucharist.

Let us beg him to enlighten our souls and make us understand what our true interests are, and what it is that he asks of us.

Then we may be certain that Jesus will bless us with that powerful benediction which has made saints.

St. Peter Julian Eymard

## 2018 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS



Next weekend, every household in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. If you have already donated through the mail or online or are not able to participate, there will be a place to note that on the form. Please read the BLA newsletter inserted in today's bulletin with information about how the BLA funds are distributed throughout our diocese; then prayerfully consider joining in support by making a pledge to the BLA.

## PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK



Helen Soto, Bernadette Costello, Gracie Marvin, Tonya Armstrong, Jude Murphy, William Kerwin, Erin Burke, Chris Warren, Richard Saunders, Carol Martin, Rita Bobik, Sid Sidelko, Ed O'Brien, John Bernard, Amy Whittaker, Ted Hokoana, Margaret Lansden, Mary Anne Buccigrossi, Zack Yorio, and Joe Pascale.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** For parishioners and immediate family members or for emergency situations, please contact Sharon Shappy at (540) 207-0553 or Lynn Kobasa at [lynnkobasa\\_2@msn.com](mailto:lynnkobasa_2@msn.com). Send your message with the words "prayer request."

## SUNDAY READINGS

February 11, 2018

Lv 13:1-2,44-46

1Cor 10:31--11:1

Mk 1:40-45



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



02/06 & 02/07 RE Classes  
 02/13 & 02/14 RE Classes  
 02/20 & 02/21 RE Classes

### Mysteries of the Rosary

#### The Fourth Luminous Mystery: The Transfiguration



Jesus took with Him Peter, James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain where He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!" As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man \_\_\_\_\_." **Hint: Matthew 17:1-9.** Tell Mrs. Warren the answer and win a prize.

Peace of Jesus Christ,  
 Joanne Warren



Born in a village in Sudan, kidnapped by slavers, often beaten, abused, and later sold to Federico Marin, a Venetian merchant, Bakhita then came to Italy and became the nanny servant of Federico's daughter, Aurora, who was motherless. She was treated as an outcast by the peasants and the other servants due to her African background, but Bakhita was kind and generous to others. Bakhita gradually grew closer to God with the help of the village priest, and embraced the Catholic Faith. She requested to join the order of Canossian sisters, but Marin wouldn't give her up as his servant, treating her as property. This led to a moving court case that raised an uproar, impacting Bakhita's freedom and ultimate decision to become a nun. **Sign up for free: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org); parish code V3RRFV.**

**CHRISTIAN MUSIC CAFÉ--OPEN MIC**  
**FRI., FEB. 9, 2018**  
**ST. JUDE ACTIVITY CENTER**  
**10725 COURTHOUSE RD**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018**



**Knights of Columbus**  
**St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser**  
**To Benefit SVdP & The Youth Ministry**  
**Adult Dinner/Dance and Silent Auction**  
**6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

**If you want to donate a NEW item, gift card, or service for the Silent Auction, please bring it to the Parish Office.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY



Youth Ministry will meet this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. On Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, the Youth will be attending Mount 2000 at Mt. Saint Mary's Seminary in MD.

For more information, email [deaconmike2@comcast.net](mailto:deaconmike2@comcast.net) (Deacon Mike Strain).

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, Deacon Paul Gregory will focus on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Books of Kings. Adult Faith Formation meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please attend this great opportunity to learn about our Catholic Faith..

### "FEED MY LAMBS... TEND MY SHEEP" (John 21:15-16)



Here are just a few examples of what St. Matthew's accomplished in **December** with help from other parishes and organizations in the area. **THANKS!**

The St. Faustina Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul **fed 272 families and 1,098 individuals, distributing 11,745 lbs. of food, through the Food Pantry and Enoch George Manor. St. Matthew's parishioners donated - 325 lbs.; St. Patrick's - \$500 & 770 lbs.; St. Jude's - 119 lbs.; St. Mary's-179 lbs.; Bread for Our Brothers - 350 lbs.; Costco - 215 lbs.; Panera Bread - 372 lbs.; Catholic Charities - 4,188 lbs.; Wegman's-208 lbs.; misc.-59 lbs. & \$100; Friends of the Pantry - \$1,105. Food card sales totaled \$800. Nine families were provided with shelter and utility needs. There were 15 HOTLINE calls; 4 home visits. There was \$3,400 processed through Catholic Charities for rent and utility assistance. Also, \$842 assisted 12 families.**

**The Baby Closet served 81 families with a combined total of 106 children. D.C. Diaper Bank diapers were distributed to 92 children and non-diaper bank diapers to 14 children. We received NO donations in December. Please help! Your donations count!**

**Good Samaritans** visited many to minister to their physical and spiritual needs (if you would like to volunteer with the **Good Samaritans**, please call the Parish Office). Also, our priest and deacons bring the sacraments to those in need on a regular basis. **THANK YOU** to all who help!

### THANK YOU from MARY'S SHELTER

A big **THANK YOU** to St. Matthew's parishioners who gave so generously this year through the 2017 Giving Tree. The gifts totaled more than **\$4,000 in gift cards and checks.** The cards help new residents who have



not yet found employment, & for household needs such as bedding, towels, detergent and more! As of now we are housing 40 women/children (not including babies yet to be born!).

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff, and residents, we pray you have a happy, healthy & holy New Year. (from Kathleen Wilson, Director)





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