

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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 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.

JANUARY 4, 2026 & THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASSES

Mon (01/05) 8:00 AM - GENEVIEVE MANNING+
Tue (01/06) 8:00 AM - TOM FREY+
Wed (01/07) 11:00 AM - KAREN ARMENTANI
Thu (01/08) 6:30 AM - FAMILIES
Fri (01/09) 7:30 PM - MICHAEL WATERMAN, JR.
Sat (01/10) 5:30 PM - RODRICK CONNOR
Sun (01/11) 8:00 AM - BELSAN ARMIJO+,
ROBERT PENA+ and
JOSHUA GARCIA+
9:30 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW
11:00 AM - FIORELLA BENSON



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

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage." (Matthew 2:11) The Magi offered their gifts to Christ, just as we are called to offer our own. What gifts has God given you, and how is He calling you to use them in service to Him? 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 (01/04 - 01/05) Regular Collection
Buildings & Grounds

Next weekend (01/11 - 01/12) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

Due to early bulletin printing, the First Collection for December 14th, 21st, 28th and January 4th will be reported in the January 11th bulletin.

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 Online Giving or scan this QR code



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.**

"WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR"

The star burned like a flame, pointing the way to God, the King of kings; the wise men saw the sign and brought their gifts in homage to their great King.

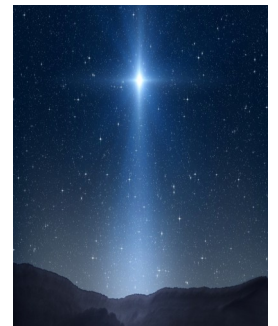
Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Christ manifested in the flesh,
Christ justified in the Spirit.

Christ contemplated by the angels,
Christ proclaimed by the pagans.

Christ who is believed in the world,
Christ exalted in glory.

Praise the Lord, all you nations.



Seeing the star, the wise men said: This must signify the birth of some great king. Let us search for him and lay our treasures at his feet; gold, frankincense and myrrh.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th READINGS

Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Mt 3:13-17



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

01/06 & 01/07 RE Classes
01/13 & 01/14 RE Classes
01/20 & 01/21 RE Classes



Please note that Religious Education Classes follow Spotsylvania County School Closings for inclement weather. If schools are closed, dismiss early, or cancel indoor after school activities; RE classes will be cancelled.



The Three Wise Men: Share Your Gifts | Drawing Closer to God
Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw

the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT SAN DAMIANO RETREAT CENTER

White Post, VA
Friday, March 13th - Sunday, March 15th



This will be a time to renew our sorrow for our sins, and express our gratitude to God for the new life that comes to us through the Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection. For more

information, please contact:

Deacon Mark Maines at:
mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org. or visit
www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat.



Experience an evening of celebration and support Catholic education! Ticket prices increase after January 15th. For more information go to:

<https://onecau.se/johnpaulgala>

YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



As in years past, letters with total year end contribution amounts will be sent to parishioners who mail their requests to the Parish Office with a **stamped return addressed envelope.**



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will meet tonight, January 5th. Our first Work Camp Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 10th at 8:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.

Happy New Year!



GOURMET BREAKFAST TODAY, JANUARY 4, 2026 After All Masses

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



VIRGINIA PRO-LIFE DAY January 15th 2026, Richmond, VA

Meet with your legislators to advocate for life and against the radical proposal of a "fundamental right" to abortion in Virginia's constitution. For more information and to register go to:



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY ADULT DINNER/DANCE SILENT AUCTION



**Join fellow parishioners for a fun evening!
Saturday, March 14th 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
In our Parish Center!**

**To donate Auction items or volunteer call
the Parish Office - 540-582-5575.**

**We welcome themed baskets, business services or
gift cards. No item is too big or too small.
New items only, please.**

**Proceeds will benefit St. Matthew's Youth Ministry,
the Knights of Columbus, and the Women's Guild.**

More Info. to follow!

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 Monastr, 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



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