

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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HOURS: Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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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-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 the parish office: 540-582-5575.

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.

JULY 12TH, 2026 & THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (07/13) 8:00 AM - BLADEN BROWN
Tue (07/14) 8:00 AM - TINA LONG
Wed (07/15) 11:00 AM - MARY LORMAND+
Thu (07/16) 6:30 AM - DONNA COMBS+
Fri (07/17) 7:30 PM - AUGUSTINE BENSON
Sat (07/18) 5:30 PM - MARY ANN GRAY+
Sun (07/19) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
9:30 AM - TREVOR LAYMAN
11:00 AM - GRACE & JACK HEINLEIN+



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

"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." God's Word bears fruit in hearts that are open and receptive. Pray that more hearts will be opened generously to however God may be calling them. Gently encourage young people to consider priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage as ways to respond with a joyful "yes" to God's plan. For more information contact the Office of Vocations, at: (703)841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (07/11 - 07/12) Regular Collection
Solidarity for Africa Coll.

Next weekend (07/18 - 07/19) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for June 28th was \$17,039 and July 5th was \$14,974. Thank You!

In order to meet St. Matthew's operating expenses and save for future projects, the First Collection should bring in at least \$12,000 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.**

PRAYER TO ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA July 14th



God of all creation, goodness and love, our hearts are filled with gratitude and praise for you. In our beloved St. Kateri you have found gentleness and peace. In her you have heard once more "Jesus, I love you". In St. Kateri Tekakwitha you have given your Church a new maiden of the Gospel for your Son

As the indigenous peoples of North America celebrate her goodness and as all the Church honors her holiness we raise our voices in praise and joy. You have given us a gift beyond all measure and we ask you to help us celebrate this treasure as we live holy and peace-filled lives in your name.

Please continue to grant our request and the needs of our brothers and sisters through St. Kateri's intercession in her heavenly home.

Amen

National Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine

SUNDAY, JULY 19th READINGS

Wis 12:13, 16-19
Rom 8:26-27
Mt 13:24-30

THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN
IS LIKE A MAN WHO
SOWED GOOD SEED
IN HIS FIELD.

MATTHEW 13:24

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.



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Regular Youth Ministry meetings have ended for the school year. Please keep our teens and chaperones in your prayers as they attend the Steubenville Conference and Quo Vadis. For information on summer events contact Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com



The Scholarship Foundation is part of the Virginia Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credit Program which provides scholarships to low income students new to a diocesan school.



PILGRIMAGE OF GRACE MASS

**Saturday, July 25th
 St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
 Fredericksburg, VA**

This special Mass offers an opportunity to encounter Christ's healing presence and to pray for the gift of interior peace. Whether you are carrying grief, past hurts, or simply seeking spiritual renewal, you are welcome to join in prayer. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." (John 14:27)



18th Annual Trip to Ireland Raffle

Maximum prize of \$3500 for the trip or \$2500 in cash
 2000 tickets to be sold

Tickets on sale July 25/26, August 1/2 2026 after all Masses.

Or by contacting Ian Grady 757-374-7410 iangrady16@gmail.com

**Drawing to be held at the Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Party
 September 19, 2026 - Colonial Tavern**

All proceeds support local Catholic charities and causes

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Enjoy a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse that revitalizes your marriage. Space is limited so make your reservation now. For more information please call (757)690-1369 or go to WWME.org

August 28 - 30, 2026 - Bristow, VA
 (lodging is on your own - couples return home each night)

October 23 - 25, 2026 - Hampton, VA
 (lodging provided)

November 6 - 8, 2026 - Emerald Isle, NC
 (lodging provided)

February 12 - 14, 2027 - Waynesboro, VA
 (lodging provided)

PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK To place loved ones on this list, please contact the Parish Office.

Rosanne Backhus, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Doug Bond, Mary Buccigrossi, Dan Carver, Helen Cash, Mary Cave, Barbara Coughenour, Ester Diaz, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Fr. Eversole, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Mary Gibbons, Marguerite Govoni, Frances Gray, Mike Hemmesch, Christopher Hubbarth, Mike Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, Christine Klein, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Carol Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Robert Monastra, Julie Morgan, Ellis Newhouse, Cecilia Diane O'Brien, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, Marjean Rice, Dylan Rodriguez, Dave Scharett, Sid Sidelko, Faye Sill, Natalie (Caporali) Smith, Sam Tomarchio, 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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