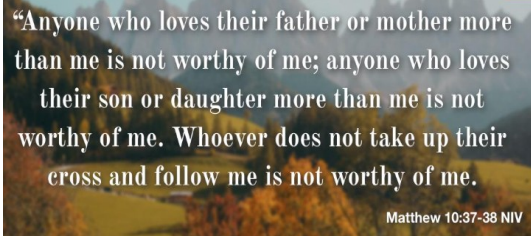




# JUNE 28TH 2026 THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASSSES

Mon (06/29) 8:00 AM - FATHER'S DAY NOVENA  
Tue (06/30) 8:00 AM - ZELIE JENKINS+  
Wed (07/01) 11:00 AM - BUNNY SIRACO+  
Thu (07/02) 6:30 AM - MICHAEL WATERMAN, JR.  
Fri (07/03) 7:30 PM - JOSEPH GIBBONS+  
Sat (07/04) 5:30 PM - TERRY STEINIGER  
Sun (07/05) 8:00 AM - ERIKA KIRK & FAMILY  
9:30 AM - ANNA & MICHAEL CHIR+  
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

*"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."* Following Christ means embracing sacrifice. Are you willing to carry your cross, offering your hopes and dreams in order to follow Him and discover true peace and purpose? Have you asked God what He is calling you to do in your life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at: (703)841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (06/27 - 06/28) Regular Collection  
Peter's Pence Collection  
Next weekend (07/04 - 07/05) Regular Collection  
Buildings & Grounds Coll.

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for June 21<sup>st</sup> was \$15,677. 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](http://www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org), and Go to General Information and choose



## 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.**

## NO FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION ON JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>

Because of the Independence Day holiday, First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be cancelled for July. The Friday Evening confessions and Mass will take place.

## ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee.

I take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death.

Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee.

I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants. Amen.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

## SUNDAY, JULY 5<sup>th</sup> READINGS

Zec 9:9-10  
Rom 8:9, 11-13

"FOR MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT."  
MATTHEW 11:30

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**St. Matthew Catholic Church  
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9:00 a.m. - Noon

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Registration forms can be found on our website, in the church vestibule, and at the parish office.



This film tells the dramatic story of Lupe Valdes, a best-selling writer who investigates the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in search of inspiration for her

next novel. Guided by an expert in sacred mysteries, she discovers the historical evidence of the mystical revelations of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary, meeting in the process with saints, murderers, exorcists, popes, presidents, conspirators, and encountering both miracles and evil crimes.

During her intense investigation, Lupe discovers the deep secrets of both the Heart of Jesus, and of her own heart that is afflicted by old wounds in need of healing.

This film is being released in conjunction with Church's celebration of the 350th anniversary of the visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1675.

**IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY  
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE**



**CLOSED**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026**  
Office Hours will resume on  
Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

If you have an **EMERGENCY** or an urgent need to speak with a priest, please call the emergency # (540)498-3170



The Thrift Store will be **Closed**  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>

and



The Food Pantry will be **Closed** July 4<sup>th</sup>

**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.**



**YOUTH MINISTRY  
9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Regular Youth Ministry meetings have ended for the school year. For information on summer events contact Sheila Kinley at [stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com)

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Election Day November 3

**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, Randy Chapman, Barbara Coughenour, Ester Diaz, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Fr. Eversole, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kenneth Fowler, 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](mailto:lynnkobasa_2@msn.com). Send your message with the words "prayer request."

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