

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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PARISH SECRETARY: Terrie Yates

RECEPTIONISTS: Mary Lou Felts
Mary Szabo

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday VigilSaturday, 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

Mondays9:00 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.

MAY 17TH, 2026 & THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MASSSES

Mon (05/18)	8:00 AM - MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Tue (05/19)	8:00 AM - CRYSTAL & BRIAN MLECZKO
Wed (05/20)	11:00 AM - FATHER EVERSOLE
Thu (05/21)	6:30 AM - DALE CANNON
Fri (05/22)	7:30 PM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
Sat (05/23)	5:30 PM - MARY ANN GRAY+
Sun (05/24)	8:00 AM - JOYCE JURKIW+
	9:30 AM - GALIK FAMILY SPECIAL INT.
	11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."
— Matthew 28:18-20



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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"All things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them" Jesus invites us into a profound sharing of His life and mission. Those called to priesthood and consecrated life participate in this intimate union, offering their lives so that Christ may be glorified in the world. Pray for openness and discern God's invitation in your life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. or (703) 841-2514.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (05/16 - 05/17) Regular Collection
Diocesan Retired Priests

Next weekend (05/23 - 05/24) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for May 10th was \$18,819. 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



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.**

"HE ASCENDED TO HEAVEN, WHERE HE IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY"

"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: *If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.* For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: *No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.*"

Saint Augustine

SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, JUNE 6th

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

PARISH WORKDAY



Many hands make light work, so please volunteer to beautify our parish grounds! FREE LUNCH for all Volunteers!

SUNDAY, MAY 24th READINGS

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9

Cor 13:11-13

Jn 3:16-18



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

05/19 & 05/20 RE Classes last class
Have a Great Summer

St. Matthew Catholic Church Vacation Bible School 2026

June 29th through July 2nd
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Rising Kindergarten - Rising Sixth Grade



Please join us for a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures.

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



Messiah Episode 5
Ascension: At the Right Hand of God
God's plan is revealed and the King mounts his throne.

CATHOLIC BOOK SALE May 24th After all Masses



The Youth Leadership School of Arlington will be selling Catholic books and religious articles. Your purchase will help the School with its long-standing mission of organizing Catholic retreats for Hispanic youth, mainly from parishes in northern Virginia.

2026 ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Saturday, June 6, 2026
Cathedral of
St. Thomas Moore
11:00 a.m.

The Mass will be live streamed since Cathedral seating is limited:

<https://.youtube.com/watch?v=lquUX3Bolgl>

Mr. James Matthew Harbour, YA
Mr. Donghan Stan Lee
Mr. Sean Edward Mazary, YA
Mr. Eric Martin McDade, YA
Mr. Alexander Jacob Solsma
Mr. Teko Galey Teko-Agbo
Mr. Aaron Frank Zanca

Ordinations to the Priesthood

11:00 AM · June 6, 2026



Rev. Mr. James Harbour



Rev. Mr. Stan Lee



Rev. Mr. Sean Mazary



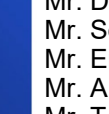
Rev. Mr. Eric McDade



Rev. Mr. Alexander Solsma



Rev. Mr. Teko Teko-Agbo



Rev. Mr. Aaron Zanca



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade



Tonight is the End Of The Year Party! The Youth Ministry will meet in the Parish Center at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com

SOCIAL OUTREACH IN APRIL

St. Matthew's Food Pantry assisted 260 families. Our pantry delivers help to residents of Enoch Manor on a regular basis, and sends provisions to food pantries in Orange and King George counties.

Food Donations totaling 4,080 pounds came from St. Matthew's Church, Catholic Charities, Panera (Massaponax), and Wawa (Spotsylvania).

St. Matthew's Baby Closet assisted 49 families. Baby supplies distributed were valued at \$1,645 and included formula, lotion, shampoo, blankets, baby wash, baby bottles, diapers, and diaper rash lotion.

St. Matthew's Thrift Store volunteers are working Mon. - Sat. to provide affordable shopping for clothing and household needs and to generate proceeds in support of charitable activities.

St. Matthew's Good Samaritans are visiting the homebound.

In honor of those who have given their lives in the defense of our country...



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED, MONDAY, MAY 25th.

We will resume normal business hours
On Tuesday, May 26th

If you have an Emergency or an urgent need to speak with a priest, please call the emergency No. 540-498-3170.

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

Stephen Austin, 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, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Carol Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Robert Monastra, 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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