

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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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 11:00 am

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**

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PARISH OFFICE

Telephone..... 540-582-5575

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Hours..... Mon. - Fri., 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Rev. Mr. John Hubbarth..... Business Mgr.

Terrie Yates..... Parish Secretary

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PARISH WEBSITE

www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org

MUSIC MINISTRY

Melanie Bolas, Choir Director

Grayson Cordova, Organist

stmatthewmusic1@comcast.net



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: Mon.-Tues.-Wed.-Fri. 10 AM-3 PM; Thurs., Sat. & 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: 540-834-5555.

Beginning September 1, 2020, The Food Pantry and Baby Closet will 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: Bishop Keating Council 12434 meets 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the St. Joseph Parish Center; 4th degree, The Fathers Cilinski Assembly 3568 meets 3rd Mon. of each month at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. Call the Parish Office 582-5575.

NOVEMBER 1, 2020 ALL SAINTS

MASSSES

Mon (11/02)	8:00 AM - ALL SOULS NOVENA
Tues (11/03)	8:00 AM - ALL SOULS NOVENA
Wed (11/04)	11:00 AM - ALL SOULS NOVENA
Thu (11/05)	6:30 AM - ALL SOULS NOVENA
Fri. (11/06)	7:30 PM - ALL SOULS NOVENA
Sat (11/07)	8:00 AM - ALL SOULS NOVENA 5:30 PM - VERA SCHWARTZ+
Sun (11/08)	8:00 AM - GRACE HEINLEIN+ 9:30 AM - ALL SOULS NOVENA 11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S

VOCATIONS

This is National Vocation Awareness Week. Let us unite in prayer for those who are discerning a call to imitate the humility of Christ as a priest, deacon or consecrated person. Do you feel that God is offering you the grace of a religious vocation? Contact Father Michael Isenberg: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or call (703) 841-2514.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPERATING WITH LIMITED ACCESS

ALL PARISH BUSINESS IS TEMPORARILY BEING CONDUCTED BY PHONE AT
540-582-5575 OR EMAIL
stmatthewsec@comcast.net

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

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (10/31-11/01) 1) Regular
2) Buildings & Grounds

Next weekend (11/07-11/08) 1) Regular
2) Retired Religious

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for October 25th amounted to \$10,853. THANK YOU!

In order to meet St. Matthew's operating expenses and save for future projects, the First Collection should bring in at least \$11,100 every weekend.

During these difficult times, please try to sustain your offerings to St. Matthew's. Donations may be mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office (please use the mail slot in the front door), or made through online giving (instructions below). Your generous support is vital to your parish's mission!

Online giving: www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org, go to General Information and choose Online Giving.

"LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED"

"While in the face of death all imagination fails, the Church, taught by divine revelation, states that man was created by God for a happy goal beyond the reach of the miseries of this earthly life. In addition, our Christian faith teaches that bodily death—from which man would have been preserved had he not sinned—will be overcome by the all-powerful mercy of the Savior, when man will be restored to the salvation lost through his own fault. God has called and still calls man to be united to Him with his whole being by an everlasting sharing in a divine life beyond all decay. Christ achieved this victory when, liberating man from death, He rose again to life. Thus, to any thoughtful man, the faith, when presented with its solid foundations, offers an answer to his anxiety about what the future holds for him. At the same time it offers him the possibility of being united in Christ with his loved ones who have already died, and gives him hope that they have already attained true life with God."

Vatican Council II



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

On November 3RD we will elect the president for the next 4 years.. To help you prepare, Bishops Burbidge & Knestout and the VA Catholic Conference have prepared a report on the candidates; visit www.vacatholic.org

ALL SOULS' NOVENA November 2nd - 10th



Enroll your departed loved ones in 9 days of Masses, beginning on All Souls' Day (Nov. 2nd). Envelopes for the Novena are available in the vestibule and your envelope packets; please return them to the collection basket or the Parish Office. Offerings will benefit our Parish Buildings & Grounds Fund.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Sponsored by St. Matthew's & Knights of Columbus

Parishioners who would like to participate in this year's Thanksgiving Dinner Program may pick up a grocery bag in front of the Church after all Masses this weekend, Oct. 31st/Nov. 1st.

Please fill the bag with the items on the list stapled to the bags and return them the weekend of Nov. 7th/8th to the Parish Center.

SUNDAY READINGS

November 8, 2020

Wis 6:12-16

1 Thes 4:13-18

Mt 25:1-13



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes for the 2020-2021 Religious Education Year have now begun. Thank you for picking up your materials and getting started on the lessons.

These are the suggested chapters to cover for November:

Grade	Chapters
K	6, 7, 10 and supplement lessons on pages 163 & 165
1	5, 6, 24, 7, 8
2	5-9
3	30, 5-7
4	5-8
5	5-8
6	4, 7-9
7	5-8
8	5-8

If you are homeschooling using textbooks without the online components, please remember to mail or drop off the completed quizzes for October's chapters.

Resources for Advent:

The Giving Manger is a wonderful alternative to [Elf on the Shelf](#)! An empty manger is displayed near the Advent wreath and for each act of kindness or good deed that a child does they are allowed to put a piece of hay in the manger. By Christmas morning, their good works will make a bed for Jesus.



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Peace of Jesus Christ
Joanne Warren



MORNING of MERCY
For DIVORCED CATHOLICS
Saturday, November 14, 2020
9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Lake Ridge

Are you hurting after divorce or desiring more information on the Church's teachings on divorce and annulments? Join other Catholics for a morning of Mass, Benediction and talks. Please **register** at www.arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy. This event is free and sponsored by the Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life.

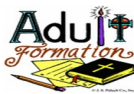
RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARD SALES

Our Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards, beginning **Saturday, November 7th through December 6th**. Call George Knight (540) 785-0977 for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Youth Ministry has begun meeting following Diocesan Guidelines, in the Parish Center at 6:30 PM on Sunday evenings. For information, please contact Deacon Mike Strain: deaconmike2@comcast.net.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

Adult Faith Formation classes will resume in January, 2021, hopefully in an in-person format.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 6-8, 2020 COLLEGE PARK, MD

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day. Take time to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married. Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend. To register or for more information, visit: www.RenewMarriage-VANorth.org

TEACHER INFORMATION SESSIONS

Sessions for individuals interested in teaching in the Arlington Diocese are being offered **Mon., Nov. 16th, 7:00 PM, St. Thomas More Cathedral School in Arlington; Wed., Nov. 18th, 1:00 PM, All Saints School in Manassas; Thurs., Nov. 19th, 1:00 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas School, Woodbridge.**

The Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools and a Licensure Specialist will be on hand to answer questions. Attendance is limited due to social distancing requirements. To **register** (by Nov. 9th) **contact Janet:** janet.vetrano@arlingtondiocese.org, indicating the session you wish to attend.

PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK



Eleanor Achille, Tiffany Allen, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Mary Buccigrossi, Mary Lou Buck, Helen Cash, Deacon Steve Clifford, Blake Costa, Bernadette Costello, Ryan Cunningham, Fr. Michael Dobbins, Fr. Alex Drummond, Tom Faleskie, Mary Faulconer, Herman Fletcher, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Mary Gibbons, George Granofsky, Veronica Gutierrez, Raymond Harrington, George Heston, David Hunziker, Carolyn Jones, Susan Jones, Lazaro Lovos, Jimmy Long, Carol & Frank Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Jude Murphy, Ed O'Brien, Maria Osorio, Margaret Purtell, Jennifer Renaux, Ellen Rooney, Susan Sablon-Harrington, Marguerite Schwab, Les Sexton, Sid Sidelko, John Smith, Mary Ann Smith, Tim Sottek, Chris Sousa, Harry Thomas, Sam Tomarchio, Jim Walsh, Chris Warren, Charles & Stephen Weaver, Chrissie Weaver, Amy Whittaker, Angela Wood, Kelly Keiser, Nicholas Yaworski, and Zach Yorio.

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. Send your message with the