

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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..... 4:30 pm

***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 arrange visitation of the elderly, the sick or the homebound.

SAINT MATTHEW THRIFT STORE (Breezewood Shopping Center)

Address: 10639 Courthouse Road • Telephone: 540-834-2479.

Hours: M-F 10 AM-3PM; Sat. 9:30 AM-2:30 PM; Sun.-Closed

Volunteers and donations of clothing, household items and furniture needed on a continuing basis.

SVdP FOOD PANTRY (Breezewood Shopping Center)

Address: 10643 Courthouse Road • Telephone: 540-834-5555.

Hours: 1st four Wednesdays 4 PM-6 PM; 1st four Fridays 9 AM-11 AM;

2nd & 4th Saturdays 9AM-11AM; closed 5th Weeks. *Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis.*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Saint Faustina Conference

SVdP Hotline: 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 Lilian Fay, 540-379-6466.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Bishop Keating Council 12434 meets 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center; 4th degree, The Fathers Cilinski Assembly 3568 meets 3rd Mon. of each month at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. For information, call the Parish Office 540-582-5575.

NOVEMBER 26, 2017 CHRIST THE KING

MASSES

Mon (11/27) 8:00 AM - HANK & ANNETTE MEDINA +
Tues (11/28) 8:00 AM - EDWARD LERNER +
Wed (11/29) 11:00 AM - WILLIAM SHEA
Thu (11/30) 6:30 AM - JENKINS FAMILY INTEN.
Fri (12/01) 7:30 PM - FRANCIS X. & FRANCES D. QUINN +
Sat (12/02) 8:00 AM - RANDY DIEHR +
5:30 PM - ANNA CHIR +
Sun (12/03) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
9:30 AM - NOAH YOUNG
11:00 AM - SHARON PURTELL +



VOCATIONS

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST the KING

I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.

Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a brother, sister, deacon or priest? Call Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or write j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (11/25-11/26) 1) Regular
Next weekend (12/02-12/03) 1) Regular
2) Buildings & Grounds

Please remember that second collections, when scheduled, are taken up after Communion. If you are not receiving collection envelopes, please call the parish office.

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

Last weekend's First Collection will be reported in next weeks bulletin due to the celebration of Thanksgiving. In order to meet our Parish's operating expenses and save for future projects, the First Collection should bring in at least \$11,000 every weekend.

Please keep in mind that the First Collection at Sunday Mass, funds all operating expenses of your parish, including salaries, utilities and administrative needs.

2018 Increased Offertory Program: The 2018 Increased Offertory is under way! Every registered household will soon be receiving information about this annual program through the mail, in the bulletin, and at Mass. The prayers and donations of every household are necessary to support our parish and its efforts to bring the love of Christ and the truth of His Gospel to our community. Please give prayerful thought to increasing your weekly contributions in the new year.

Weekly Collection envelopes and online giving options (www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org) are available to all parishioners.

ADVENT SPIRITUALITY

PRAYER OF THE HOUR

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most Pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desire, through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother.

To be offered 15 times a day for a special intention, from the Feast of Saint Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas.



2017 GIVING TREE



As we approach Advent and Christmas, we have the opportunity to thank God for the blessings He bestows upon us, and to seek ways to share His kindness with others. The ornaments on St. Matthew's Giving Tree request gift cards or donations in support of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, which offers many kinds of help and ministry to those in need, and Mary's Shelter, which offers housing and help to women in crisis pregnancy situations.

The Giving Tree is at the front doors of the church until Sun., Dec. 17th.

You may return your donation envelopes in the Sunday offering baskets or to the parish office.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

7:00 PM-CONFESSIONS

7:30 PM- MASS

8:00 PM-12:00 Midnight

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adorers are particularly needed between 11:00 p.m. and Midnight.

SUNDAY READINGS

December 3, 2017

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mk 13:33-37





11/28 & 11/29 RE Classes
 12/05 & 12/06 RE Classes
 12/12 & 12/13 RE Classes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Program will offer a Special Sacrament class for those children who need to “catch up” on the Sacraments. This includes Baptism, Confession, and Holy Communion. Please call the Religious Education Office for more information and to register.

Mysteries of the Rosary

The Third Joyful Mystery: The Birth of Jesus



The place where Mary and Joseph lived was part of the Roman Empire. The Roman Emperor Augustus wanted to have a list of all the people in the empire, to make sure they paid their taxes. He ordered everyone to return to the town

where their families originally came from, and enter their names in a register (or census) there. Mary and Joseph traveled a long way (about 70 miles) from Nazareth to Bethlehem, because that is where Joseph's family came from. Joseph and Mary traveled very slowly because Mary's baby was due to be born soon. When they reached Bethlehem they had problems finding somewhere to stay. The only place to stay that they could find was with the animals. So in the place where the animals slept, Mary gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God. Who first came to visit the newborn King? Hint: (Luke: 2:1-20) Tell Mrs. Warren & win a prize!

Spotsylvania Christmas Parade!

Saturday December 2nd

1:00 p.m.



Calling all families of the parish. Saint Matthew's will have a float in the 40th annual Spotsylvania Christmas parade on Saturday, December 2nd. We are in need of kings, shepherds, angels, and the Holy Family to accompany our float. Costumes are provided. Please email the Religious Education Office stmatthewre@comcast.net if you are interested in joining us.

Peace of Jesus Christ,
 Joanne Warren

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

ST. ISIDORE the FARMER CHURCH

(Rte. 15-Orange Co.)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

8:00 AM - 2:00PM

CRAFTS RAFFLES PRIZES



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry will not meet this evening. On the 3rd of December, the youth will take a field trip to the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Basilica. Contact Deacon Mike Strain at deaconmike2@comcast.net for information,

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



On Tuesdays in November, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center, the Adult Formation classes are held. Deacon John Hubbarth is discussing Bishop Robert Barron's “David the King.”



PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK

Jude Murphy, William Kerwin, Erin Burke, Chris Warren, Richard Saunders, Carol Martin, Rita Bobik, Sid Sidelko, Ed O'Brien, John Bernard, Zack Yorio, Amy Whittaker, Ted Hokoana, Margaret Lansden, Chrissy Weaver, Allen McConnell, and Joe Pascale.

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 words “prayer request.”

“FEED MY LAMBS... TEND MY SHEEP”

(John 21:15-16)



The following are just a few examples of what St. Matthew's accomplished in **October** with help from other parishes and organizations in the area. **THANK YOU!**

The St. Faustina Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul fed 335 families and 1,299 individuals, distributing 15,069 lbs. of food, through the Food Pantry and Enoch George Manor. Hotline calls totaled 64. St. Matthew's parishioners donated - \$2,500 & 736 lbs.; St. Patrick's - \$500 & 462 lbs.; St. Jude's - 1,929 lbs.; St. Mary's - 187 lbs.; Bread for Our Brothers - 495 lbs.; Costco - 297 lbs.; Miller Farms - 143 lbs.; Panera Bread - 468 lbs.; Catholic Charities - 5,850 lbs.; Wegman's - 388 lbs.; misc. - 30 lbs. & \$99; Friends of the Pantry - \$1,275; Food card sales totaled \$500. Craft Fair receipts totaled \$1,014. Rent and Shelter was provided to families in the amount of \$500. The Baby Closet served 105 families with a combined total of 134 children. D.C. Diaper Bank diapers were distributed to 77 children and non-diaper bank diapers to 57 children.

Good Samaritans visited many to minister to their physical and spiritual needs. This does not include those visited weekly by our clergy to provide the Sacraments. **THANK YOU!** If you would like to be visited or volunteer, please call the parish office.