

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive ✕ Spotsylvania, VA 22551

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Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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.

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PARISH WEBSITE

www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org

MUSIC MINISTRY

Melanie Bolas, Choir Director

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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: 540-507-8106.

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 29, 2020 & 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASSSES

Mon (11/30) 8:00 AM - LEOKAOLID & ZENONAS
ANDRIEJAUSKAS
Tues (12/01) 8:00 AM - MARY BUCCIGROSSI
Wed (12/02) 11:00 AM - NOAH YOUNG
Thu (12/03) 6:30 AM - KIM EVERSOLE+
Fri. (12/04) 7:30 PM - DECEASED OF PENN, HANEY,
& BUCCIGROSSI FAM.+
Sat (12/05) 8:00 AM - CHET & FRAN MACK+
5:30 PM - DEACON JOHN & JANE
HUBBARTH
Sun (12/06) 8:00 AM - JOHN & GRACE HEINLEIN+
9:30 AM - MARY ANN KEENAN
11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S



RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARD SALES

Our Knights of Columbus will be selling religious Christmas cards, through December 6th, after Masses.

VOCATIONS

"O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay and you are the potter; we are the work of your hands."

Could God's plans for you involve being a priest, deacon, or consecrated person? Contact Father Michael Isenberg: (703) 841-2514 or write michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (11/28-11/29) 1) Regular
2) Christmas Flowers
Next weekend (12/05-12/06) 1) Regular
2) Buildings & Grounds

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for November 22nd will be reported in the Dec, 6th bulletin.

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.

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. Amen

A beautiful Advent tradition, this prayer is offered 15 times a day for a special intention, from November 30th (The Feast of St. Andrew) until Christmas Day.

MASS AND MUSIC FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE!

St. Matthew's will offer a solemn Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12th. As in past years, the Ramirez family is providing mariachi musicians who will lead us in songs honoring Mary's apparition in Mexico in 1531.



NOVENA for COUPLES STRUGGLING with INFANT LOSS, INFERTILITY & MISCARRIAGE

Join Bishop Burbidge from Dec. 4th- Dec. 12th for a novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe to bring hope to those struggling with infertility, miscarriage & infant loss. You may sign up to have the video prayer emailed or texted directly to you: Text "novena2020" to 84576 or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/novena to sign up or for more information.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our Annual Children's Christmas Pageant will be presented at 4:45 p.m. on Christmas Eve, in the Church. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, Dec. 6th, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Families will be grouped together and pandemic safety precautions will be in place. If you have young children interested in participating, contact Danya Ivory at 540-207-2402 or Melanie Bolas: stmatthewfamilychoir@gmail.com

THE GIVING TREE 2020

St. Matthew's will have a Giving Tree for the Parish, with ornaments asking for **gift cards or monetary offerings for Mary's Shelter**, or **monetary offerings only** in support of **SVP and St. Matthew's Food Pantry & Baby Closet**. The Giving Tree will be in front of the Church beginning Sat., Nov. 28th thru Sun., December 20th. You may return your donation envelopes to the collection basket or, the Parish Office.



SUNDAY READINGS December 6, 2020

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Pt 3:8-14

Mk 1:1-8





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.



www.holyheroes.com



www.formed.org



www.catholicicing.com/advent-ideas/

Peace of Jesus Christ,
Joanne Warren

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TESTS

Are you interested in a Catholic High School education for your child? St. John Paul the Great Catholic H.S. (as well as the other 3 Arlington Diocese Catholic High Schools) will be offering the **High School Placement Test** (required for all 8th graders applying to Diocesan High Schools) on **Sat., December 5th & Sat., January 9th**. Parents are invited to tour the school while their child tests. Register for the test at jpthegreat.org

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)

YOUTH MINISTRY



Youth Ministry will **NOT** meet this evening, due to Thanksgiving. For information, please contact Deacon Mike Strain: deaconmike2@comcast.net.

FEED MY LAMBS... TEND MY SHEEP"

(John 21:15-16)



The following is a report from your parish's outreach efforts for **October**.

The SVdP Assistance line handled **18** calls and provided assistance to **3** families. Total assistance provided for rent, mortgage, electric and other services was **\$1,908**. Monetary donations in the amount of \$2,845 were received from St. Matthew's, St. Patrick's & Friends of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

St. Matthew's Food Pantry served **108 families** (representing 328 individuals); **4,815 lbs.** of food were distributed to parish families and others. Food was also distributed to Enoch Manor.

Food Donations were received from St. Patrick's Church, St. Matthew's Church, Panera Bread, Catholic Charities, Lee Hill Community Center, and Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank & USDA, totaling **9,320 lbs.**

St. Matthew's Baby Closet served **33 families** with a combined total of 155 individuals. Several baby items were distributed valued at **\$1,320.00**. Items included assorted clothing, formula, lotion, shampoo, blankets, baby wash, baby bottles, diapers, and diaper rash lotion.

Our **Good Samaritans** were unable to visit our homebound parishioners due to the pandemic, but reached out to them by email and telephone.

PLEASE PRAY for OUR SICK



Eleanor Achille, Paula Adams, Tiffany Allen, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Mary Buccigrossi, Mary Lou Buck, Helen Cash, Deacon Steve Clifford, Blake Costa, Bernadette Costello, Ryan Cunningham, Fr. Alex Drummond, Tom Faleskie, Mary Faulconer, Laverne Fillare, Herman Fletcher, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Mary Gibbons, George Granofsky, Veronica Gutierrez, Raymond Harrington, George Heston, David Hunziker, Carolyn Jones, Kelly Keiser, Corey Kennedy, Lazaro Lovos, Jimmy Long, David MacIndoe, Carol & Frank Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Jude Murphy, Ed O'Brien, Maria Osorio, Linda Parsons, Margaret Purtell, Jennifer Renaux, John Rice, Ellen Rooney, Susan Sablon-Harrington, Marguerite Schwab, Les Sexton, Sid Sidelko, John Smith, Mary Ann Smith, Kam Snow, Tim Sottek, Chris Sousa, Jessi Story, Harry Thomas, Sam Tomarchio, Jim Walsh, Chris Warren, Charles & Stephen Weaver, Chrissie Weaver, Amy Whittaker, Angela Wood, Gene Wyatt, 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 words "prayer request."