

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH WEBSITE

www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org

MUSIC MINISTRY

Melanie Bolas, Choir Director
Grayson Cordova, Organist
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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 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.svdpsffaustina.org

Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Frank Mauro: 703-980-3318.

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 8, 2020 ☞ 32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASSSES

Mon (11/09)	8:00 AM - ALL SOULS NOVENA
Tues (11/10)	8:00 AM - SPECIAL INTENTION
Wed (11/11)	11:00 AM - U.S. VETERANS
Thu (11/12)	6:30 AM - MADELINE BARNO
Fri. (11/13)	7:30 PM - MARY C. ACHILLE+
Sat (11/14)	8:00 AM - FR. EVERSOLE 5:30 PM - MICHAEL & ANNA CHIR+
Sun (11/15)	8:00 AM - JOHN & GRACE HEINLEIN+ 9:30 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S 11:00 AM - RICHARD P. HEWES+

VOCATIONS

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

We are created with a thirst for God. Could He be calling you to quench it by living in Him as a priest, deacon, or consecrated person? Contact Father Michael Isenberg: write 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 (11/07-11/08) 1) Regular
2) Retired Religious

Next weekend (11/14-11/15) 1) Regular

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for November 1st amounted to \$14,995. 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.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

"It is certainly a 'holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead' (2 Macc.12:46). Holy because most acceptable to God, to whom no sacrifices are more honorable and pleasing than those of charity and mercy, especially spiritual. The souls in Purgatory are heirs of Heaven, the eternal possession of the Kingdom is secured to them, and their names are written there. But they must first be wholly cleansed by patient suffering of punishment incurred. Such is God's hatred of the least sin, and such is the opposition which the stain of sin bears to His infinite justice and holiness. His mercy recommends them to the charitable aid which we, as their fellow-members in Christ, have in our power to afford them. If a compassionate charity towards all that are in any distress, even towards the most underserving, be an essential ingredient of a Christian spirit and one in which the very soul of religion and piety towards God consists, how much more should we exert our charity for those in spiritual need, no longer able to help themselves, and perhaps bound to us by ties of blood or friendship?"

Butler's Lives of the Saints



ATTENTION!

**The Parish Office will be Closed
Wednesday, November 11th
To Honor Our Veterans**

We will resume normal office hours on Thursday, November 12th 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.)



**WINTER COATS-T0-GO
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
10:00 AM-12:00 NOON
ST. MATTHEW PARISH CENTER**



Coats are free to needy families. First come, first serve until coats are gone!



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Sponsored by St. Matthew's & Knights of Columbus

Please remember to return your filled Thanksgiving bags this weekend, Nov. 7th/8th to the Parish Center.

SUNDAY READINGS November 15, 2020

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20,30-31

1 Thes 5:1-6

Mt 25:14-30





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



Fun, faithful & FREE activities for ages 5-12 for every day in Advent. Scroll down to learn more and sign up. Did I mention it's FREE?



www.holyheroes.com

www.formed.org



www.catholicicing.com/advent-ideas/

Peace of Christ,
Joanne Warren

CHRSM

(Catholic Homeschool and Resource Ministry)

CHRSM, invites you to learn about homeschooling your High School student. Please join CHRSM as they host a one day seminar at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church's Parish Education Center, Purcellville, VA, on **Sat., Nov. 14th, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM**. To **REGISTER** or for a list of subjects to be covered, visit the CHRSM website: www.homeschool-life.com/2709/

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARD SALES

Our Knights of Columbus will be selling religious 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.



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.

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, Corey Kennedy, Lazaro Lovos, Jimmy Long, 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, Tim Sottek, Chris Sousa, Jessi Story, Harry Thomas, Sam Tomarchio, Jim Walsh, Chris Warren, Charles & Stephen Weaver, Chrissie Weaver, Amy Whittaker, Angela Wood, 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."