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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil……..Saturday, 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

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays……9:00 am - 11:00 am (except during Christmas Week and Easter Week, and on holy days of obligation or federal holidays).
First Fridays……8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Exceptions to this schedule are noted inside the bulletin. Please note:

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 - 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Fridays 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; and the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. *Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis.*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Saint Faustina Conference
SVdPAssistance 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.

NOVEMBER 1ST 2026 ~ SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

MASSES

Mon	(11/02)	8:00 AM - ALL SOULS' NOVENA
		1:30 PM - POPE LEO
		6:00 PM - ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Tue	(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)	5:30 PM - ALL SOULS' NOVENA
Sun	(11/08)	8:00 AM - ROGER CHEWNING, SR.
		9:30 AM - ALL SOULS' NOVENA
		11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S



The Sunday 9:30 a.m. 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.

VOCATIONS

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The saints show us that true joy and freedom come from plaing God above all else. Their lives remind us that holiness often begins in simplicity and humility, responding generously to God's call. During National Vocations Awareness Week. Let us pray for more men and women to courageously follow Him, discerning a life as a priest, religious brother or sister, or through holy matrimony. Could God be inviting you to join in this holy witness? 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	(10/31) - (11/01)	Regular Collection Bldgs. & Grounds Coll.
Next weekend	(11/07) - (11/08)	Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for October 25th was $19,468. Thank You!

In order to meet St. Matthew's operating expenses and save for future projects, **the First Collection should bring in at least $12,500 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 Online Giving or scan this QR code

FR. EVERSOLE'S APPEAL FOR PEACE AND CALM DURING MASS

Many thanks to all those who are helping to sustain a peaceful atmosphere for the celebration of Mass, the Church's perfect prayer. As a parish community, let us respect everyone's right to worship in a peaceful atmosphere, to be able to hear everything that is said or sung at Mass, and to benefit from the time set aside for personal prayer after Holy Communion.



ALL SOULS' NOVENA

November 2nd thru November 10th

Enroll your departed loved ones in 9 days of Masses, beginning on All Souls' Day (November 2nd). Novena envelopes are available in the pews and in your envelope packets; please return them to the collection basket or the Parish Office. Offerings will Benefit our Parish Building and Grounds Fund.

EXTRA MASSES FOR ALL SOULS' DAY

November 2nd

On Monday, Nov. 2nd, in addition to the regular 8:00 a.m. Mass, we will also have Masses for All Souls' Day at 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; there will not be confessions after the additional Masses. Please make plans to attend a Mass and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.



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

We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday, 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 number: (540)498-3170

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, December 6th 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sign up now in the Red Cross Blood Donor App at: redcrossblood.org

SUNDAY, Nov. 8th
READINGS
Wis 6:12-16
Thes 4:13-18
Mt 25:1-13



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

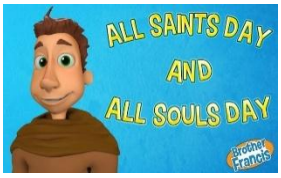
11/3	**NO RE Classes**
11/4	RE Classes
11/10	RE Classes
11/11	**NO RE Classes**
11/17 & 11/18	RE Classes

All Saints' Party

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this event possible!

Many blessings,
Danielle Houck, DRE

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All Saints' Day
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All Souls' Day
Celebrated on November 2nd, this day honors those who have passed away within the Christian faith.



SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1ST



GOURMET BREAKFAST
November 15th After All Masses
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KIDS WINTER COATS TO GO
Saturday, November 7th 9:00 a.m. - noon
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Donations may be brought to
St. Matthew's Parish Center
Friday, November 6th from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



YOUTH MINISTRY
9th – 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will meet this evening at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Our topics for this evening are vocations and sacraments. There will also be a separate make-up session for the Circle of Grace for those who were not able to attend in October. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Kinley for more information at: stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.

HOLY LAND CARVINGS ON SALE
November 14th and 15th

The Bethlehem Carving Group will be offering their handcrafted religious articles from the Holy Land after all weekend Masses in the Parish Hall.

Your purchase will help Catholics and Orthodox remain in the Holy Land, bearing witness to the Gospel and caring for shrines in the midst of violence and unrest.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS
Sponsored by
St. Matthew's Food Pantry

Please remember to return your filled Thanksgiving bags to the Parish Center this **weekend, Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st.**



ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES
MARIAN APPARITIONS

Mondays Nov. 2nd thru Dec. 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Deacon John Hubbarth will be leading discussions on Marian Apparitions and their importance to us. Classes will be held in the Parish Center and also live streamed on the parish website: **www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org**.

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

Rosanne Backhus, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Doug Bond, Mary Buccigrossi, Dan Carver, Helen Cash, Mary Cave, Ester Diaz, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Fr. Eversole, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Frances Gray, Christopher Hubbarth, Mike Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Carol Mauro, Frank Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Julie Morgan, Ellis Newhouse, Cecilia Diane O'Brien, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, Breanne Cave Paulson, David Pritchard, 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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