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……..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.*

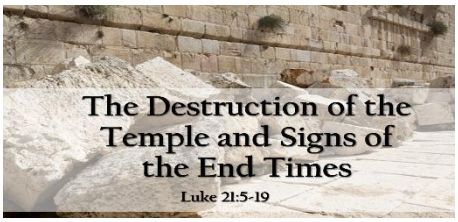
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Saint Faustina Conference
SVdPAssistance Line: 540-834-5555. Website: **www.svdpstfaustina.org**
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call the parish office: 540-582-5575.

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 15, 2026 ~ THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Mon	(11/16)	8:00 AM -	RODRICK CONNOR
Tue	(11/17)	8:00 AM -	BLADEN BROWN & RICKY
Wed	(11/18)	11:00 AM -	TINA LONG
Thu	(11/19)	6:30 AM -	REBECCA MANNING
Fri	(11/20)	7:30 PM -	JOHN C. SMITH
Sat	(11/21)	5:30 PM -	FRANK & MARY LOU KARNES+
Sun	(11/22)	8:00 AM -	PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW
		9:30 AM -	KATHLEEN DOWELL
		11:00 AM -	TONY MCMAHON+



The Saturday 5:30 p.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

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." How are you called to use your talents? If Christ may be inviting you to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious, contact your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or (703)841-2514.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend	(11/14) - (11/15)	Regular Collection
		Retired Religious Coll.
Next weekend	(11/21) - (11/22)	Regular Collection
		Campaign for Human Dev.

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for November 8th was $16,264. 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.

"Courtesy is the Sister of Charity"
St. Francis of Assissi

TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS



Boys of the parish who have already received First Holy Communion are eligible to apply. Two mandatory training sessions will take place, from 11:00 a.m. until noon, on Saturday, Nov. 14th and Saturday, Nov. 21st. A parent or guardian must be present for the training. Please call Fr. Eversole at the Parish Office (540-582-5575) to register for the training.

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Questions or to RSVP:
mdonlon@saintpatrickschoolva.org or scan the QR code

Sunday, December 6th
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. In the Parish Center

All who are able to give are encouraged to donate; a single donation can help save lives. Walk-ins are welcome, or schedule a time in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or at **redcrossblood.org**. to save time. Please remember to bring a photo ID.

SUNDAY, Nov. 22nd READINGS
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
Cor 15-20-26, 28
Mt 25:31-46

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him.

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
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WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT

Finding Peace and Joy with
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December 4th – 6th - San Damiano Retreat Center

"Calm, Quiet, Contemplative, Peaceful, Waiting in Joyful Anticipation" these words describe what the Holy Season of Advent ought to be. Instead, the weeks before "the Holidays" tend to be manic, stressful, anxious, and distracted. For more information or to register, please contact Father Riley at: Retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org or go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat-events.



YOUTH MINISTRY
9th – 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will meet this evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will continue our topic on the Sacraments of the Church and discuss the upcoming Advent season. This Friday, November 20th, we will have our "Movie/Game" Night. Next Sunday will be our annual "Friendsgiving" event. Please remember to RSVP by November 18th so we have enough food for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Kinley for more information at: stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS BEGIN SUNDAY, Dec. 6th

Our Annual Children's Christmas Pageant will be presented at 4:45 p.m. on Christmas Eve in the Church. The mandatory rehearsals will be on Sundays, Dec. 6th, 13th and 20th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. If you have elementary thru middle school children who are interested in taking part, please contact Danya Ivory at (540)207-2402 or Melanie Bolas at stmatthewfamilychoir@gmail.com.



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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