

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH SECRETARY: Terrie Yates

RECEPTIONISTS: Mary Lou Felts
Mary Szabo

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org



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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays 9:00 am - 11:00 am
First Fridays 8:00 pm - 9:00 p.m.

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. 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 PM to 6 PM; Fridays 9 AM to 11 AM; 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

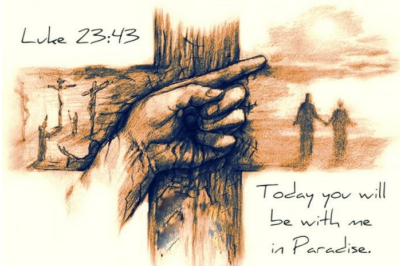
Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis. To volunteer, call Dave Scharett: 540-388-8736.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: 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 23RD, 2025 & CHRIST THE KING

MASSES

Mon (11/24) 8:00 AM - GALIK FAMILY INTENTION
Tue (11/25) 8:00 AM - PETER DAVIS+
Wed (11/26) 11:00 AM - JOHN+ AND GESLA STORM
Thu (11/27) 9:00 AM - JOYCE JURKIW+
Fri (11/28) 7:30 PM - THEOPHILA STORC+
Sat (11/29) 5:30 PM - CECILIA JENNINGS+
Sun (11/30) 8:00 AM - MARY SZABO
9:30 AM - JOANNE CRANE
11:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S



The Saturday 5:30 p.m. Vigil 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

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

On this Feast of Christ the King, reflect on His reign over your life. Is He calling you to serve His kingdom as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (11/22- 11/23) Regular Collection
Retired Religious Collection

Next weekend (11/30 - 11/31) Regular Collection
Christmas Flowers

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for November 16th was \$14,866. **THANK YOU!**

In order to meet St. Matthew's operating expenses and save for future projects, the First Collection should bring in at least \$12,000 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.



PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

Donations for war relief in Ukraine may be made via
The Archeparchy of Philadelphia
Ukrainian Catholic Church
ukrcatholic.org (click on "Help Ukraine")
Donations for Gaza War relief may be made via
Catholic Relief Services crs.org

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please consider spending some time in prayer before the Sacred Host exposed on the altar. Adoration takes place on Mondays 9-11 a.m. and on First Fridays 8-9 p.m. Information on prayer before the Eucharist is available in the vestibule. **Monday morning adoration does not take place on federal holidays, during Christmas Week and Easter Week, or on holy days of obligation.**

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR 2026 INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM!

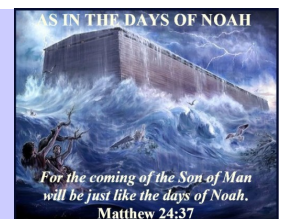
All parish households will receive a mailing of the insert in today's bulletin. Please give prayerful thought to increasing your weekly donation to St. Matthew's, to help your parish meet its current operating needs and put aside funds for future projects. Please return the pledge form to the collection basket or the Parish Office at your earliest convenience; extra copies are available in the vestibule.

Thank You!

Can your household contribute at least one hour's income per week to help your parish?

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30th READINGS

Is 2:1-5
Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44



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

11/25 & 11/26 No RE Classes Happy Thanksgiving
12/02 & 12/03 RE Classes
12/09 & 12/10 RE Classes
12/16 & 12/17 RE Classes

Peace of Christ,
Joanne Warren, DRE



Join Dr. Tim Gray as he looks into the wisdom of the Church as she closes out the liturgical year and leads us to Christ, the King of the Universe.



Spotsylvania Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 6th 1:00 p.m.

Saint Matthew will once again be participating in the Spotsylvania Christmas Parade. We need people of all ages to accompany the float passing out Holy Cards and wishing the crowd a Merry Christmas. Please contact the parish office if you can join us.

Save the Date!



Fourth Annual Christmas Market
December 13th
from 3:00-8:00 p.m.

Bring the whole family. Activities and crafts for Kids, craft vendors, carols and tree lighting, dinner, beer garden, and musical entertainment by the Low 'n' Browns.



A Retreat for Married Couples
February 13th -15th

Through the lives and teaching of the Saints, this retreat will focus on aiding married couples to incorporate a deeper spiritual life into their vocation.
For more information go to: ArlingtonDiocese.org/Retreat



YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will meet tonight and celebrate "Friendsgiving" from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. There will NOT be a meeting on Sunday, November 30th - Happy Thanksgiving to our Youth Ministry families! For more information contact Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com.

THANKSGIVING CLOSINGS

The St. Matthew Food Pantry and Baby Closet will be closed:



Wednesday, November 26th and
Friday, November 28th

The St. Matthew Thrift Store will be closed:

Wednesday, November 26th through
November 30th. It will reopen on
Monday, December 1st

The Parish Office will closed:

From noon on Wednesday, November 26th
through Sunday, November 30th.
It will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on
Monday, December 1st



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS BEGIN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th



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, December 7th, 14th, and 21st 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.

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

Rosanne Backhus, John Bernard, Rita Bobik, Mary Buccigrossi, Dan Carver, Helen Cash, Mary Cave, Randy Chapman, Barbara Coughenour, Elizabeth Dubois, Fr. Alex Drummond, Alice Foley, Irene Foltz, Kristen Galik, Stan Galik, Marguerite Govoni, Mary Gibbons, Frances Gray, Christopher Hubbarth, Tony Hubbarth, David Hunziker, Emma Lovos, Melissa Martinez, Carol Mauro, Stephen Middleton, Michelle Mills, Robert Monastra, Ellis Newhouse, Maria Osorio, Rex Ostrander, Breanne Cave-Paulson, Dave Scharett, Sid Sidelko, Faye Sill, Natalie (Caporali) Smith, Sam Tomarchio, Al Undercoffer, Angie Walker, 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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