

# ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**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](http://www.svdpstfaustina.org)

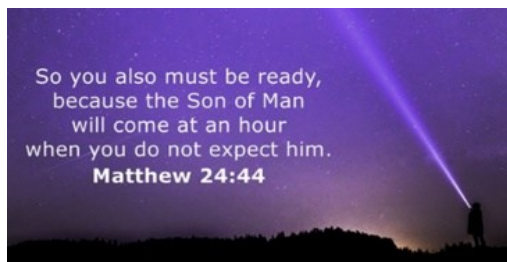
*Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donations needed on a continuing basis.* To volunteer, call Dave Scharett: 540-388-8736.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The Assembly meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

# NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 & THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASSES

Mon (12/01) 8:00 AM - FR. PHILIP MAJKA+  
Tue (12/02) 8:00 AM - MARY SZABO  
Wed (12/03) 11:00 AM - KIM EVERSOLE+  
Thu (12/04) 9:00 AM - JORDAN MARTINEZ+  
Fri (12/05) 7:30 PM - STEPHANIE RUBLEIN  
Sat (12/06) 5:30 PM - GRACE ELLEN GIBBONS+  
Sun (12/07) 8:00 AM - NORMA DETRANE+  
9:30 AM - THE SHIRCLIFF FAMILY  
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

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."* God calls us to respond to His invitation. Could He be stirring your heart toward priesthood or consecrated life, to serve His Church with unwavering dedication? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

## Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (11/29– 11/30) Regular Collection  
Christmas Flowers

Next weekend (12/06 - 12/07) Regular Collection  
Building & Grounds

## PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The First Collection for November 23<sup>rd</sup> was \$16,741. **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](http://www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org), and Go to General Information and choose Online Giving or scan this QR code.

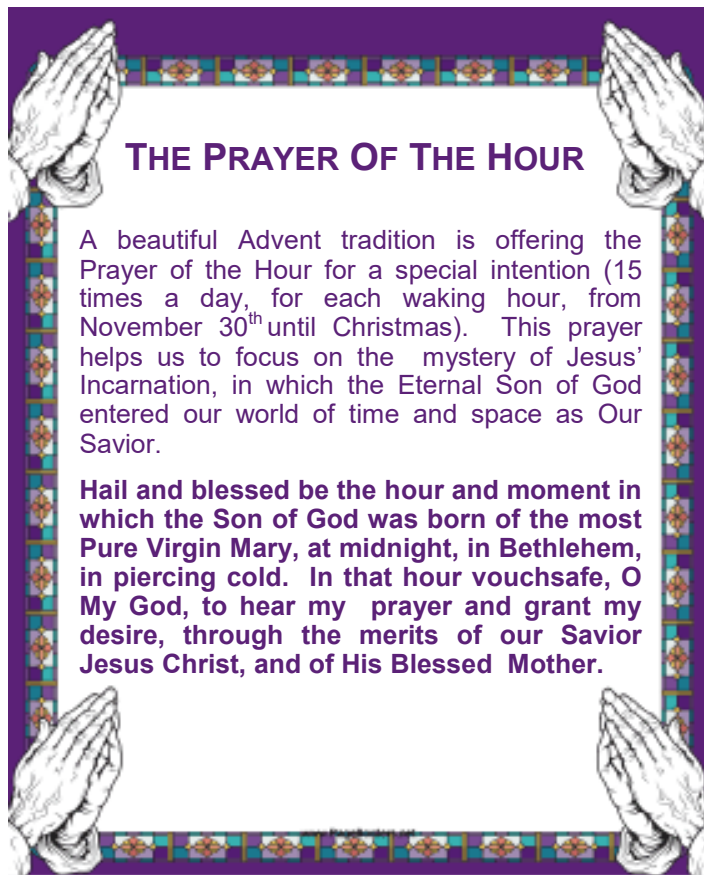


## PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

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



A beautiful Advent tradition is offering the Prayer of the Hour for a special intention (15 times a day, for each waking hour, from November 30<sup>th</sup> until Christmas). This prayer helps us to focus on the mystery of Jesus' Incarnation, in which the Eternal Son of God entered our world of time and space as Our Savior.

**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.**

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> READINGS

Is 11:1-10  
Rom 15:4-9  
Mt 3:1-12

"Prepare the way  
for the Lord!"

*Matthew 3:1-12*

## 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

12/02 & 12/03 RE Classes  
12/09 & 12/10 RE Classes  
12/16 & 12/17 RE Classes  
12/23 & 12/24 **No RE Classes Merry Christmas**

Peace of Christ,  
Joanne Warren, DRE



Advent sometimes just feels like that time that is sandwiched between Thanksgiving and Christmas – life is hectic with Christmas shopping, parties, the school year ending, and so much more. But as Catholics – we really ought to enter into this season of joyful anticipation with purpose and intention! In How to Advent, we will discover the rich traditions that mark this season and how they aid us in preparing our hearts for the birth of the child Jesus at Christmas. Guided by priests, religious, professors, and a charismatic host, you will gain practical tips and spiritual reflection on the practices of the Advent calendar, Advent wreath, Jesse tree, and nativity scene.

### Spotsylvania Christmas Parade Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS BEGIN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>



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 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:stmatthewfamilychoir@gmail.com).



Youth Ministry will **NOT** meet tonight. Classes will resume on December 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Sheila Kinley at [stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com).

## YOUTH MINISTRY 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

## THE SOLEMNITY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
**Patronal Feast Day of the USA**  
**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED:**  
8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.



### 2025 GIVING TREE

Advent is a time to prepare for the Birth of Jesus at Christmas; our Giving Tree brings us the opportunity to share our blessings with those in need in our local community. Please take envelopes from the tree, and return them with the requested gift for the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Matthew's Food Pantry and Baby Closet, or Mary's Shelter.**

The Giving Tree will be at the front doors of the Church thru December 17<sup>th</sup>. You may return your donation envelopes to the collection basket or the Parish Office.



### WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER February 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Waynesboro, VA March 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Hampton, VA

Experience a positive simple, common sense weekend. For more information, please call 757-690-1369 or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

### 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](mailto:lynnkobasa_2@msn.com). Send your message with the words "prayer request."





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