

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

8200 Robert E. Lee Drive



Spotsylvania, VA 22551

Pastor.....Rev. Paul M. Eversole
Deacons.....Rev. Mr. John Hubbarth, Ret.
Rev. Mr. Mike Strain

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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YOUTH MINISTRY

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deaconmike2@comcast.net
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stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com

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stmatthewsec@comcast.net

HOURS: Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

BUSINESS

MANAGER: Jared Darr
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FACILITIES

MANAGER: Jim Buck

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 pm

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 which ever 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 the 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 Center)

Address: 10639 Courthouse Road, Telephone: 540-834-2479. Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Sunday 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. - 11:00 a.m. *Volunteers and donations are needed on a continuing basis.*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: St. Faustina Conference **SVdP Assistance Line: 540-834-5555. Website: www.svdpstfaustina.org** *Serves the poor, elderly, and infirm in the local area. Volunteers and donation 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.

OCTOBER 4th 2026



THE 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Mon (10/05) **NO MASS**

Tue (10/06) **NO MASS**

Wed (10/07) **NO MASS**

Thur (10/08) **NO MASS**

Fri (10/09) **NO MASS**

Sat (10/10) 5:30 PM - CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

Sun (10/11) 8:00 AM - MICHAEL WATERMAN, JR.

9:30 AM - VALERIE VEGA

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

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Jesus, the cornerstone, calls us to build His Church. In holy matrimony, couples become cornerstones of love and faith for a family. Have you talked to your children about their vocation? Pray with them and walk alongside them as they discern how God may be calling them to build up God's Church. Seek out resources from the Office of Vocations, by email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or (703)841-2514.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

This weekend (10/03 -10/04) Regular Collection
Buildings & Grounds Coll.

Next weekend (10/10 - 10/11) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for September 20th was \$17,340 and for September 27th \$16,245. 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



**PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND,
UKRAINE AND RUSSIA**

To donate for the Ukraine war relief, please visit
<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html>

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 the First Fridays 8-9 p.m. Information on prayer before the Eucharist is available in the vestibule. **MONDAY morning Adoration does not take place federal holidays or during Christmas Week and Easter Week, or on holy days of obligation.**

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Father Eversole will be on retreat, so there will be no Masses, confessions, or adoration **from Monday, October 5th through Friday, October 9th.**



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED, OCTOBER 12th
COLUMBUS DAY**

**We will resume office hours at 9:00 a.m.
on Tuesday, October 13th.**

**(If you have an EMERGENCY or an urgent need to
speak with a priest, please call the
emergency number (540)498-3170)**



**COFFEE AND DONUTS
FOLLOWING ALL MASSES**

Today

In the Parish Center
Sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th
READINGS
Is 25:6-10a
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Mt 22:1-14**



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

10/06 & 10/07 RE Classes
10/13 & 10/14 RE Classes
10/20 & 10/21 RE Classes

All Saints' Party- Save the Date!
Saturday, October 31st
from 6:30-8:00 p.m.



Dinner, games, prizes, Trunk or Treat, and great candy without all of the walking.

Come dressed as your favorite saint (or non-scary costume).

Adults and teens are needed to help with the games. We would also welcome donations of prewrapped candy. Please call the parish office to volunteer. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office.

Many blessings,
Danielle Houck, DRE



St. Faustina Kowalska, Feast Day October 5th



Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz Ratajczak discuss St. Faustina Kowalska and her role of bringing the message of Divine Mercy to the Church.



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YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade

Youth Ministry will meet this evening from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. We will continue to learn

about teens who embraced the words of Jesus to, "take courage!" If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com for more information.

FIAT DAY



With the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady
Saturday, November 7th 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria, VA

The day includes Mass, talks, adoration, crafts and fun!

For more information and to register, visit:
www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT or
email vocations@arlingtondiocese.org
Deadline to register: October 26th



QUO VADIS FATHER-SON SEMINARY VISIT

Saturday, November 14th
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Quo Vadis events are for young men in high school interested in growing in their spiritual life and exploring their vocation. Meet the seminarians and their formators. See where they live, pray, eat and study. Tour their campus at Catholic University. For more information or to register call (703)841-2514 or visit: vocations@arlingtondiocese.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, Christine Klein, 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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