

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH SECRETARY: Terrie Yates

RECEPTIONISTS: Mary Lou Felts
Mary Szabo



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**

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.

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

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 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.

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026 & THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES

Mon (09/21) 8:00 AM - JERRY LUZUM+
Tue (09/22) 8:00 AM - MATTHEW STORM
Wed (09/23) 11:00 AM - THE FITZGERALD FAMILY
Thu (09/24) 6:30 AM - DOLLY HENLEY+
Fri (09/25) 7:30 PM - KEN LUZUM+
Sat (09/26) 5:30 PM - JOSEPH FARRICIELLI+
Sun (09/20) 8:00 AM - PEOPLE OF ST. MATTHEW'S
9:30 AM - TOM FALESKIE+
11:00 AM - MARY MANGANELLO+



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 last will be first, and the first will be last." God's kingdom values humility and self-giving. Those in consecrated life embrace poverty, offering their lives in service to others, just as Mother Teresa of Calcutta did. Pray about how God might be inviting you to live generously for His people and consider learning more about this vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703)841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Current and Upcoming Collections

This weekend (09/19 - 09/20) Regular Collection
Missionary Co-op Collection

Next weekend (09/26 - 09/27) Regular Collection

PARISH SUPPORT UPDATE

The first Collection for September 13th was \$16,256. 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

To donate for 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 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 or during Christmas Week and Easter Week, or on holy days of obligation.**

CATECHISM FOR ADULTS ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

- Are you thinking of joining the Catholic Church?
- Are you already Catholic, and wish to refresh your knowledge of the Faith?

Then this informal course of instruction is for you! We meet in the Parish Center on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., beginning on September 1st and continuing until Easter. Those interested should leave their name and telephone number with Father Eversole at the Parish Office (540)582-5575.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Today is Catechetical Sunday. Please pray for all those involved in the RE Program as they teach the Catholic faith to the children of our parish.

PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord!

Amen

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27th READINGS

Ez 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11
Mt 21:28-32

Therefore I tell you
that the kingdom
of God will be
taken away from
you and given to a
people who will
produce its fruit.
Matthew 21:43 NIV



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-8th Grade

Registration for the 2026-2027 Religious Education year is ongoing. **Classes start this week!** There is still space available, so please register as soon as possible. Forms can be found in the vestibule of the church, the parish office, or on our website: www.stmatthewspotsylvania.org.

Classes will be offered:

Grades K-5 Tuesday from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Grades 6-8 Wednesday from 6:00-7:15 p.m.

A class will be offered for those who need to "catch up" on the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Please call the parish office for more information.

Classes begin September 22nd and 23rd.

RE Volunteer Needed: 6th Grade Catechist Aide



St. Matthew Feast Day - September 21st



Truth and Life Dramatized Audio Bible

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt. 3:2). St. Matthew's account of the life of Jesus Christ emphasizes that he is the King of the Jews, the one who was to come and fulfill God's promise to re-establish the kingdom of David. St. Matthew's Gospel is often called "The Catechist's Gospel" because it contains many of the stories and teachings of Christ that we know and love: the angel's appearance to St. Joseph, the wise men at the birth of Christ, the Beatitudes, the Sermon on the Mount, St. Peter's declaration and the giving of the keys, and the parables about the kingdom of heaven. The Gospel of Matthew is truly the story of the good news that God is with us.



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL HIGH SCHOOL 20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA SILENT AUCTION

September 26th, 6:00 P.M. - 10:00 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of dinner, dancing as we celebrate 20 years of Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School! For more information to www.saintmichaelshs.org/gala

ST. MATTHEW WOMEN'S GUILD PILGRIMAGE

Wednesday, October 14th

The Women's Guild is now accepting reservations to attend our Washington DC Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception; the St. John Paul II National Shrine; and the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant. Transportation is free. **The cost to reserve your dinner and bus seat is \$30.00** made payable to St. Matthew Catholic Church. See Terrie Yates in the Parish Office to make check payment **no later than Monday, September 28, 2026.**

YOUTH MINISTRY 9th - 12th Grade



Today is the day! The annual Youth Ministry Kick-Off will be held from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. We look forward to seeing everyone! If you have any questions, please contact

Sheila Kinley at stmatthewyouthministry7@gmail.com for more information.



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St. Matthew Church and St. Patrick Church

Saturday, October 3, 2026 - 10:00 AM

St. Matthew Church Grounds

Onsite registration: **9:00 AM**

Or Scan the **QR Code**

Event Coordinator

Beth Yorio 540-287-3266

registration:

<https://donorbox.org/events/958733>



ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES Mondays 7:00 p.m. - In the Parish Center

Divine Mercy

September 14th thru October 19th

A discussion of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska's writings in her "Divine Mercy in My Soul" and our need to understand, seek, and accept Divine Mercy. Presented by Deacon Mike.

Marian Apparitions -

November 2nd thru December 7th

A discussion on Marian Apparitions and their importance to us. Presented by Deacon John.

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, 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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