



SAINT ANTHONY of PADUA

Catholic Community

SUNDAY MASS

12:30pm

5649 Mount Gilead Road
Centreville, VA

Also streamed live on Facebook

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

1st Sunday of Each Month

class is held during the 12:30pm mass and supplemental materials are made available on the parish website.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Last Sunday of Each Month

contact a member of the hospitality team if you'd like to bring a treat to share!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION - STARTING THIS WEEK!

Registration is now live and can be done directly on the parish website. Our classes will begin this Sunday and we have rolling admissions so don't worry if you haven't yet registered. During the monthly Sunday lesson/activity, children will explore common prayers that they should know as they develop their faith and do an activity related to that prayer. Online, families can access additional fun activities and lessons that can easily be done at home to explore themes related to the weekly scriptures of that month and/or liturgical season. At St. A's we believe the **home** is the primary source of faith formation and we will serve as a support for families as they work together to deepen their own faith and understanding. For children preparing to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation, there will be additional projects later in the year that should be completed prior to the celebration of these glorious sacraments. *Any child preparing for a sacrament must attend each month in addition to the projects they will be assigned at a later date.*

LECTOR UPDATE

Did you know that we have 11 members of the parish who are on the rotation for the Ministry of Lector? Some are regular, others are on stand-by, and we can always use more support at mass by elevating the Word through this most important ministry. Consider joining the rotation and connect with Jordon if you have any questions or are interested. Resource materials are provided to each lector and readings are provided in advance along with pronunciation guides.



YOUR PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Julian, Fr. Jason, and Fr. David are honored to walk with you on your journey of faith and to support your spiritual needs.

The Book of the Names of the Dead

REMEMBERING THE DEAD

Christian communities remember the names of their dead. These names are heard in the Prayer of the Faithful during Mass and in the chanting of the Litany of the Saints at the Easter Vigil. The names of the deceased are seen on holy cards, memorial cards, and grave markers. Masses are prayed for the repose of souls. These rituals and practices serve to keep the memory of those who have gone before us in faith present in our minds and hearts.



leaves have changed colors and are falling to the ground; the weather turns cold and bitter, while the readings of the liturgy direct our thoughts to the end times, when Christ will return in his full glory restoring the fullness of salvation to all of creation. What a perfect time to remember our beloved dead!

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

During the Month of All Souls, many parishes have the custom of giving a place of honor to a book in which community members and visitors write the names of their beloved dead. *The Book of the Names of the Dead* was inspired by the ancient practice of recording the dates of the deaths of loved ones in a necrology, a public record or registry of death. This practice provides the living with an opportunity for healing and consolation in the face of grief.

The Book of the Names of the Dead is usually displayed from the solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It is left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones and for others to read the names, remember, and pray for the repose of their souls. Some parishes place *The Book of the Names of the Dead* near the vestibule or gathering space. Others display the book near the baptismal font with the lighted Paschal candle nearby, symbolizing that the deceased have shared in the waters of Baptism, dying with Christ and rising to new life. Placing the book by these waters gives us hope that our beloved dead now share in Christ's Resurrection.

Parishioners may be invited to bring framed pictures of those who have died to be displayed near or around *The Book of the Names of the Dead*. Votive candles can be lit. Holy cards, icons, or art images of favorite saints can also be placed there, as well as autumn leaves and fall flowers.

Remembering all of these men and women who have gone before us, "marked with the sign of faith," helps us better understand and appreciate our faith in the Christ our risen Lord who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all.

MONTH OF ALL SOULS

The origins of the solemnity of All Saints (November 1) and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day, November 2) are connected. Honoring the dead dates to prehistoric times and finds expression in various parts of the world, with tributes given to deceased loved ones and veneration of those most worthy offered on the day of their birth. In the pre-Christian Celtic religion, November 1 and 2 were the celebration of their new year, when dead souls would return for a visit.

From the beginnings of the Church, Christians have cherished the memory of those martyred for the faith as icons of Jesus Christ. The small shrines built where the martyrs' remains were buried became places of prayer and pilgrimage. On the anniversary of a martyr's death, the *dies natales*, or birth into the new and heavenly Jerusalem, was commemorated at the tomb, with Eucharist celebrated at dawn on their graves. The martyrs became venerated as disciples and imitators of Christ.

All the saints are celebrated each year on November 1; however, most Christian traditions of honoring the dead are linked with All Souls Day on November 2. On this day, we remember our own loved ones who have gone before us in faith. These tributes extend beyond the day itself and last through the month of November, the Month of All Souls. The days are now at their darkest; crops have been harvested;

Libro con los nombres de los difuntos

RECORDANDO A LOS DIFUNTOS

Las comunidades cristianas recuerdan los nombres de sus difuntos. Estos nombres se pronuncian durante la Oración de los Fieles durante la Misa y se entonan durante la Letania de los Santos durante la Vigilia Pascual. Los nombres de los difuntos se inscriben en tarjetas de oraciones, en recordatorios de funerales y en las lápidas de las tumbas. Se celebran Misas por el eterno descanso de sus almas. Estos ritos y acciones ayudan a mantener presente en nuestra memoria y corazones el recuerdo de quienes nos han precedido en la fe.



enfria, y todo mientras las lecturas litúrgicas dirigen nuestros pensamientos hacia el fin del tiempo, cuando Cristo regresará con toda su gloria para restaurar la plenitud de la salvación para toda la creación. ¡Qué ocasión tan perfecta para recordar a nuestros queridos difuntos!

LIBRO CON LOS NOMBRES DE LOS DIFUNTOS

Muchas parroquias, durante el mes de Todos los Difuntos, tienen la costumbre de colocar en algún lugar de honor un libro en el que tanto los miembros de la comunidad como los visitantes escriben los nombres de sus seres queridos difuntos. El *Libro con los nombres de los difuntos* está inspirado en la antigua costumbre de escribir la fecha de la muerte de los seres queridos en una necrológica, un registro público de fallecimientos. Esta práctica ofrece a los que sobreviven a los fallecidos sanación y consuelo durante su sufrimiento y tristeza.

El *Libro con los nombres de los difuntos* se coloca en algún lugar visible a partir del día de la solemnidad de Todos los Santos y se retira al comenzar el Adviento. Durante este tiempo, se deja el libro abierto para que las personas escriban los nombres de sus seres queridos difuntos y para que otros lean los nombres, se acuerden de ellos y oren por el descanso eterno de sus almas. Algunas parroquias colocan el *Libro con los nombres de los difuntos* cerca del vestíbulo de la iglesia. Otras lo colocan cerca de la pila bautismal, con el cirio pascual prendido a su lado, simbolizando así que los difuntos han compartido las aguas del Bautismo, muriendo con Cristo y renaciendo a una vida nueva. El colocar este libro junto a estas aguas nos da la esperanza de que nuestros seres queridos difuntos comparten ahora en la Resurrección de Cristo.

Si se desea, se puede invitar a los feligreses a que traigan fotos enmarcadas de sus seres queridos difuntos y a que las coloquen cerca o alrededor de el *Libro con los nombres de los difuntos*. Se pueden también prender velas y colocar tarjetas con oraciones, iconos o imágenes de los santos favoritos, así como hojas y flores típicas del otoño.

El recordar a estos hombres y mujeres que nos han precedido, "marcados con la señal de la fe", nos ayuda a entender y apreciar mejor nuestra propia fe en Cristo, nuestro Señor resucitado, quien conquista el pecado y la muerte, y nos trae a todos una vida nueva.

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

On **November 3rd** we will have on display at mass our traditional "Altar of the Dead." You are invited to bring any mementos and photos of deceased loved ones to put on the altar as we commemorate the souls of the faithfully departed. The mass intention on this day will be for the repose of the souls of those we loved who have died and for all those whose names are inscribed in the *Book of the Names of the Dead*. This book will be on display from November 3rd until the start of Advent on December 1. You are invited to add names to this book any time before or after mass each Sunday.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI

On October 4th we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Franciscan Order in the 1200's. Best known as the "birdbath saint," St. Francis is much more complex than that. While he is the patron saint of ecology and animals, he is also one of the great reformers of the Church.

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