



# 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

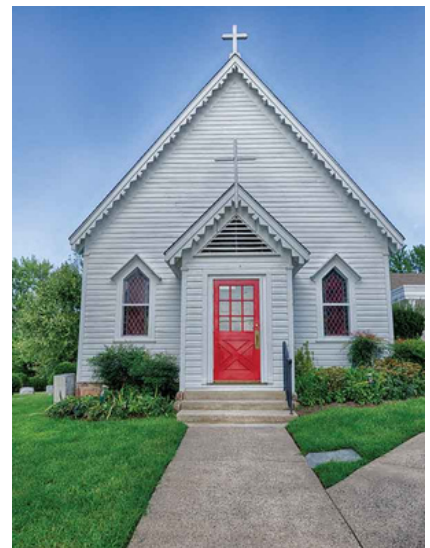
*contact a member of the hospitality team if you'd like to bring a treat to share!*

### PHOTOS FROM THE PAST

Thank you to everyone who has responded to this request. We have received literally hundreds of photos that have captured the work and life of our parish through your eyes. These photos will be on display at next week's anniversary celebration.

### RCIA

Are you an adult interested in completing your sacraments or entering the Church? We will begin the next cohort of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) at the end of the summer. Let us know by email or in person so you can be ready for Easter. Classes are done via blended learning and will begin in October.



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## 15th Anniversary Celebration

September 15, 2024  
12:30pm Solemn Liturgy

Immediately following mass, free food and drinks for all:

- Roaming Coyote Food Truck
- AnLe Ice Cream Truck
- Wine, Beer, Water, & Sodas



### 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.

### PARISH NOVENA

Beginning Friday, September 6th we invite everyone to participate in the Novena to Saint Anthony of Padua. This novena will be an opportunity for us to connect in prayer each of the 9 days leading up to our parish anniversary celebration on September 15th. Each day of the novena, a small prayer will be posted on the parish website. For those who are not connected to social media, these prayers are also listed in this week's bulletin on page 4.

### CALL FOR COOLERS!

In preparation for next week's big celebration, we need your help! If you have a cooler, we ask you bring it filled with ice. Why? We have lots of soda, wine, and beer for the reception but not enough refrigerator space. We want to get everything on ice as soon as possible so we are ready with cold beverages when it is time to party! We appreciate your help in making next week's celebration one to remember. See you there!

### SAINT ANTHONY MEDALS & CARDS

As part of our celebration next week, we will be blessing special medals of Saint Anthony of Padua as well as custom made prayer cards commemorating this event. At the end of mass, everyone will receive a prayer card and medal as our gift to you for being such a gift to our parish and being part of our past, present, and future. Our hope is the blessing and prayers that these items represent be forever bestowed upon you in abundance.

### FAITH FORMATION

Our classes will begin the first Sunday in October. Registration will begin in September and can be completed online. A link will be posted on social media and accessible via the parish website. The focus for religious education this year is "Family, Faith, and Fun!" 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. At the time of registration, parents will be able to indicate if their child will be preparing for any sacraments this year. Children must be baptized before receiving any other sacraments.

## Talk To Us

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## The Original Novena

A **VENERABLE** Catholic tradition sets aside nine days of prayer as a novena. Novenas enjoyed a more popular history as recently as the last generation of Catholics, but this generation continues the custom in various places, on different occasions. Praying consistently on a particular theme for nine days brings a comfortable spiritual rhythm that allows the prayer to intensify from day to day. Far from causing boredom, these become occasions for spiritual repetition, for deepening our relationship with God.

The mother of all novenas dates back to the original disciples. According to Acts of the Apostles (1:3), Jesus ascended into heaven forty days after the Resurrection. The disciples then entered a period of intense prayer (1:13–14). On Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Passover, the Holy Spirit came to them all (2:1). Those nine days situated between Ascension and Pentecost became the prototype of the novena. Our liturgy today still honors the original idea.

In some places, the Ascension is celebrated on

the Sunday before Pentecost. Moving the Ascension from a Thursday to a Sunday permits a greater number of believers to celebrate one of the major mysteries in the life of Christ. Our Church has long permitted countries to make this change if they wish. You don't end up with the same number of days between the two events, but the spirit of the period remains in place. Even Luke himself seems unsure about the exact number of days intervening here. Although he seems clear in Acts about the sequence of events, he follows a very different chronology in his own Gospel, where he implies that the Ascension took place on the same day as Easter (24:51). Other evangelists concur.

Nonetheless, our liturgical year in the Catholic Church has always adopted the chronology from Acts as the one we follow year after year. It gets us into the spirit of intense, ever-deepening prayer.

As your parish marks the days between Ascension and Pentecost, it prays daily, intently, for the coming of the Holy Spirit into your midst today.

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## **Novena to St. Anthony of Padua**

O wonderful St. Anthony, glorious on account of the fame of your miracles, and through the condescension of Jesus in coming in the form of a little child to rest in your arms, obtain for me of His bounty the grace which I ardently desire from the depths of my heart . (State your intention)

You who were so compassionate toward miserable sinners, regard not the unworthiness of those who pray to you, but the glory of God that it may once again be magnified by the granting of the particular request (State your intention) which I now ask for with persevering earnestness. Amen

Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and Glory Be to the Father, in honor of Saint Anthony.

Saint Anthony, pray for us!

**Check the parish Facebook page each day for a prayer during our parish novena.**

## Novena to St. Anthony of Padua: Daily Prayers

**Day 1:** O holy St. Anthony, gentlest of saints, your love for God and charity for his creatures made you worthy while on earth to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me the favor I seek in this novena (State your intention). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle; even so, you are the saint of miracles. O gentle and loving Saint Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms, and the gratitude of my heart will always be yours. Amen.

**Day 2:** O miracle-working St. Anthony, remember that it never has been heard that you left without help or relief anyone who in his need had recourse to you. Animated now with the most lively confidence, even with full conviction of not being refused, I fly for refuge to thee, O most favored friend of the Infant Jesus. O eloquent preacher of the divine mercy, despise not my supplications but, bringing them before the throne of God, strengthen them by your intercession and obtain for me the favor I seek in this novena (State your intention) . Amen.

**Day 3:** O purest St. Anthony, who through your angelic virtue was made worthy to be caressed by the Divine Child Jesus, to hold him in your arms and press him to your heart. I entreat you to cast a benevolent glance upon me. O glorious St. Anthony, born under the protection of Mary Immaculate, on the Feast of her Assumption into Heaven, and consecrated to her and now so powerful an intercessor in Heaven, I beseech you to obtain for me the favor I ask in this novena (State your intention). O great wonder-worker, intercede for me that God may grant my request. Amen.

**Day 4:** I salute and honor you, O powerful helper, St. Anthony. The Christian world confidently turns to you and experiences your tender compassion and powerful assistance in so many necessities and sufferings that I am encouraged in my need to seek your help in obtaining a favorable answer to my request for the favor I seek in this novena (State your intention). O holy St. Anthony, I beseech you, obtain for me the grace that I desire. Amen.

**Day 5:** I salute you, St. Anthony, lily of purity, ornament and glory of Christianity. I salute you, great Saint, cherub of wisdom and seraph of divine love. I rejoice at the favors our Lord has so liberally bestowed upon you. In humility and confidence I entreat you to help me, for I know that God has given you charity and pity, as well as power. I ask you by the love you did feel toward the Infant Jesus as you held him in your arms to tell Him now of the favor I seek through your intercession in this novena (State your intention). Amen.

**Day 6:** O glorious St. Anthony, chosen by God to preach his Word, you received from Him the gift of tongues and the power of working the most extraordinary miracles. O good St. Anthony, pray that I may fulfill the will of God in all things so that I may love Him, with you, for all eternity. O kind St. Anthony, I beseech you, obtain for me the grace that I desire, the favor I seek in this novena (State your intention). Amen.

**Day 7:** O renowned champion of the faith of Christ, most holy St. Anthony, glorious for your many miracles, obtain for me from the bounty of my Lord and God the grace which I ardently seek in this novena (State your intention) . O holy St. Anthony, ever attentive to those who invoke you, grant me that aid of your powerful intercession. Amen.

**Day 8:** O holy St. Anthony, you have shown yourself so powerful in your intercession, so tender and so compassionate towards those who honor you and invoke you in suffering and distress. I beseech you most humbly and earnestly to take me under your protection in my present necessities and to obtain for me the favor I desire (State your intention). Recommend my request to the merciful Queen of Heaven, that she may plead my cause with you before the throne of her Divine Son. Amen.

**Day 9:** Saint Anthony, servant of Mary, glory of the Church, pray for our Holy Father, our bishops, our priests, our Religious Orders, that, through their pious zeal and apostolic labors, all may be united in faith and give greater glory to God. St. Anthony, helper of all who invoke you, pray for me and intercede for me before the throne of Almighty God that I be granted the favor I so earnestly seek in this novena (State your intention). May the divine assistance remain always with us. Amen.

One Our Father, one Hail Mary, and Glory Be to the Father, in honor of Saint Anthony.

Saint Anthony, pray for us!

O God, may the votive commemoration of blessed Anthony, your confessor, be a source of joy to your Church, that she may always be fortified with spiritual assistance, and deserve to enjoy eternal rewards. Through Christ our Lord.