



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!

Holy Family

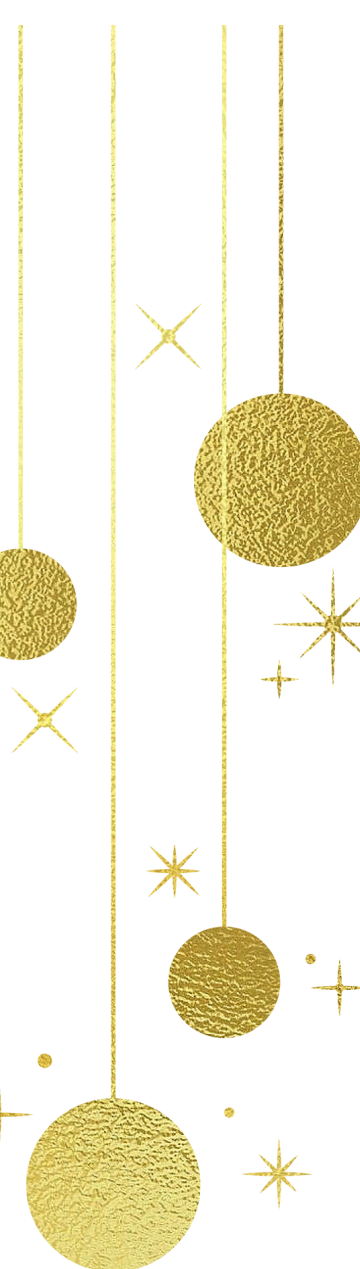
ON THE Sunday after Christmas, the Catholic community gathers at church to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. If Christmas falls on a Sunday, the feast is transferred to Friday, December 30, because the following Sunday is January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, the feast of the Holy Family fell on Sunday during the week after January 6. The revised calendar has moved the observance closer to the commemoration of the birth of Christ and therefore to the "birth" of his family.

The Scripture readings may change from year to year, but the Gospels tell episodes from the early days of Jesus' family life: the flight into Egypt to escape the forces of Herod, the Presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple, and the finding of the twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple. All these events are human and hopeful. The other readings provide stories, psalms, and reflections on the beauty of family life.

For families reunited to celebrate Christmas, this feast provides a fitting opportunity to gather again in God's house.

The *Book of Blessings* and the *Catholic Household Book of Blessings and Prayers* both contain blessings for families. These can be offered by a priest or a deacon, or by any layperson at home. This feast would be an appropriate day for any family to seek the blessings that come from God, who became like us by living with human parents.

The Collect for the Mass prays that we may imitate the Holy Family by practicing the virtues of family life and by the bonds of charity. In this way, we who share a house on earth may enter the household of God in heaven.



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.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS FOR WFCM

Food & Beverages

- Flour
- Sugar (1 or 2 lb. bags)
- Vegetable Oil
- Pasta Sauce
- Pasta
- Cereal (low sugar preferred)
- Pancake Mix
- Family Sized Snacks (pretzels, crackers, etc.)
- Canned Chicken

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

Last month we collected 122 pounds of food!

As part of our outreach to support individuals and families in need, we have committed to collection food items throughout the month for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM). This outreach helps us reach a far wider community of those in need as we pool together our collections and resources with other faith communities in our region. You can find the most needed items in the parish bulletin. Donations can be placed in the baskets in the back of the church and a drop-off is made at the end of each month. A special thank you to Lourdes who has volunteered to be the drop-off ambassador for the parish with all of our donated items from the month. Gracias, Lourdes!

FR. JASON'S VACATION

Fr. Jason will be away from December 22-January 4. If you have a pastoral emergency, please connect with Fr. Julian.



FAITH FORMATION

Please note that there will be no Youth Faith Formation classes during January in observance of Winter Break. Classes will resume on Sunday, February 2nd. We are looking forward to seeing you then!

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Our next gathering for fellowship will be **THIS WEEKEND** after the 12:30pm mass. If you would like to contribute a snack, drink item, or paper goods for this time together, please contact a member of our hospitality ministry team:

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Ann: agawalt@mac.com

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of severe weather that could affect mass, updates will be posted on the parish Facebook page and website. Should there be an unexpected occurrence of extreme weather leading to the cancellation of in-person mass, we will do our best to livestream the mass from one of our priests' homes. It will be our goal to make cancellation notices the evening before if possible.

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