



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!

Optional Memorial

SOME PEOPLE celebrate birthdays. Others don't. The day has real significance for some people, but not for others. However, the birthdays of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Martin Luther King Jr. have taken on national importance. Everybody celebrates those.

On our Church calendar, we have a number of days set aside as memorials to honor our saints. Some of them—such as Thomas Aquinas (January 28), Augustine (August 28), and St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (October 1)—are so important that everybody celebrates them. Others—such as Rose of Lima (August 23), Turibius de Mogrovejo (March 23), and Elizabeth of Portugal (July 4)—are significant for smaller groups. When these days fall during the week, the Mass contains special prayers to honor these saints. Although every church celebrates the days of certain saints as memorials, the days of other saints are optional memorials. Your own parish church may choose whether or not to celebrate those days.

Some optional memorials are quite popular. For example, Patrick (March 17), Nicholas (December 6), and Maria Goretti (July 6) have many followers. Other saints are more obscure.

Because of the large number of saints, the calendar includes some flexibility. It adapts to local devotions and to the spiritual needs of worshippers.

When an optional memorial falls on a weekday, you need not celebrate it at all. You may just have an ordinary day. But when your parish chooses to take the option at a weekday Mass, you may hear prayers that pertain directly to the saint, especially the Collect (Opening Prayer) of the liturgy. The Scriptures may also vary to help people reflect on the special gifts and devotion of the saint. Whenever an optional memorial coincides with a Sunday or another day of higher rank on the calendar, we omit its celebration that year.



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

Above you can find the most needed items in the parish bulletin. Donations will be collected the last Sunday 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!

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

After mass this Sunday we will celebrate our monthly gathering for fellowship. This is a fun time to chew and chat with others in the parish, and share time in communion with each other. If you are interested in adding to our table of snacks and drinks, reach out to a member of our hospitality team:

Tina Marie: Tinamarie2044@gmail.com

Polly: Pdredge@gmail.com

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. We will make every attempt to hold mass in person otherwise the announcement will be made the night prior.

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!

SCOUT SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 2

We invite all scouts and their families to join us in celebrating Scout Sunday on Sunday, February 2nd. This special service honors the values of scouting—faith, service, and community. We encourage all scouts, leaders, and alumni to wear their uniforms as a visible sign of their commitment to these principles. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together in worship and show our support for the scouting movement. We look forward to celebrating with you!

SIGN OF PEACE

It has been a while, but watch out for Fr. Jason and Fr. Julian as they make their way through the congregation for the Sign of Peace. This popular practice at our parish took a necessary pause in 2019 and will be returning (by request!) as we return to the worship style that has made our parish feel like family.

