



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!

The Priesthood of the Faithful

MASS DEPENDS on the participation of the priesthood of the faithful, according to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (5). "The celebration of the Eucharist is the action of the whole Church." Baptized Christians share in the royal priesthood of God's people. Everyone offers a spiritual sacrifice together with the priest in union with Christ.

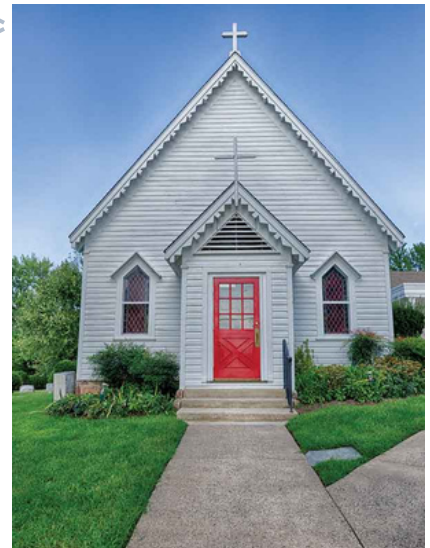
"For this people is the People of God, purchased by Christ's Blood, gathered together by the Lord, nourished by his word" (ibid.). When we assemble at church, we come as God's own, a people loved so much that Christ shed blood for us. We gather as people of faith, as people God loves. We listen to God's Word—food for this chosen people.

This people is "called to present to God the prayers of the entire human family" (ibid.). We partake in the General Intercessions, or the Universal Prayer.

We are "a people that gives thanks in Christ for the mystery of salvation by offering his Sacrifice" (ibid.). The priest does not offer this sacrifice alone. All of us do. We all give thanks. Scratch the skin of any Christian and you should find thanksgiving in the blood. We offer the Eucharistic Sacrifice with the priest, giving thanks.

Finally, it is a people "that is brought together in unity by Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ" (ibid.). God's priestly people reach perfection in Communion.

"This people, though holy in its origin, nevertheless grows constantly in holiness by conscious, active, and fruitful participation in the mystery of the Eucharist" (ibid.). When we gather for Mass, we do not merely watch. We do not merely read along. We participate actively and consciously in the mystery around us. And we grow in holiness.



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. In January we collected and donated 118 pounds of food!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Here are some important dates to mark on your calendar:

Adult Sacraments: Easter Sunday, April 20th

First Holy Communion: May 4, 2025

Confirmation: June 8, 2025

If you have a child preparing for First Communion or Confirmation, you will receive an email with additional steps and a project connected to the specific sacrament you are exploring. These activities are meant to deepen a child's understanding of their faith while recognizing that faith formation is a lifelong process.

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 - We're Back!

We hope you enjoyed the winter break and can't wait to see our youngest members of the parish for Faith Formation this Sunday, February 2nd.

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.

