



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!

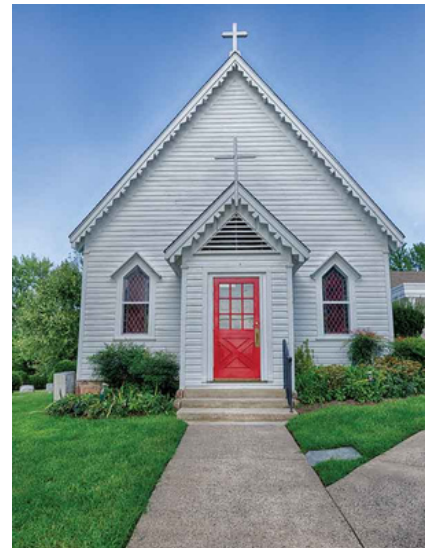
Forgiveness at Mass

THE SACRAMENT of Penance is the Church's special celebration of pardon, but forgiveness of sins is also one of the fruits of the Mass. There are many moments throughout the Eucharistic celebration when the texts and gestures of the Mass express the community's sorrow for sins.

We begin with the Penitential Act, which includes striking the breast in a simple gesture of sorrow. The presider then asks that God have mercy on us and forgive our sins. On Sundays, this penitential rite may be replaced with a sprinkling rite, signifying our purification. While singing the Glory to God and the Lamb of God, we ask the One who takes away the sins of the world to have mercy on us. When the deacon or priest kisses the Gospel, he prays that its words may wipe away our sins. While washing his hands, the priest asks God to wash away his iniquity and cleanse him of sin. During the Lord's Prayer, we all ask God to forgive us our sins.

And, of course, the sharing of Communion itself forgives sins (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1393–1394*). The main purposes of Mass are to express thanks and praise to God and to sanctify the assembly through Holy Communion. But one of the other results is the forgiveness of sins.

The faithful who are aware of grave sin should celebrate the Sacrament of Penance before presenting themselves for Communion. Reconciliation is advised for all, no matter how light our sins may be. But the faithful struggling with ordinary sinful lives may find assurance that their participation at Mass will grant forgiveness through word, gesture and sacrament.



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

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY

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 **66 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY & ASHES-TO-GO

This year Ash Wednesday will be observed on March 5, 2025, with an evening liturgy in conjunction with St. John's beginning at 7pm. Ashes-to-Go will be available in the church parking lot from 6:00-6:45pm.

FAITH FORMATION

This weekend is our monthly gathering for faith formation! With Lent rapidly approaching, this is a great time for our youngest disciples to learn about the sorrowful mysteries of the rosaries and how they connect with the Stations of the Cross. A fun activity and poster will be provided for each of our learners.

BLESSED STONES

This Sunday we will be inviting everyone to take a lenten stone with them on their way out of the church. Each stone will have a single word on it that, perhaps, the Holy Spirit will be guiding you to reflect on or work on during the season of Lent that begins on Wednesday. Lent is a time for reflection, repentance, and spiritual growth, helping us deepen our relationship with God and others. The word on the stone you select can be part of the inner work that needs to be done so that the outer expression of faith is strong and authentic.

CALLED TO MINISTRY

Do you feel a call to serve as a reader, server, musician/singer, or in hospitality at our parish? Let one of our priests know you are interested and we will welcome you to our team with open arms. No experience necessary.

