



# 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!*

## VOLUNTEERS ARE INCREDIBLE

Did you know that our parish thrives thanks to the dedication of volunteers? The clergy, readers, outreach workers, servers, hospitality teams, faith formation leaders, and musicians are all individuals who share their time and talents with our community. We truly cannot function without the enthusiastic 'YES' from so many. We deeply appreciate the responses to our ministry call and pray for more hands to join us in our mission.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

**Palm Sunday: April 13th.** Weather permitting, we will begin outdoors with the blessing of palms and reading of the first gospel, followed by a procession into the church.

**Holy Thursday & Good Friday: April 17th and 18th.** Daily reflection videos will be posted on the parish Facebook page at 9am.

**Easter Sunday: April 19th.**

Easter Egg hunt at/around 11:45am for children of all ages. **BYOB (Bring Your Own Baskets!).** The event begins with everyone gathering at the entrance to the church.

**Solemn Mass of the Resurrection** at 12:30pm with all the "smells and bells."



### 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.

## Easter

ON EASTER Sunday, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. On this day, the disciples saw the empty tomb, and the Risen Christ began to appear to them. Easter celebrates our belief in life after death. It ranks first among the feasts of the church.

The Easter Sunday Mass differs a bit from others. The new Paschal candle is lighted and stands near the ambo. Having omitted the Glory to God throughout the season of Lent, we sing it again. The Easter sequence is said or sung after the Second Reading. During Lent, we sang a different acclamation before the Gospel, but now we again sing "Alleluia." In the United States, the Creed may be replaced with the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the sprinkling of holy water on this day.

There are small changes to the Eucharistic Prayer. If you are alert, you will hear during the Preface that Christ became our paschal sacrifice "on this day." If the priest is using Eucharistic Prayer I, he announces that this is the day of the Resurrection of the Lord and that the community prays especially for those newly baptized at the Easter Vigil.

At the end of the Mass, the deacon or priest adds two "alleluias" to the words of dismissal, and you respond, "Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia."

Attendance is strong on Easter, as all those who profess faith in Christ join together in a single celebration. Many worshipers like to dress up for the occasion. The main Easter liturgy is the Easter Vigil on Saturday night, and all Catholics should make every effort to participate in it. But Easter Sunday remains a popular choice for affirming one's faith in the Risen Christ.



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Let us offer our prayers for Susan and Stock, who have dedicated the past year to preparing for their full initiation into the Church this Easter Sunday. Each week, they have been attending Mass, and their evenings have been filled with reading, reflection, and meetings with Fr. Jason as they prepare for this significant milestone in the life of the Church.

## PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY

On the last Sunday of each month, we come together to collect food donations for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries. In March, we gathered and donated 82 pounds of food, which brings our total contributions to over 280 pounds since the start of the year.

## 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**



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