



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!

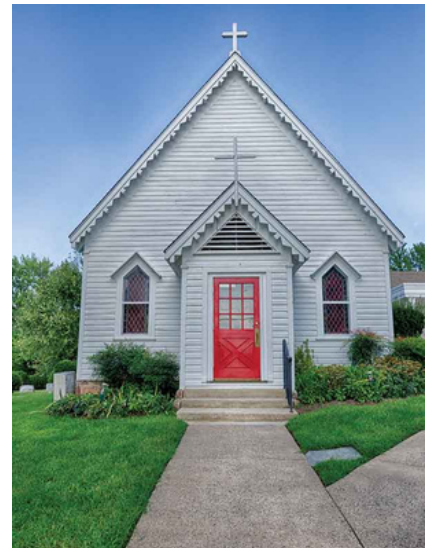
Easter Octave

EASTER DAY is eight days long. Easter reigns as the most important feast in the liturgical year. One single day cannot contain it. One entire week cannot contain it. We celebrate Easter for a week and a day. The period is called the Octave of Easter.

Weekday Masses are celebrated “as Solemnities of the Lord” (*Universal Norms on the Liturgy Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 24). The only difference is that the Creed is not recited and there is no Second Reading. We include the Glory to God in the Introductory Rites. The Easter Sequence may follow the Responsorial Psalm. Each Gospel tells one story of how the Risen Christ appeared to his disciples. Whenever the priest chooses the first Easter Preface or Eucharistic Prayer I, he includes words and phrases that call the weekday “Easter day.” The dismissal dialogue at the end of the Mass concludes with two alleluias. The liturgy treats each weekday of the octave as if it were Easter Sunday all over again.

In the early days of the Church, those who were baptized at Easter participated at the cathedral Eucharist every day for a week. Their joy was so full that they kept coming back for more. During this period, the bishop offered them daily catechesis on the sacraments of the church during his homily at the Masses of the Easter Octave.

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* does not explicitly encourage the newly baptized to participate in the Eucharist during the Easter Octave, but the prayers at Mass still presume that they are there. The Mass prayers assigned to the priest this week make frequent references to these neophytes. The Easter Octave is a sign of the Church’s joy. Christ is risen, and we repeat the good news again and again—eight days a week.



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.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Here are some important dates to mark on your calendar:

First Holy Communion: May 4, 2025

Confirmation: June 8, 2025

EASTER BLESSINGS

As we commemorate the resurrection of our Lord this Easter, we extend our heartfelt wishes to each of you. This season of hope and renewal serves as a poignant reminder of the profound love and grace that envelops us all. We are sincerely grateful for every member of our parish community, whose faith and commitment enhance our collective journey. May the joy and peace of Easter fill your hearts and homes.

On behalf of Fr. Julian and Fr. David, thank you for being an integral part of our church family. We pray all of this in the name of the Father who creates us, of the Son who redeems us, and of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us. Amen!



Fr. Jason Lody, FCM



PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIAN

Did you know that our parish has a seminarian? Please keep Jordon in your prayers as he continues his academic studies in preparation for ordained ministry in the Church. This is a significant commitment of time and resources and as a parish we have committed to supporting Jordon on this journey of study and discernment. Through the intercession of St. Charles Borromeo, patron saint of seminarians, we pray that Jordon and who have embarked on the path to ordained ministry may be filled with the Spirit and sustained in the work of preparing to serve God's people.

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.



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