



# 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 First Readings

AT SUNDAY Mass, the First Reading usually comes from the Old Testament. This custom changes, however, during Easter Time. For seven weeks, from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, the First Readings all come from the same book: the Acts of the Apostles. Thus the three readings at Sunday Mass and the two readings at daily Mass all come from the New Testament throughout Easter Time.

Easter makes everything new. The Resurrection so changes human history that we immerse ourselves in the New Testament to seek more deeply the meaning of this mystery.

The Acts of the Apostles tells of the beginnings of the Church. It opens with the Ascension and Pentecost, recounts the spread of the faith in peace and persecution, and concludes with the missionary activity of St. Paul. This book bridges the Gospels with the rest of Church history. The Gospels culminate in the Resurrection of Jesus, which inspired evangelization. Each Easter our Church announces the Resurrection through the Scriptures and increases its membership through Baptism. We witness evangelization today as we recall its origins in the Acts of the Apostles.

The Old Testament is not completely absent. The Liturgy of the Word throughout the season still includes a Responsorial Psalm. The Mass for the Pentecost Vigil, like the great Vigil of Easter, may include several readings from the Old Testament, foreshadowing the Gift of the Spirit.

When planning other liturgies for Easter Time—funerals, weddings, penance services, or Baptisms, for example—the First Readings for those celebrations come from the New Testament. No matter the occasion, our Scripture readings set this season aside from all others, because it ranks above all others. Easter announces new life in Christ.



### 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. If you would like to support the parish by volunteering, please fill out an interest card in the back of the church or connect directly with one of our priests. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

## 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



## FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY - NEXT WEEK!

Next week will be our monthly gathering of community after the 12:30pm mass. Why do we do this? Because we strive to be a community of faith and the 'community' part of our parish identity extends beyond our sharing of the Eucharist to how we care for and spend time with one another. Plus, it's delicious and fun. Consider staying after mass to chat with and learn more about the community of saints-in-the-making we call St. A's! If you'd like to contribute to the communal table of nibbles and sips available, reach out to a member of the hospitality ministry!

## SUMMER SCHEDULE AND VACATIONS

At St. A's we are here every Sunday of the year. As you plan your summer travels, consider joining us online if you're able and support us from afar. We strongly encourage regular giving/tithing electronically so you can continue to support the needs of the parish even if you are not physically present to share a collection envelope. Online giving is easy, secure, and supports our parish whether you are joining us in person or watching us from the beach! Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

## Talk To Us...

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