



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!*

Pious Exercises

PIOUS EXERCISES are ways that many Christians express their faith either in public or in private. They are not part of the official liturgy of the Church, but they harmonize with it. When prayed well, popular devotions stimulate people's faith and help them worship God even better in the liturgy.

These devotions cover a broad range of interests—the Sacred Heart, the Immaculate Conception, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Rosary, to name but a few. They become “popular” as they spread among people who find them helpful to develop their piety as individuals or in groups. Many pious exercises are shared by a large number of people, and their practice has been passed on from one generation to the next. These developments show the value of such devotions.

Prior to the Second Vatican Council, pious exercises profoundly formed the spiritual lives of Catholics partly because they could be prayed in vernacular languages. Although Catholics prayed at Mass when it was always in Latin, they have participated more fully, consciously, and actively ever since the Mass has become available to them in their own tongue.

The liturgical renewal appropriately drew Catholics more deeply into the liturgy, which is the most important form of common prayer. Some pious exercises have become less available and less practiced because devotion to the Mass has increased. However, Catholics are still encouraged to develop pious exercises to balance a healthy spiritual life. The Vatican has dealt with this matter in its *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy: Principles and Guidelines*. It indicates that these devotions are at their best when they lead people back to the Mass and other forms of liturgical prayer.



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.

RERUM NOVARUM - WHO IS POPE LEO?

The Roman Church has selected a new pope who chose the name Leo XIV (Leo the 14th). To understand the significance of this name, one must look to Pope Leo XIII (Leo the 13th) who, in 1891, penned the papal encyclical *Rerum Novarum*. The main point of *Rerum Novarum* is to establish a framework for addressing the social and economic problems arising from the Industrial Revolution and the socialist responses to it. It outlines the Church's stance on the rights of workers, the responsibilities of employers, and the role of the state in ensuring a just society. This summer we will be hosting a brief series where we will read and discuss this encyclical and its significance for modern times. After a period of time spent reading and reflecting individually, we will meet on Zoom for 3 sessions exploring the history (session 1), the implementation and implications of the document (session 2) and we'll interpret it's relevance to today's time (session 3). This document is readily available online for free and can also be found in the texts our parish used for the Adult Faith Formation sessions on the Documents of Vatican II.

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!

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

On the last Sunday of each month we collect food for our partners at Western Fairfax Christian Ministries to help restock their pantry with some of their most needed items. We will continue this through the summer. Please help us help others as an extension of our Outreach Ministry. All food items can be placed in the baskets at the back of the church.



CORPORATE GIVING

Inquire with your employer about their policy on matching donations to nonprofits. One of our parish members benefits from their employer's matching program, which supports their contributions to the parish up to a specified annual limit.

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