



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!*

Pentecost

ON PENTECOST, we celebrate the day on which the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in a form resembling tongues of fire, empowering them to proclaim the message that Jesus is risen from the dead. According to Acts of the Apostles (1:13–14), Mary, the apostles, and other disciples had been huddled together in an upper room after the ascension of Jesus. But on this day they went forth from that room as new people, alive in the Spirit, speaking in tongues and winning over believers by the thousands.

A few special features mark the Mass of Pentecost Sunday. The options for the First Reading for Saturday's Vigil Mass, for example, are taken from the Old Testament. Throughout the Easter season, all the readings come from the New Testament—except, of course, the Responsorial Psalm. Saturday's First Reading foreshadows the coming of the Spirit. On Sunday, the First Reading comes from Acts of the Apostles, and it tells the story of Pentecost. After the Second Reading, everyone sings or says the Pentecost Sequence, a special hymn that tells the meaning of this day.

If the priest uses Eucharistic Prayer I, he inserts a special phrase saying that this is the day “on which the Holy Spirit appeared to the Apostles in tongues of fire.” The Mass concludes with a double “alleluia.” The deacon or priest adds the words to his dismissal, and you answer, “Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.” This joyful acclamation concludes the Church's celebration of Easter.

The Paschal candle burns throughout the Pentecost Mass, as it does for the fifty days of Easter Time. After Mass, however, it is moved from its place near the ambo to a position in the baptistry.



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.

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. If so, let us know if you need the parish EIN number or IRS letter for documentation purposes.

UNAPOLOGETIC IN OUR MISSION

At our parish, we stand firmly and unapologetically in the truth that every person is made in the image and likeness of God. Our commitment to honoring the dignity and value of all people—regardless of orientation, gender, state of life, or circumstance—is not about adopting cultural trends; it's about faithfully living out the Gospel. Jesus welcomed, healed, and loved without exception, and we strive to do the same. Rooted in the teachings of Christ and the Church, we proclaim the inherent worth of every individual and invite all to walk together in the journey of faith, truth, and mercy. This is not about being “inclusive” for the sake of it—it's about being Christian.



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