



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!*

Eucharistic Processions

THE BODY of Christ under the form of bread may be carried in solemn procession through public streets. The practice, more frequent in past generations and among certain ethnic groups, is still encouraged.

A Eucharistic procession forms after Mass or after a period of adoration. It is especially appropriate on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Usually a priest places a large, unbroken, consecrated host inside a glass protector called a lunette. He then inserts the lunette into a monstrance. A monstrance is a beautifully crafted vessel that draws attention to the host.

The priest, vested for Mass or wearing a white cope, holds the monstrance aloft. Ministers carrying candles and incense join him. Additional ministers may carry a canopy above the priest and the monstrance. The faithful join the procession, singing hymns and offering prayers as they walk.

The procession may pause at stations decorated for the occasion, where the priest blesses the faithful with the monstrance. Ideally, the procession begins at one church and ends at another, where the priest gives a final benediction and reposes the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. Alternatively, the procession may return to the church from which it began.

Eucharistic processions evangelize the civic community, as Catholics witness to their faith.

Throughout the twentieth century, the faithful began sharing communion at Mass more frequently than they did before, and many Eucharistic devotions faded. The main reason Jesus gave his body and blood was for us to take, eat, and drink. Although some Eucharistic devotions are rarely seen, it is more important to see the faithful sharing communion at Mass.



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 its 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.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Our next gathering for Fellowship will be after mass on Sunday, **June 29th**. This is also the monthly food collection date - so it's an opportunity to support our community's needs by donating a food item to WFCM and celebrate the joys of being part of a parish family. It's a twofold blessing to gather and share. Mark your calendar and join us!



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Do you have a prayer request or mass intention? You can easily submit your request online, and a Sunday mass will be celebrated for your intention or for one you prefer to keep private. Additionally, these "special intention" masses can also be requested online. There is no fee for having a mass said at St. A's.

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