



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!*



THE LETTERS IHS sometimes appear among the symbols adorning church furnishings. They draw the believer's attention to Christ and his cross. The letters have two meanings, one in Latin and the other in Greek.

According to one early biography of Constantine, the emperor was praying to the false god of his family before an important battle in Rome. He saw a vision: a cross before the sun with the words "In this sign, conquer." Constantine ordered the shields of his warriors painted with the cross of Christ. He won the battle and became a Christian. The cross of Christ, to which Constantine attributed his military victory, is the emblem of victory over death for every Christian. The first three of the words in the emperor's vision are rendered in Latin as *In hoc signo*. The first letter of each produced the monogram IHS, a symbol still used to proclaim the power of the cross of Christ.

The Greek and Latin alphabets are different. The capital letters for I are identical. In English this letter may be rendered as an *I* or a *J*, depending on the context. The Greek capital *S* (Σ) is fairly similar to the one used in Latin and English. The Latin letter shaped "H" is equivalent to the same English letter, but the Greek letter shaped "H" is equivalent to an *E* in Latin and English. The Greek letters IHS, then, are read "IES" in Latin or "JES" English. They are the first three letters of the name Jesus.

These symbolic letters recall the conversion of the emperor who helped spread the Christian faith, as well as the very name of Son of God.



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.

Happy 4th of July!

As we honor the spirit of independence and freedom that this day represents, let's also take a moment to reflect on the values of community and unity. Whether you're enjoying a festive barbecue, watching a dazzling fireworks display, or spending time with loved ones, remember the importance of togetherness and gratitude for the blessings we share. May your celebrations be filled with joy, safety, and the warmth of cherished company. Happy Independence Day to all!



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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