



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!*

Baptism Candle

NEWLY BAPTIZED persons each receive a lighted candle. The candle signifies that they have been enlightened by Christ and are to walk in his light until they meet him in heaven.

Any candle will do. It may be a plain taper, or it may bear elaborate decoration. Some parishes obtain special Baptism candles fashioned in the style of the Easter candle. Others invite families to decorate their own.

The Baptism candle is lighted from the Easter candle, which burns at every Mass throughout the Easter season and at every Baptism and funeral throughout the year. Whenever Baptism takes place, the Easter candle will stand lighted before the ceremony begins. Shortly after a person is baptized, the priest or deacon holds the Easter candle or at least touches it and says to the newly baptized, "Receive the light of Christ."

Someone lights the Baptism candle. Usually a godparent does this, but a parent or another family member may do it for a newly baptized infant. The father and godfather are specifically mentioned as possible helpers.

The priest or deacon then explains the significance of the candle as it is entrusted to the parents and godparents of an infant or handed by the godparent to a newly baptized adult. These new Christians are enlightened by Christ. They are to walk always as children of the light, keeping the flame of faith alive within them. When the Lord comes at the end of time, the baptized will go out to meet him, just as the wise virgins, torches alight, went out to meet the bridegroom in Jesus' parable.

Many people keep their candles and relight them for prayer at home on the anniversary of their Baptisms.



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 - DATES ANNOUNCED!

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.

**Mark your calendars!**

Session 1: August 30th at 7PM

Session 2: August 31st at 7PM

Session 3: September 1st at 7PM

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Our next gathering for Fellowship will be after mass on Sunday, **July 27th**. 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 IN THE SUMMER**

With time for travel and stretches of unbearable heat, we remain active as a parish each Sunday of the season. While you are traveling, join us online, keep us in prayer, and we will see you soon!

**Talk To Us...**

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