

### 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!

# October 5, 2025 12:30 PM Outdoor Mass Of Pets

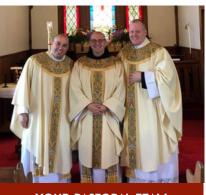




# FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS & BLESSING OF ANIMALS

On **Sunday, October 5**<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a special solemn liturgy held outdoors (weather permitting) where we will host our annual Blessing of Animals. The mass will take place on the grass where we traditionally begin our Palm Sunday liturgy. All pets should be contained or on a leash. Stuffed animals and pictures of animals will also be blessed. Mark your calendars!





# 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.

# YOUTH FAITH FORMATION 2025-2026

This year's theme is <u>Journey</u> with the <u>Saints</u> and <u>Seasons</u>. Children will explore saints and the liturgical seasons of the year. Youth Faith Formation is open to children up to age 12 and classes begin on **October** 5<sup>th</sup>. You can register on the parish website. If you have a child that will be receiving a sacrament this year (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation) then participation is required. Classes are held during the 12:30pm mass on the first Sunday of each month. There is no fee to participate.

Here is our calendar for this year:

October 5<sup>th</sup>: topic: St. Francis of Assisi

November 2<sup>nd</sup>: topic: All Saints / All Souls Day

 $\textbf{December 7}^{th} \hbox{: topic: Our Lady of Guadalupe}$ 

January 4<sup>th</sup>: Epiphany Sunday, No Class February 1<sup>st</sup>: topic: St. Valentine of Rome

March 1<sup>st</sup>: topic: St. Patrick April 5<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday, No Class May 3<sup>rd</sup>: topic: St. Joan of Arc June 7<sup>th</sup>: topic: The Eucharist

### TO KNEEL OR NOT TO KNEEL

That is the question! Ultimately, the choice is yours. While tradition often suggests kneeling as the default posture during the canon of the Mass, you also have the option to remain standing due to space constraints, facility limitations, personal beliefs, or physical considerations. There is no definitive answer; at St. A's, we encourage you to choose the posture that best supports your full participation in the Mass and allows you to express reverence for the beauty unfolding before us.

# **FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**

Our next gathering for Fellowship will be after mass on **September 28**th. 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! Donations can be dropped into the baskets in the back of the church. Thank you, in advance, for your support of our brothers and sisters in need - an act of mercy and compassion.

# HOME FAITH FORMATION 2025-2026

As part of our annual parish tradition, we provide one copy of At Home with the Word to each family/household in the parish. This fantastic resource guides you to a deeper understanding of the Sunday Scriptures, providing the readings for this liturgical year, insights from Scripture scholars, and action steps along with additional reflection questions and action steps for families. Copies will be available in October for use beginning when the new liturgical year begins November 30<sup>th</sup>

