



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!*

October 5, 2025
12:30 PM Outdoor Mass
Blessing
of Pets



All pets are welcome: alive, stuffed, & photos!



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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.*

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS & BLESSING OF ANIMALS

On **Sunday, October 5th** we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a special solemn liturgy held outdoors 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!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION 2025-2026

This year's theme is Journey with the Saints and Seasons. 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 5th**. 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 5th: topic: St. Francis of Assisi

November 2nd: topic: All Saints / All Souls Day

December 7th: topic: Our Lady of Guadalupe

January 4th: *Epiphany Sunday, No Class*

February 1st: topic: St. Valentine of Rome

March 1st: topic: St. Patrick

April 5th: *Easter Sunday, No Class*

May 3rd: topic: St. Joan of Arc

June 7th: 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 **October 26th**. 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. 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

In keeping with our cherished annual parish tradition, we are pleased to offer one copy of *At Home with the Word* to each family and household within our community. Copies are now available for use starting on November 30th, coinciding with the beginning of the new liturgical year and the first Sunday of Advent. You may grab your copy from the table nearest the hymnal cart.

PARISH CLERGY RESPONSE TIME

Please remember that our clergy volunteer their time and the parish does not have regular office hours. Emails, calls, and texts are sometimes responded to with delay. Thank you!

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