



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!*

All Saints

IN DESIGNATING one day on our calendar for all the saints, the Church chooses a time to honor our heroes—the men and women whose example we admire. Coming near the end of the Church year, the solemnity of All Saints invites us into the mystery of death and the promise of eternal life.

An early tradition placed the festival on May 13. According to one story, Pope Boniface IV (himself a saint) began the celebration in Rome. On that date in 609, he dedicated a very old building as a new church. The Pantheon had been built to honor all the pagan gods, but Boniface rededicated the building as a Christian church in the seventh century. He brought the relics of the martyrs from the catacombs to this famous public place of worship. The parade of relics changed the Pantheon from a place for worship of all the pagan gods to a place that honored Mary and all the Christian saints—and in turn the one Christian God. Eventually the idea of a feast of all saints was transferred to November 1, near the end of the Church year.

The Church honors many saints with a day of their own on the general liturgical calendar, but there are many more saints than those. Since Vatican II, the number of men and women canonized as saints has increased considerably. Although we do not celebrate all their names on specific dates in all our churches throughout the year, we do gather them as one on this day.

Secular tradition has turned the eve of All Saints (i.e., Halloween or All Hallows Eve) into a kind of anti-festival, a night when heroes of the underworld take command.

The Mass for All Saints Day always replaces the one for Ordinary Time, even when it falls on a Sunday.



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 Journey with the Saints and Seasons. Classes are held during the 12:30pm mass on the first Sunday of each month. Our remaining schedule is as follows:

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

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our outdoor mass and animal blessing last week: our musicians, servers, those who helped set up and take down the tables and chairs, and the well behaved amazing pets who joined us. Our celebration was a success because of you all. Gracias! Woof! Woof!

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

On **November 2nd** we will celebrate All Saints and All Souls Day at mass. Each year we decorate an altar where you are invited to display pictures and momentos of loved ones who have died. The mass intention for this day will be for all of our deceased loved ones.

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

Beginning November 2nd and lasting until Advent, we will have available and on display the *Book of the Names of the Dead*. You will be able to inscribe the names of loved ones who have died and at each mass leading up to Advent, we will pray for all those whose names are listed in this special book. You may inscribe names any time before or after mass and the memory of your loved one will be honored.

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.

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