



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 Book of the Names of the Dead

REMEMBERING THE DEAD

Christian communities remember the names of their dead. These names are heard in the Prayer of the Faithful during Mass and in the chanting of the Litany of the Saints at the Easter Vigil. The names of the deceased are seen on holy cards, memorial cards, and grave markers. Masses are prayed for the repose of souls. These rituals and practices serve to keep the memory of those who have gone before us in faith present in our minds and hearts.



leaves have changed colors and are falling to the ground; the weather turns cold and bitter, while the readings of the liturgy direct our thoughts to the end times, when Christ will return in his full glory restoring the fullness of salvation to all of creation. What a perfect time to remember our beloved dead!

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

During the Month of All Souls, many parishes have the custom of giving a place of honor to a book in which community members and visitors write the names of their beloved dead. *The Book of the Names of the Dead* was inspired by the ancient practice of recording the dates of the deaths of loved ones in a necrology, a public record or registry of death. This practice provides the living with an opportunity for healing and consolation in the face of grief.

The Book of the Names of the Dead is usually displayed from the solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It is left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones and for others to read the names, remember, and pray for the repose of their souls. Some parishes place *The Book of the Names of the Dead* near the vestibule or gathering space. Others display the book near the baptismal font with the lighted Paschal candle nearby, symbolizing that the deceased have shared in the waters of Baptism, dying with Christ and rising to new life. Placing the book by these waters gives us hope that our beloved dead now share in Christ's Resurrection.

Parishioners may be invited to bring framed pictures of those who have died to be displayed near or around *The Book of the Names of the Dead*. Votive candles can be lit. Holy cards, icons, or art images of favorite saints can also be placed there, as well as autumn leaves and fall flowers.

Remembering all of these men and women who have gone before us, "marked with the sign of faith," helps us better understand and appreciate our faith in the Christ our risen Lord who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all.



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

**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.

**Talk To Us...**

703-665-9730 - Parish Cell

Fr. Jason Lody, FCM
jlody@mysaintanthonys.org

Fr. Julian Garcia
jgarcia@mysaintanthonys.org

Facebook & Instagram
@MySaintAnthonys