



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 Souls

CRISP AUTUMN chill penetrates our sweater-wrapped bodies to remind us of our weakness before the power of nature. As leaves fall from trees, plants die, and animals retreat, we feel the impending threat of death, which waits to take us home.

During this season of the northern hemisphere's year, the Church celebrates the Commemoration of All Souls. As our bodies and minds resign themselves to the inevitable cessation of life, our Church calendar brings forth a somber feast to fit our temperament these increasingly darkened days.

All Souls comes as a sequel to that of All Saints. Having commemorated all the blessed who enjoy the face of God in their death, we turn our thoughts to the other souls who await the fullness of God's glory. The sequence of these two days implies a belief that those who have lived lives of holiness enjoy God's presence and can intercede for us before the throne of God. All Souls implies that others, having lived more sinful lives, still await that glory. These are the dead we remember every November 2—members of our families, friends, the lonely and forgotten, and public figures who have touched our lives. On this day, we pray that God will have mercy on them and grant them the vision of blessedness for which they longed.

The liturgy for this day still offers three Masses. When the Church created this feast in the Middle Ages, it became so popular that priests were given the unusual permission to celebrate three Masses that day. The permission remains, as do the separate texts for the Masses, even though not every parish takes advantage of the permission. The readings are drawn from the collection of texts we use for funerals.

When the Church gathers for prayer on November 2, we still remember the faithful departed, even when it falls on a Sunday. Those who assisted us in life receive assistance from us in their death. This commemoration celebrates our union with the church in every place and beyond all time.



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.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - SUPPORT CHS!

Centreville High School Chorus is selling Red, White and Pink Poinsettias in different sizes. Orders are due by Thursday, November 6th. Cash, Check or Venmo accepted. You will pick up the flowers on Wednesday, December 3rd from 3:00-6:00 PM in the school cafeteria. You can also order directly through **Susie Kraft**, and she'll deliver your flowers to you at mass on Dec. 7. She'll have a paper order form at mass on Nov. 2.

**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**

Our next gathering for Fellowship will be after mass on **November 30th**. 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Now is the time to "FALL BACK" and adjust your clocks one hour earlier on November 2nd. A common myth is that DST was created for farmers, but it was actually implemented to save energy. Don't miss mass on Sunday, make sure all of your clocks and timers are correct!

**Talk To Us...**

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