



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!*

Lateran Basilica

WHENEVER NOVEMBER 9 falls on a Sunday, many churchgoers are surprised to learn that the Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran has replaced the regular Sunday Mass. Christmas, Easter, even All Souls Day we understand. But John Lateran? The feast most nearly resembles Independence Day on the national calendar. It celebrates the freedom to worship and the dedication of a place to gather for it.

Early in the fourth century, the persecution of Christians came to a close with the conversion of the emperor Constantine, who granted the followers of Jesus the right to public worship. Constantine offered Pope Sylvester I some property owned by the Lateran family, which became the site of the first Christian basilica, dedicated on November 9, 324. In time, the church was placed under the patronage of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. The popes lived in a palace adjoining the church, which underwent several renovations over the centuries. Several councils were held in the building, including the ones legislating celibacy for priests and Communion once a year for the faithful.

Even though the popes moved to Avignon, France, for a century and eventually to a residence in the Vatican palace, the Lateran Basilica remains the Cathedral Church of Rome. When we speak of the pope as bishop of Rome, this is his cathedral, not St. Peter's. Since the pope is the shepherd of the universal Church, the Lateran Basilica of St. John is the cathedral church of the world.

Each year the dedication of this building is celebrated in every Catholic parish in the world on November 9. It proclaims the original freedom of Christians to worship, the dedication of our ancestors to worship, the perseverance of our faith, and the universal nature of our community. By commemorating the dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, we pass on that faith to new generations.



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:

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.

ADVENT CALENDARS

On November 30th, the First Sunday of Advent, we will have our annual distribution of Advent Calendars from our partners at Trader St. Joe's. A parish tradition of over 10 years, this sweet reminder that Advent is a daily journey helps keep our earthly pilgrimage intentional and prayerful. Calendars are available per person and while supplies last.

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