



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!

Easter

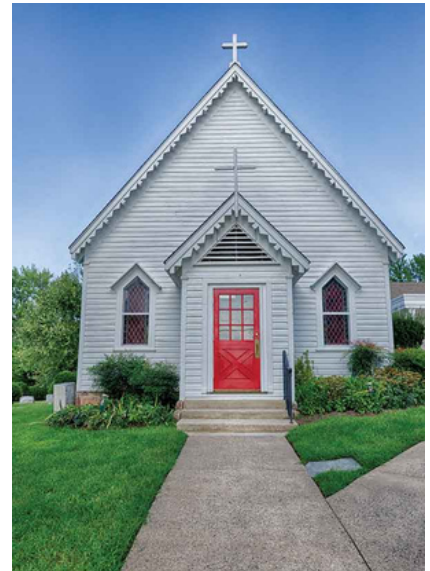
ON EASTER Sunday, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. On this day, the disciples saw the empty tomb, and the Risen Christ began to appear to them. Easter celebrates our belief in life after death. It ranks first among the feasts of the church.

The Easter Sunday Mass differs a bit from others. The new Paschal candle is lighted and stands near the ambo. Having omitted the Glory to God throughout the season of Lent, we sing it again. The Easter sequence is said or sung after the Second Reading. During Lent, we sang a different acclamation before the Gospel, but now we again sing "Alleluia." In the United States, the Creed may be replaced with the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the sprinkling of holy water on this day.

There are small changes to the Eucharistic Prayer. If you are alert, you will hear during the Preface that Christ became our paschal sacrifice "on this day." If the priest is using Eucharistic Prayer I, he announces that this is the day of the Resurrection of the Lord and that the community prays especially for those newly baptized at the Easter Vigil.

At the end of the Mass, the deacon or priest adds two "alleluias" to the words of dismissal, and you respond, "Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia."

Attendance is strong on Easter, as all those who profess faith in Christ join together in a single celebration. Many worshipers like to dress up for the occasion. The main Easter liturgy is the Easter Vigil on Saturday night, and all Catholics should make every effort to participate in it. But Easter Sunday remains a popular choice for affirming one's faith in the Risen Christ.



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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Virtual Triduum

--Holy Thursday: Video Posted Online

--Good Friday: Video Posted Online

--Holy Saturday: Video Posted Online

Easter Sunday

12:00pm Egg Hunt

12:30pm Solemn Mass of the Resurrection

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and invites us to reflect on the Passion of the Lord. Weather permitting, mass will begin **outside** with the blessing of the palms, the reading of the first gospel, and a procession into the Church. In the event of inclement weather, the first gospel will be proclaimed inside from the church door.

EASTER SUNDAY LOGISTICS

Easter Sunday will bring visitors to our parish. With the Easter Egg Hunt taking place at 12pm, parking will be available around the entire church building. Please allow extra time to arrive, and help us keep traffic flowing smoothly for everyone on this special day. Mass will begin promptly at 12:30pm.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday, May 31, 2026** at the 12:30pm mass. All those preparing for Confirmation should take a moment to review the materials on the parish website.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We understand your plans may have changed, so this year we are asking all families interested in First Holy Communion to confirm this desire by sending an email to Fr. Jason before April 12, 2026 to secure your spot. Thank you!

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

We have updated the list of most needed items for our partners at WFCM. The next collection date will be **April 26th**. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity in support of our brothers and sisters in need.

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:

April 5th: *Easter Sunday, No Class*

May 3rd: topic: St. Joan of Arc

June 7th: topic: The Eucharist

BULLETIN PAUSE FOR EASTER

In commemoration of the Resurrection of our Lord, there will be no parish bulletin for Easter Sunday. Bulletins will resume on April 12th.

VOLUNTEERS ARE AMAZING - BECOME ONE!

Share your gifts, serve others, and help create a welcoming, prayerful environment. Consider journeying this Easter Season as a reader, server, a member of our hospitality team, a musician/singer, or someone who helps clean up after mass each Sunday. Many hands make light work!

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