



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!

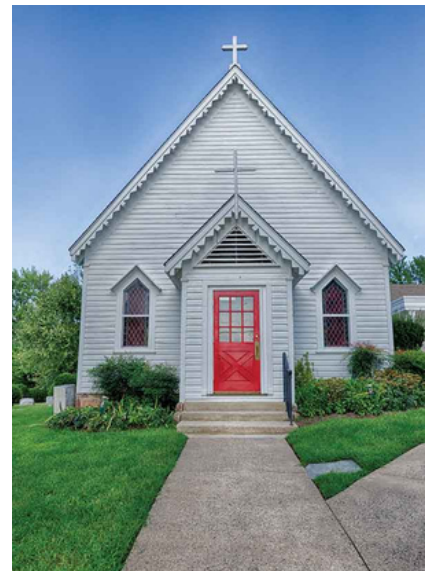
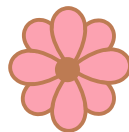
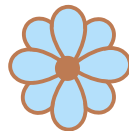
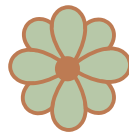
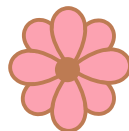
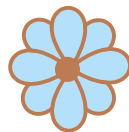
Divine Mercy Sunday

THE SECOND Sunday of Easter is also called "Divine Mercy Sunday." When Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina in the Jubilee Year of 2000, he added the title to this day. In visions, Faustina heard Jesus request that the image of Divine Mercy be venerated on the Sunday after Easter, a day John Paul lovingly chose for Faustina's canonization.

Many communities display the image of Divine Mercy on this day. Jesus' penetrating, compassionate gaze reaches out to the viewer. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbols of blood and water—Eucharist and Baptism. Many Catholics confess their sins or pray before the Blessed Sacrament in conjunction with this feast.

A priest may use the prayers from the Votive Mass for Divine Mercy on any day when a stronger feast does not conflict. The Second Sunday of Easter has its own prayers and readings, so the Votive Mass for Divine Mercy is never permitted on that day. Instead, we observe the much older tradition of the octave day of Easter. The Gospel story of the doubting Thomas is heard every year on this day because Jesus appeared to him a week after the Resurrection. The other texts for this Mass refer to the season and to Baptism. This day used to be called *Dominica in albis*, the Sunday of white garments, because those baptized at the Easter Vigil wore their new vesture to conclude a week of catechesis about the sacraments.

Today the only change to this liturgy is its title: the Second Sunday of Easter, or Divine Mercy Sunday. The mercy of God may be proclaimed in the homily or the Universal Prayer, but especially in the actions of believers, who extend God's mercy to all they meet.



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.

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 which can be found beneath this post. The next collection date will be **April 26th**. Last month we collected 156 pounds of food! 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:

May 3rd: topic: St. Joan of Arc

June 7th: topic: The Eucharist

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!

HAPPY EASTER (SEASON)!

Let us carry the light of Easter into our homes, workplaces, and communities.

3 Fun Facts About Easter:

- Easter lasts 50 days, ending with Pentecost —making it the longest liturgical season!
- The Easter candle (Paschal Candle) is lit at every Mass during the season as a symbol of Christ’s light.
- The date of Easter changes each year because it is set as the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring.



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