



# 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 First Readings

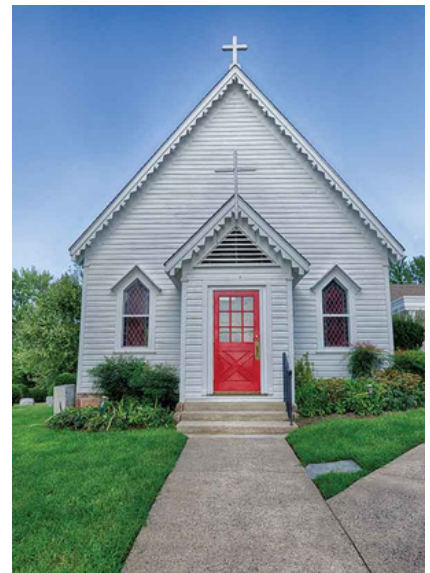
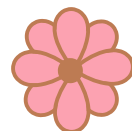
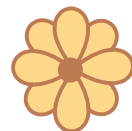
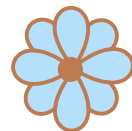
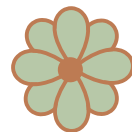
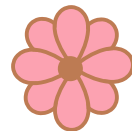
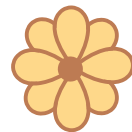
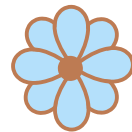
At **SUNDAY** Mass, the First Reading usually comes from the Old Testament. This custom changes, however, during Easter Time. For seven weeks, from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, the First Readings all come from the same book: the Acts of the Apostles. Thus the three readings at Sunday Mass and the two readings at daily Mass all come from the New Testament throughout Easter Time.

Easter makes everything new. The Resurrection so changes human history that we immerse ourselves in the New Testament to seek more deeply the meaning of this mystery.

The Acts of the Apostles tells of the beginnings of the Church. It opens with the Ascension and Pentecost, recounts the spread of the faith in peace and persecution, and concludes with the missionary activity of St. Paul. This book bridges the Gospels with the rest of Church history. The Gospels culminate in the Resurrection of Jesus, which inspired evangelization. Each Easter our Church announces the Resurrection through the Scriptures and increases its membership through Baptism. We witness evangelization today as we recall its origins in the Acts of the Apostles.

The Old Testament is not completely absent. The Liturgy of the Word throughout the season still includes a Responsorial Psalm. The Mass for the Pentecost Vigil, like the great Vigil of Easter, may include several readings from the Old Testament, foreshadowing the Gift of the Spirit.

When planning other liturgies for Easter Time—funerals, weddings, penance services, or Baptisms, for example—the First Readings for those celebrations come from the New Testament. No matter the occasion, our Scripture readings set this season aside from all others, because it ranks above all others. Easter announces new life in 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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>**: topic: St. Joan of Arc

**June 7<sup>th</sup>**: 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.

More Fun Facts About Easter:

- While often seen as secular, eggs symbolize new life and the Resurrection. Historically, Catholics abstained from eggs during Lent, making them a special Easter food.
- Easter surpasses even Christmas in importance. It celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is the foundation of Christian faith.



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