



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!*

✠ Ascension on Sunday

THE ASCENSION of the Lord, which traditionally falls on a Thursday, may be celebrated on a Sunday in certain parts of the world.

The Ascension originated as a Thursday celebration because of the story of the event from the opening of the Acts of the Apostles. There, Luke says that Jesus rose from the dead, appeared to believers for forty days and then ascended to the heavens. Even though the accounts of the Ascension in the Gospels suggest it took place after a shorter period of time, the liturgy of the Church has honored the chronology from Acts by celebrating the Ascension on Thursday of the sixth week of Easter.

The Solemnity of the Ascension is one of ten days that may be a holyday of obligation. Not all countries have the same holydays. In those countries where the Ascension is not a holyday, the solemnity is transferred to the following Sunday. The United States is so large and its needs so varied that Rome has granted it permission to decide by region on the date of this one solemnity. It is possible within the United States for Ascension to be on a Thursday in one state and on a Sunday in another. Travelers are expected to honor the custom of the place where they are that week.

Those celebrating Ascension on Sunday will miss the Mass texts of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, filled with anticipation for the Spirit of Pentecost. The Second Reading and the Gospel of the Seventh Sunday of Easter may replace those usually heard on the Sixth. Those attending weekday Masses may notice that the Responsorial Psalm on Friday and Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter is a seasonal psalm for the Ascension, even if their community will not celebrate the solemnity until Sunday.



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.

PHOTOS REQUESTED

Do you have any photos of parish events (mass, fellowship, faith formation, candid shots) that you'd like to share for social media and our archives? Photos are always encouraged! Don't forget to share!

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 **May 31**. Each month we collect between 150-200 pounds of food. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity in support of our brothers and sisters in need.



SUMMER IS APPROACHING!

As we start to look at our calendars and plan summer travel, know that St. A's remains here and ready for you each Sunday. Whether it is in person or watching us from afar while you are traveling, we are a year-round parish with plenty of opportunity for prayer and fellowship. This is why we don't take a break in the summer and why we continue to rely on donations even if you are not physically with us each week. Consider signing up with EasyTithe and/or donating on the parish website to support us near and far, wherever you are!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Sunday, May 31, 2026** at the 12:30pm mass.

Here are some things you should know:

- All confirmandi and sponsors should arrive 15 minutes before mass to do a brief walkthrough of the liturgy.
- A red and white stole will be provided by the parish for the confirmandi to wear during mass.
- Families will have reserved pews where they can sit up front with the confirmand.
- The dress recommendation for the day will be respectful church attire. There is no specific dress code stated.
- The sponsor of the confirmand will sit in the family pew and approach when called forward.
- Pictures are welcomed during the liturgy.

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:

June 7th: topic: The Eucharist

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