



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!*

Pentecost

ON PENTECOST, we celebrate the day on which the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in a form resembling tongues of fire, empowering them to proclaim the message that Jesus is risen from the dead. According to Acts of the Apostles (1:13–14), Mary, the apostles, and other disciples had been huddled together in an upper room after the ascension of Jesus. But on this day they went forth from that room as new people, alive in the Spirit, speaking in tongues and winning over believers by the thousands.

A few special features mark the Mass of Pentecost Sunday. The options for the First Reading for Saturday's Vigil Mass, for example, are taken from the Old Testament. Throughout the Easter season, all the readings come from the New Testament—except, of course, the Responsorial Psalm. Saturday's First Reading foreshadows the coming of the Spirit. On Sunday, the First Reading comes from Acts of the Apostles, and it tells the story of Pentecost. After the Second Reading, everyone sings or says the Pentecost Sequence, a special hymn that tells the meaning of this day.

If the priest uses Eucharistic Prayer I, he inserts a special phrase saying that this is the day “on which the Holy Spirit appeared to the Apostles in tongues of fire.” The Mass concludes with a double “alleluia.” The deacon or priest adds the words to his dismissal, and you answer, “Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.” This joyful acclamation concludes the Church's celebration of Easter.

The Paschal candle burns throughout the Pentecost Mass, as it does for the fifty days of Easter Time. After Mass, however, it is moved from its place near the ambo to a position in the baptistry.



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

Talk To Us...

703-665-9730 - Parish Cell

Fr. Jason Lody, FCM
jlody@mysaintanthonys.org

Fr. Julian Garcia
jgarcia@mysaintanthonys.org

Facebook & Instagram
@MySaintAnthonys

