



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!*



Confirmation Name

A **CATHOLIC** is called by name during the administration of Confirmation. A bishop or priest anoints the forehead of the one being confirmed and says, "N., be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" (*Order of Confirmation*, 27).

Some people claim a new name at Confirmation, but this practice appears nowhere in the canon law or the liturgical law of the Church. The Rite of Confirmation seems to have the Baptismal name in mind.

The origins of choosing a Confirmation name are not clear. Centuries ago a bishop could impart a new name on someone whose given name seemed inappropriate for Christianity. In later years, those preparing for Confirmation were urged to adopt a new patron saint. As the age for Confirmation rose during the twentieth century, the choice of a new name fit the growing opinion that Confirmation signified the self-appropriation of faith received in infancy.

Confirmation may be conferred on many different occasions, but only once in a person's life. When adults or children of catechetical age are baptized, they are confirmed in the same ceremony. When Catholic infants are baptized, they celebrate Confirmation at a later age. When baptized people wish to enter the full communion of the Catholic Church, they are confirmed at the same time. In danger of death, anyone, even an infant, may be confirmed.

In none of these instances does the *Order of Confirmation* call for a new name. Instead, the rite draws connections to the Baptismal ceremony. If Confirmation follows Baptism immediately, it may take place at the font. If it is conferred years after Baptism, the godparents should return as the Confirmation sponsors, and Baptismal vows are renewed. For these reasons, the best Confirmation name is the Baptismal name.



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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