



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!*

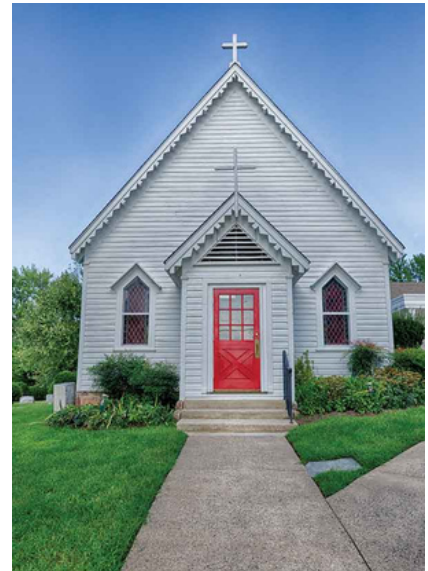


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Lord God, our Maker,
May we always appreciate the dignity of each person, made
in Your image and likeness.
May we witness your extravagant artistry of each beloved,
Celebrate your Divine imprint upon each heart,
And recognize how You fashion each human being with
purpose and wonder.
Your limitless love creates us all.
Amen.

WE ARE WONDERFULLY MADE

As we get ready to begin a new season, we remember that every person is wonderfully made in the image and likeness of God. Christ calls us to love our neighbors as He loves us—with compassion, dignity, and respect. May we reject hatred and judgment, and instead reflect God's mercy, kindness, and love in all our relationships.



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.

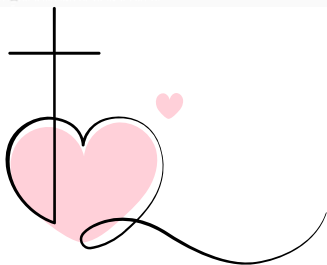
Chrism

CHRISM IS the most special of all the oils used for Catholic sacraments and rituals. Traditionally, it is olive oil enhanced with balsam, a perfume. Today, other oils and perfumes may be used, especially in regions where the traditional ingredients are difficult to obtain. No matter the formula, Sacred Chrism should have a pleasing aroma.

Chrism is the oil used for the three sacraments that may be received only once in a lifetime: Baptism, Confirmation, and Ordination to the priesthood and episcopacy. It carries a strong association with the Holy Spirit, who consecrates the faithful for service according to the sacrament they receive.

Only the bishop may consecrate Chrism. If the parish supply begins to run low, the local priest may not create more. He must obtain it from the bishop. The bishop consecrates this oil only once a year at the Chrism Mass, shortly before the Paschal Triduum begins. This tradition began so that Chrism could be fresh and abundantly available for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. After the Chrism Mass, portions of the oils are distributed to parishes for their use throughout the year. Oils are typically stored in bottles bearing the year of consecration.

When a new altar is dedicated for a church, the bishop smears its top with Chrism. When a new church is dedicated for the purposes of worship, its interior walls are anointed with Chrism in the form of many crosses. Through the anointing with Sacred Christ, the Holy Spirit consecrates a church and altar. As with the sacraments, once Chrism is used on an altar and walls, its effects are permanent.



OUR 'WHY'

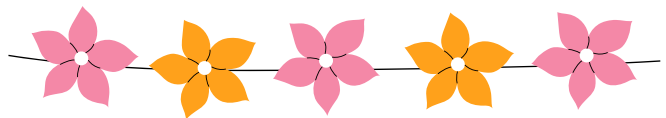
The parish community of St. A's operates independently of Rome and the local Diocese so that we may more fully embrace the Gospel call to radical welcome, equality, and justice. Rooted in the Catholic tradition, we remain committed to Christ's message of love while fostering an inclusive church where all are valued, heard, and invited to participate fully, as clearly stated throughout all of the Documents of Vatican II..

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

The next collection date to support our partners at Western Fairfax Christian Ministries will be **June 28**. 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.



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