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!

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

This weekend we begin the use of the ***Book of the Names of the Dead*** that will be available before and after mass until it is removed at the start of Advent. You will be able to inscribe names of loved ones who have died and they will be prayed for at each Sunday mass. Please see this as an invitation to add as many names to this sacred book as you would like.

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.

All Souls

Crisp autumn chill penetrates our sweater-wrapped bodies to remind us of our weakness before the power of nature. As leaves fall from trees, plants die, and animals retreat, we feel the impending threat of death, which waits to take us home.

During this season of the northern hemisphere's year, the Church celebrates the Commemoration of All Souls. As our bodies and minds resign themselves to the inevitable cessation of life, our Church calendar brings forth a somber feast to fit our temperament these increasingly darkened days.

All Souls comes as a sequel to that of All Saints. Having commemorated all the blessed who enjoy the face of God in their death, we turn our thoughts to the other souls who await the fullness of God's glory. The sequence of these two days implies a belief that those who have lived lives of holiness enjoy God's presence and can intercede for us before the throne of God. All Souls implies that others, having lived more sinful lives, still await that glory. These are the dead we remember every November 2—members of our families, friends, the lonely and forgotten, and public figures who have touched our lives. On this day, we pray that God will have mercy on them and grant them the vision of blessedness for which they longed.

The liturgy for this day still offers three Masses. When the Church created this feast in the Middle Ages, it became so popular that priests were given the unusual permission to celebrate three Masses that day. The permission remains, as do the separate texts for the Masses, even though not every parish takes advantage of the permission. The readings are drawn from the collection of texts we use for funerals.

When the Church gathers for prayer on November 2, we still remember the faithful departed, even when it falls on a Sunday. Those who assisted us in life receive assistance from us in their death. This commemoration celebrates our union with the church in every place and beyond all time.

CALLED TO SERVE?

Speaking of vocations, have you been considering serving the parish as a reader, server, music minister, or member of the hospitality team? Reach out to one of our ministers to learn more about what they do and let one of our priests know if you are interested in responding to the call to serve.

AT HOME WITH THE WORD 2027

The newest edition of "At Home with the Word" has been ordered and should be available for distribution beginning November 8, 2026.

PARISH VOCATION REPRESENTATIVE

Each parish is being asked to designate one Vocations Representative who can serve as a local advocate for vocations and work collaboratively with the ANCC Vocations Office. If you are interested in serving as our parish rep, let Fr. Jason know. This is not a commitment to becoming a priest - solely representing the parish and serving as a liaison between the Vocations Office and St. A's to foster an increase in ministers to the Church.

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