Welcome to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church’s E-newsletter. This will be sent every Friday with information about the upcoming Masses and other faith-related information. We want to share spiritual resources and events that are available for you.

Pastor’s Letter

Welcome back! At least in a Phase 1 sort of way. As everything else has been during the days of the pandemic, we find ourselves working within all sorts of competing limitations and boundaries, each with its own opportunities and invitations to grow.

This Pentecost we can feel the Holy Spirit animating and guiding us in the cautious but important first steps of re-opening the church to the public. Normally we don’t speak of the Holy Spirit as cautious, it is more common to use words like bold and powerful. Our current situation teaches us that the Holy Spirit works with great effect right in the circumstance we face. Right now, we need courage, prudence, and wisdom from God. Each one of us needs these gifts (and more) to discern our best response personally, and we need the same as members of the parish, citizens in a community.

Click to read the full Pastor letter in the bulletin
Masses are again open to the public, in a limited number and with social distancing restrictions starting tomorrow, May 30th. If you choose to come, please wear a face covering, bring hand sanitizer, and sit only in the designated seats. The link below contains a very detailed video (English and Spanish) from Father Zuberbueler on the steps you should follow from arrival to departure.

**Click to go to our website**

Online Masses will continue on our website and Facebook page at the times below or afterwards at your convenience.

- **Monday-Friday:** 7:00 am English; 7:00 pm Spanish
- **Saturday:** 8:30 am English
- **Sunday:** 8:30 am English; 1:00 pm Spanish

**Visit Our Online Worship Page**

Please read the information and guidelines from the Arlington Diocese on their response to re-integration of public Masses in the diocese. It includes guidelines and tips we are following at our Parish as well.

**Click to read**

**Stewardship in the New Normal** - We are most grateful to all who have come forward to help the poor and those in need of food. The Parish needs your continued help to serve the poor and to pay for essential costs of operation. Please consider signing up for electronic giving. Using Faith Direct allows your weekly or monthly contributions to be safely charged to your credit card or transferred electronically from your checking or savings account directly to the church account. You can log on at

[https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA924](https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA924).

**Solar Project Update**

The rear parking lot of the church is stacked with new Solar Panels. They are scheduled to be installed during June! This project has been in the works for almost two years. We will be gaining new picnic pavilions as well as solar energy.

In his encyclical, Pope Francis states that "For Christians, believing in one God who is trinitarian communion suggests that the Trinity has left its mark on all creation." Through this project we will help in the care for His creation.
Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, Confessions are heard in the three meeting rooms down the hall to the right of the main entrance to the church in Rooms 8, 9, and 10.

We are also offering an outdoor confession option for people who prefer to avoid entering the building, weather permitting. The outdoor confessional is on the front courtyard of the church on the right side.

[Click for Confession Schedule]

Did you know that you can hear the audio versions of the daily readings on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), click here? Or you can find the readings on iTunes under under "Daily readings from the New American Bible".

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