

For the kingdom of heaven is theirs;
who, despising the life of this world,
attained the rewards of the kingdom



and washed their robes
in the Blood of the Lamb



St. Anthony of Padua Church

SOCIETY OF ST. PIUS X

Bulletin for April 2007

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103 Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey 07006

April Calendar

- 1 **Palm Sunday**
- 2 St. Francis of Paula
- 4 St. Isidore
- 5 **Holy Thursday** / St. Vincent Ferrer
- 6 **Good Friday** / First Friday
- 7 **Holy Saturday** / **Easter Vigil** / First Saturday
- 8 **Easter Sunday**
- 9-14 *Women's 5-Day Retreat (Ridgefield, Ct.)*
- 11 St. Leo I
- 13 St. Hermenegild
- 14 Saturday in Octave of Easter / St. Justin /
Sts. Tiburtius, Valerian, & Maximus
- 14 *Blessing of the Church / Confirmation /
Parish lunch with Bishop Williamson*
- 15 Low Sunday
- 17 St. Anicetus
- 21 St. Anselm
- 22 2nd Sunday after Easter / Sts. Soter & Caius
- 23 St. George
- 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- 25 Greater Litanies / St. Mark the Evangelist
- 26 Sts. Cletus & Marcellinus
- 27 St. Peter Canisius
- 28 St. Paul of the Cross
- 29 3rd Sunday after Easter / St. Peter of Verona
- 30 St. Catherine of Siena

O souls that seek to walk in security and comfort in spiritual things! If you did but know how necessary it is to suffer and endure in order to reach this security!
—**St. John of the Cross, Living Flame of Love**

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Kevin Robinson

(in residence at: St. Ignatius Retreat House, 209 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT 06877. Telephone: 203-431-0201)

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 7:15 AM, 9:15 AM, & 11:15 AM

Holy Days: 10:00 AM & 7:30 PM

Saturday Mass: 6:00 PM / First Friday: 6:00 PM

Confession

Confessions are heard prior to every Mass.

Other Sacraments, Sick Calls, & Pastoral Visits

Please contact Fr. Robinson at the Ridgefield retreat house (203-431-0201) for information regarding Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation, Extreme Unction, Sick Calls, and possible priestly vocations.

Contact Us:

Parish phone: (973) 228-1230

Web: <http://www.latin-mass.net>

Holy Week 2007 – Schedule

Palm Sunday

7:15 AM Mass

9:15 AM Blessing and distribution of palms, followed by High Mass

11:15 AM Mass

Holy Thursday

6:30 PM Confessions

7:00 PM Mass of the Last Supper / Mandatum / Procession to Altar of Adoration, with adoration until midnight

Good Friday

1:00 PM Confessions

2:15 PM Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM Mass of the Presanctified

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

9:30 PM Confessions

10:30 PM Easter vigil

12:00 MID Missa Cantata

Easter Sunday — no 7:15 Mass on Easter

9:00 AM Confessions

10:00 AM Mass

11:30 AM Mass

nescitis quid petatis
potestis bibere calicem quem ego bibiturus sum?

Easter Duty

The Third Precept of the Church states: “To confess at least once a year, and to receive the Holy Eucharist during the Easter period.” In the United States, the Easter period lasts from Ash Wednesday until Trinity Sunday (exclusive). This duty is binding even after the prescribed time has elapsed, until the duty is fulfilled. The duty is binding during the prescribed time.

Church Blessing / Confirmation

On Sunday, April 14, Bishop Richard Williamson will be visiting St. Anthony’s to consecrate the church and to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. The church blessing will be at 10 AM, followed by Confirmation at 11 AM.

Confirmation will be followed by Solemn High Mass, followed by a luncheon with Bishop Williamson, as well as a presentation and question-and-answer session.

All are invited and encouraged to attend this momentous occasion. Please understand that, due to space limitations, seating in the church will be reserved for the confirmandi, their sponsors, and their immediate family members. Additional seating for parishioners will be available in the Social Hall. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Please listen for announcements regarding further details for the ceremonies on April 14.

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Administrative Notes

Bookstore & Thrift Shop

St. Anthony's Bookstore & Thrift Shop will be open on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Please support our chapel as your source for Catholic books, religious items, and gifts. All proceeds benefit our parish!

Mass Intentions & Stipends

To have Masses offered for the intentions of living or deceased persons, the requestor must contact and contract with the desired priest personally. (The USA District set Mass stipend is \$15 per Mass request, which is only a suggested offering for the priest; more can be given if desired, or if one cannot legitimately afford the set offering, a lesser amount/service can be arranged with the priest.)

Donation Checks

You may make out your donation checks to "St. Anthony of Padua Mission-SSPX."

Envelopes for Cash Donations

When using a cash donation envelope, please fill in the lines for name, address, date of contribution, and donation amount. This allows the accountant to retain your envelope as a "receipt" for the donor records. **NOTE:** you do not need to use an envelope when making a donation by check.

Choir

New voices are always welcome in the choir! Boys and girls are encouraged to offer their voices to the praise of God in the children's choir. Please see the choir director if you are interested in lending your voice.

Pastoral Meetings after Mass — April 2007

1st Sunday – Eucharistic Crusaders

2nd Sunday – Holy Name Society / Women's Sodality of Our Lady of Sorrows / Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers

3rd Sunday – Altar Servers practice

"Work & Pray" Day

Please note that there will be **no** Work & Pray day in April. Work & Pray will resume in May.

Planning Outlook

The following events are "on the horizon." Detailed announcements will be promulgated as events grow closer.

May 6: First Confession

May 17: Ascension of Our Lord (holy day)

May 27: First Holy Communion / Pentecost / May Crowning

May 30: Ember Wednesday (fast)

June 3: Trinity Sunday

June 7: Feast of Corpus Christi

June 13: St. Anthony of Padua

June 15: Feast of the Sacred Heart

July 1: Feast of the Precious Blood

August 16-20: Young Adult Gathering (Estes Park, Colorado)

For unto you it is given for Christ, not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him.

—Philippians 1:29

Sunday Catechism Classes

Religious education classes are divided by age as follows: pre-First Communion; First Communion; post-First Communion; Confirmation; and Apologetics for older children and adults. Classes are scheduled after the 9:15 Mass.

The remaining Winter/Spring schedule is as follows:

April 1 and 15

May 6 and 20

2007 SSPX Young Adult Gathering

This summer (August 16–20, 2007), the SSPX will be hosting its tenth annual Young Adult Gathering in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado, just outside Rocky Mountain National Park. This event, open to single men and women or young married couples (21–39), is designed to enhance the spiritual lives and Catholic formation of attendees while simultaneously providing an opportunity to meet other Traditional Catholics.

Holy Mass and conferences will be offered each day by priests of the SSPX. Additional planned events include athletics (softball, volleyball, miniature golf), outdoor events (hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, Off-Road Wilderness Tour), and recreational activities (square dances, bonfire/cookout, aerial tramway, etc.).

Lodging will be at the 60-acre YMCA of the Rockies (<http://www.ymcarockies.org>). Except for married couples, men and women will be segregated and chaperones will be present. The total cost for lodging, meals, and activities is \$350. (Please remember that travel arrangements/costs are not included and are the responsibility of the attendee.)

Reservations and your initial deposit should be made as soon as possible. For further information, please contact visit the Young Adult Gathering website at <http://www.youngadulthgathering.com> or send e-mail to griderlee@saintisidore.org.

There is no more evident sign that anyone is a saint and of the number of the elect, than to see him leading a good life and at the same time a prey to desolation, suffering, and trials.

—St. Aloysius Gonzaga

"Blessings Resulting from the Death of Christ" by Rev. H. Rolfus excerpted from **Explanation of the Creed** (1900)

As there is a meaning in the fact that Our Lord died the death of a sinner, and thus made use of the sinner as the instrument of His death, so there is a symbolical meaning in the death on the wooden cross. For He was the second Adam, come upon earth to atone by death upon a tree for the sin committed by the first Adam in connection with the tree in the garden of Paradise. From the wood of that tree death came to us; from the wood of the cross life was to be restored to us. From the tree of knowledge sin came to us; from the rod of Jesse came forgiveness. Thus the tree of the cross has become for us a second tree of knowledge, as the Church sings in her "Preface of the Cross":
Eternal Father, who didst effect the salvation of mankind on the wood of the cross: that from whence death came, thence life might come forth; and that he who overcame by the tree, might also by the tree be overcome.

Suffering and Abandonment

by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen (excerpted from **Divine Intimacy**)

The secret of learning to suffer in a virtuous way consists chiefly in forgetting oneself and one's sorrows and in abandoning oneself to God.

The soul that is absorbed in its own sufferings and concentrates its whole attention on them, becomes unable to bear them serenely and courageously. "Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof" (Mt 6,34), said Jesus, thus teaching us to bear calmly, day by day, moment by moment, whatever sorrows and crosses God places in our path, with no thought of what we suffered yesterday, no worry about what we shall have to endure tomorrow. Even when our suffering is intense, let us not exaggerate it, nor attach too much importance to it; let us not foster a morbid tendency to nurture our sorrow, to ponder over it, weighing and analyzing it under every aspect. To act in this way would result in the paralysis of our spirit of sacrifice, of our ability to accept and to act, and would make us useless to ourselves and to others. One who is oversensitive and preoccupied with his own suffering, often becomes insensible and indifferent to the suffering of others.

In order to resist these selfish tendencies which have been rightly defined by Father Faber as "the worm of Christian sorrow," we must forget ourselves, go out of ourselves and our own sufferings, become interested in the sufferings of others and endeavor to alleviate them. This is a very effective way to regain in times of discouragement the strength to bear our own crosses. We should be mindful of the truth that we are never alone in suffering; that if our sufferings are great, there are always those who suffer incomparably more than we. Our troubles, often enough, are but a drop compared to the sea of sorrows in which mankind is engulfed, and are practically nonentities in comparison with the Passion of Jesus.

Those who are overly concerned with their own troubles eventually become exasperated by them. Drowned in their sorrows, they stifle every impulse to generosity. By contrast, those who know how to forget themselves, maintain their equilibrium, and take greater thought for others than for themselves. They are always open to charity and generosity toward God and their neighbor. These are simple souls who, because they are unmindful of themselves, can bear suffering magnanimously and derive much profit for their own sanctification.

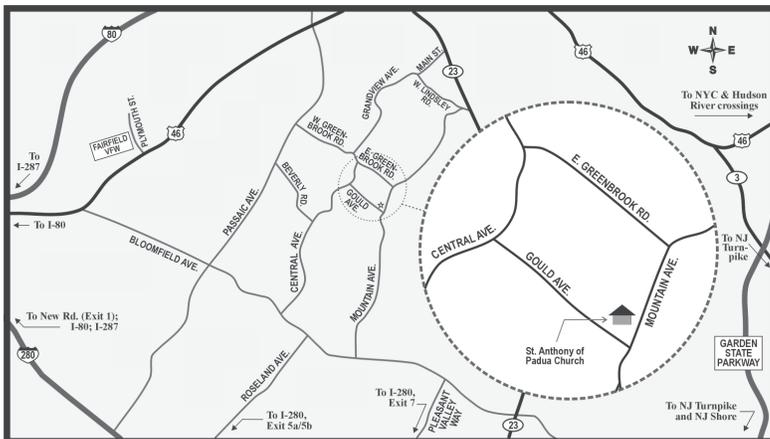
Despite all our efforts to escape our own misery and to forget our troubles, we may go through moments of such profound anguish, such impenetrable darkness, that our poor soul does not know how to emerge from it - especially when the horizon, instead of becoming brighter, grows darker and more threatening. At such times there is only one thing to do: to make a leap in the dark, abandoning ourselves entirely into God's hands. We are so helpless and weak that we always need some place of refuge; if we are to forget ourselves and stop thinking about our own concerns, we shall need someone who will sustain and think of us. This Someone is God, who never forgets us, who knows all about our sufferings and our needs, who sees how weak we are, and who is always ready to come to the aid of those who take refuge in Him. Of course, we can look for a certain amount of consolation and help from creatures, but let us not deceive ourselves; people will not always understand us, nor will they always be at our disposal. But if we turn to God, we shall never be disappointed; even if He does not alter our situation or take away our troubles, He will console our hearts interiorly, in secret and in silence, and will give us the strength to persevere.

"Cast thy care upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee" (Ps 54,23). This is the attitude of abandonment which we should have in times of suffering, and which we should intensify as our sorrows increase. If our spirit of abandonment is proportionate to the depth of our sufferings, then we shall not lose their merit.

Many souls exaggerate their sufferings, dramatizing them because they cannot see God's paternal hand in them, because their faith in His divine Providence is not sufficiently strong; and therefore, they are unable to abandon themselves to Him with complete trust. If our life and all its events, even the most painful ones, did not rest in God's hands, we should have reason to fear; but since everything is *always in His hands*, our fears are groundless and we should not be dismayed. A soul who is confident in God and abandons itself to Him can remain calm in the midst of great trials, can accept even tragic occurrences with simplicity, and suffer serenely and courageously, because it is always supported by God.

Divine Intimacy is available from TAN Books and Publishers, PO Box 424, Rockford, IL 61105 (toll-free 1-800-437-5876).

Map & Directions to St. Anthony of Padua Church (intersection of Gould Avenue and Mountain Avenue)



From US-46 (east of Willowbrook Mall):

US-46W to NJ-23S. Right on Lindsley Rd. Left on Mountain Ave. Right to 103 Gould Ave.

From US-46 (west of Willowbrook Mall, #1):

US-46E to NJ-23S. Right on Lindsley Rd. Left on Mountain Ave. Right to 103 Gould Ave.

From US-46 (west of Willowbrook Mall, #2):

US-46E to Bloomfield Ave. Right on Bloomfield Ave. Left on Mountain Ave. Left to 103 Gould Ave.

From I-280 (option #1):

Exit 5a or 5b to Livingston Ave (northbound). Right on Eagle Rock Ave. Left on Roseland Ave. Right on Bloomfield Ave. Left on Mountain Ave. Left to 103 Gould Ave.

From I-280 (option #2):

Exit 7 to Pleasant Valley Way (northbound). Left on Bloomfield Ave. Right on Mountain Ave. Left to 103 Gould Ave.

From NJ-23 (southbound):

NJ-23S, past Willowbrook Mall and Wayne Towne Center. Right on Lindsley Rd. Left on Mountain Ave. Right to 103 Gould Ave.

From NJ-23 (northbound):

Left on Lindsley Rd. Left on Mountain Ave. Right to 103 Gould Ave.

From I-80 (eastbound):

Exit 47B (The Caldwells/Montclair) to US-46E. Right on Bloomfield Ave. Left on Mountain Ave. Left to 103 Gould Ave.

From I-80 (westbound):

Exit 53 to NJ-23S. Right on Lindsley Rd. Left on Mountain Ave. Right to 103 Gould Ave.

From I-287:

I-287 to NJ-23 or I-80, whichever is closer. Follow directions as above for NJ-23 southbound or I-80 eastbound.