



St. Anthony of Padua Church

SOCIETY OF ST. PIUS X

Bulletin for May 2007

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103 Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey 07006

May Calendar

- 1 St. Joseph the Worker
- 2 St. Athanasius
- 3 St. Alexander I, Eventius, Theodulus, and Juvenal
- 4 St. Monica / First Friday
- 5 St. Pius V / First Saturday
- 6 4th Sunday after Easter / **First Confession**
- 7 St. Stanislaus
- 7-12 *Men's 5-Day Retreat (Ridgefield, Ct.)*
- 9 St. Gregory Nazianzen
- 10 St. Antoninus / Sts. Gordon & Epimachus
- 11 Sts. Philip & James, Apostles
- 12 Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla, & Pancratius
- 13 5th Sunday after Easter / St. Robert Bellarmine /
First Holy Communion / May Crowning
- 14 Rogation Day / St. Boniface
- 15 Rogation Day / St. John Baptist de la Salle
- 16 Rogation Day / St. Ubald
- 17 **The Ascension of Our Lord (holy day) /**
St. Pascal Baylon
- 18 St. Venantius
- 19 St. Peter Celestine / St. Pudentiana
- 20 Sunday after Ascension / St. Bernardine of Siena
- 25 St. Gregory VII / St. Urban I
- 26 St. Philip Neri / St. Eleutherius
- 27 Pentecost / St. Bede the Venerable / St. John I
- 28 St. Augustine of Canterbury

Mary's sorrow was less when she saw her only Son crucified, than it is now at the sight of man offending Him by sin.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Kevin Robinson

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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>

- 29 St. Mary Magdalen di Pazzi
- 30 St. Felix I / Ember Wednesday (fast)
- 31 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary / St. Petronilla

First Confession / First Communion

We will be celebrating the Sacraments of First Confession on May 6 and First Holy Communion on May 13. If there are any adolescents or adults who have not received these Sacraments, please contact Fr. Robinson as soon as possible for information and instruction.

May Crowning

On May 13, we will have the May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin. By focusing attention on her merits and intercessions, we honor and revere Mary during the beautiful month of May, featuring a procession in her honor with the first communicants, and concluding with Benediction.

Holy Day of Obligation

Forty days after the Resurrection, Our Lord Jesus Christ, attended by Angels, ascended into Heaven in the sight of His most holy Mother and His Apostles and disciples, to the great wonder of them all. He entered into possession of the Kingdom of Heaven, which He had gained by His sufferings.

As long as Christ dwelt on earth, He personally discharged the threefold office of Prophet, Priest, and King. On the eve of his departure from this world, He delegated His powers to His Apostles. After His Ascension into Heaven, they and their successors were to teach, sanctify, and guide mankind.

The Feast of the Ascension (Thursday, May 17) is a holy day of obligation. Mass at St. Anthony's will be celebrated at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM.

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.

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 Spring class is May 6.



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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 — May 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

Work & Pray for May 5 begins at 1:00 PM. Work & Pray Days, sponsored by the Holy Name Society and the Sodality of Our Lady of Sorrows, are held each First Saturday and conclude before the 6:00 PM Mass. Membership is not required — all are welcome to attend and help!

Planning Outlook

The following events are "on the horizon." Details will be announced as event dates grow nearer.

June 3: Trinity Sunday

June 7: Feast of Corpus Christi

June 13: St. Anthony of Padua

June 15: Feast of the Sacred Heart

June 25-30: Women's 5-Day Retreat (*Ridgefield, Ct.*)

July 1: Feast of the Precious Blood

July 9-14: Men's 5-Day Retreat (*Ridgefield, Ct.*)

July 23-27: Women's Marian Retreat (*Ridgefield, Ct.*)

August 6-11: Men's 5-Day Retreat (*Ridgefield, Ct.*)

August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 16-20: SSPX Young Adult Gathering (*Estes Park, Co.*)

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.youngadultgathering.com> or send e-mail to griderlee@saintisidore.org.

Mary's Flowers

Mary's Flowers (girls aged 8–12) will have a meeting on Saturday, May 5, at 1:30 PM.

Please see the parish coordinator for information about your daughter joining the Mary's Flowers group.

Garage Sale

Volunteers are needed to help with our upcoming garage sale. St. Anthony of Padua church will be hosting this sale on Memorial Day weekend (Pentecost weekend). Please contact the parish coordinator to volunteer.

Donations of clean articles in good condition (but **no** shoes or clothing) can be brought to the church beginning May 6.

All proceeds of the garage sale benefit St. Anthony's Bookstore & Thrift Shop.

The eloquent Father Burke said of the Sacrament of Penance: "Perhaps the devil never struck a more severe blow at man's happiness than when, through Luther's instrumentality, he deprived man of the consolations of Confession. The Catholic who has something on his mind, which is a source of mental anxiety, and the keeping of which is breaking his heart, knows that in the first priest he meets he has a friend, whom God has provided for him, and in whom he can place implicit faith."

—John L. Stoddard, *Rebuilding a Lost Faith*
(1922)



Bring flowers of the fairest



The Christian Mother at Mary's Cradle

by Rev. B. Rohner, excerpted from *Illustrated Life of the Blessed Virgin* (1897)

Would that I were permitted to summon all our Christian mothers around the cradle of the most beloved and most beautiful infant daughter of the human family!

Mother

Next to the name of God, the sacred word mother is, in every language of man, the sweetest word of all. It is that consecrated word which our heart pulsates, before our lips can articulate a sound. Its memory follows us through all the storms of life's long journey, and lingers in our hearts like a gleam of sunshine that no cloud can obscure. Nowhere else on earth does human love manifest itself to such advantage, as in the character of a Christian mother. Its most fascinating smile beams from a mother's countenance. Its richest treasures are deposited in a mother's heart. When we reposed beneath this heart, even before our birth, its tender throb communicated to us the first impulse of our fetal life. When she took us, for the first time, in her fond arms, and with enchanted eye gazed upon us, and saw in us the image of herself, she felt and understood the powerful, secret bond that chained her to her offspring. She understood that this precious, tender being resting on her arms could live only by virtue of her love, and grow and thrive only by virtue of her future self-sacrifice. From the impulses of her own heart, from the innocent helplessness of her child, and from the mystic union existing between herself and it, she learned that for the rest of her days a sacred disinterested love was to be the law of her life. The duty and right of watching over the spiritual and temporal welfare of her offspring was to be for her at once an unfailing fountain of happiness, and yet an inexhaustible source of suffering and anxiety.

To the mother has been entrusted by heaven the sacred and arduous duty of a visible angel watching at the cradle of her child. To no higher purpose can she devote her hours of waking and sleeping.

Christian mother, your duties are arduous. Flowers bloom only at the expense of the gardener's care, they thrive by the sweat of his brow. So, too, does your child grow and thrive only at the cost of your time, labor, and, perhaps, tears. Happy the mother who has suffered, and suffered keenly, for the sake of her offspring. Happy the mother who has shed tears, whether of joy or sorrow, over her children. Prayerful tears it is that moisten and fertilize the young heart, as the dews from heaven bring forth, freshen, and beautify the flowers.

Suffering and sacrifice win for every mother an exalted position in the family, a sublime place in the estimation of all good men. According to our views, disinterested self-sacrifice takes the most exalted position: it stands higher than power or dignity, wealth or influence. This most exalted degree of self-sacrifice is reached and possessed by every mother who prays and watches and cares by the cradle of her child, at a time when that child is unconscious of a mother's care, a mother's love, a mother's pains, and can hardly recognize its mother's presence save by a half-conscious smile of innocence.

Mother and Child

It falls generally to the mother's lot to train the child. This certainly is not the least important among her other heavy obligations. Not every mother has so amiable a child to bring up as had St. Anne — a child conceived without original sin. On

the contrary, the training of all children is much impeded and often spoiled from the fact that in the little darling the consequences of original sin soon manifest themselves to an alarming degree, and often with a semblance of loveliness. Beware, Christian mother, lest you permit the evil inclinations, so secretly lurking in your child's disposition, to grow strong and stubborn. If you do, that which should be a garden of fair flowers will become a field of stubble, overgrown with thorns and thistles. Alas for that mother, whose tender love goes to such an undue degree as to fear the tears forced from her child when punished for untoward whims! Alas for that mother, who, by over-indulgence and foolish admiration for her child, soon leads this little tyrant to hold the same opinion of itself, and to believe itself to be a wonder! A child must not be made a plaything of. It has rights and duties. But it must first of all, and above all, know its duties, before it hears mention made of its rights. In earliest childhood must the boy or the girl learn to control the will and submit to older persons. When the child is wayward, when stubborn and bent upon following its own inclinations, if it be then flattered and petted and coaxed, that child will soon become a little despot in its mother's home, and later prove a tyrant to trample on the tenderest feelings of both father and mother. Holy Scripture teaches that the whelp becomes a lion and learns to devour men. (*Ezech. ix. 3.*)

True Maternal Love

In order that mothers may be enabled to discharge with tact, perseverance, and happy effect their sublime and disinterested duties, God, the great Parent of all, has endowed them with a twofold and very efficient quality; namely, maternal love mingled with piety. The mother loves her offspring with such an intense love, that in comparison with it the child's love entirely disappears. Deep and earnest as is a father's love, it is lukewarm and fleeting in comparison with a mother's love. When his child dies, the father sheds silent bitter tears, but time dries them up and heals the deep wound in his heart. But the child's death leaves in the mother's heart a wound that never heals. In her lonely hours, she stands in spirit by the grave of her little one, and sheds tears, years afterwards, fresh and bitter as on the burial day.

Without parallel in creation is the force of mother's love. It knows no reflection, will listen to no reason. It transforms pain into a pleasure. It turns grief into joy and works miracles, unconsciously. It never weakens nor turns away. Time cannot extinguish it, age cannot cool it.

True, there are many mothers who in the fulness of their natural love resemble the holy mother St. Anne. Would that they resembled her also in her supernatural love for God, in piety. As the germ of love has been planted, by the creating hand of God more deeply in the heart of woman than in the heart of man, so too is piety more deeply seated in woman's soul. When woman assumes the burden and dignity of motherhood, this feminine piety receives a new sacredness, a new lustre, a new subject, a new fire. We can conceive and picture to ourselves, unpleasant though it be, an excessively worldly woman, an indolent, silly, selfish, conceited, and even sensual, woman. But a worldly mother, an indolent, silly, conceited, selfish, and proud mother, such a thing would be a monstrosity. Unless a mother sanctifies her love by that eternal

On Devotion to the Blessed Virgin

by Rev. M.P. Hill, excerpted from *The Catholic's Ready Answer* (1915)

OBJECTION. Devotion to the Blessed Virgin may be reasonable enough when practised in moderation, but in Catholic practice it obtrudes itself everywhere. The more devotion to Mary the less devotion to her Son.

ANSWER. Our objector sees the stained-glass windows from the wrong side. He may have dropped into a Catholic church in the evening and heard the sodality singing the Litany of the Blessed Virgin or the preacher descending on one of her virtues (a most Christian act); but let him get up in the morning earlier than usual and betake himself to the nearest parish church, any day in the week. There he will find a number of silent worshipers absorbed in something that is taking place at the altar. At the ringing of a little bell the silence is solemn and all heads are bowed in adoration. Some minutes later a number of persons approach the altar rail to receive the Bread of Heaven. Here is the central act of Catholic worship, in comparison with which all things else are insignificant, or rather, it is through this that all things else have any value. The weekday scene just described is repeated on Sunday, only with more solemnity. On that day the churches are thronged, and are filled again and again in successive hours, whilst the churches of other denominations are often half empty. Evidently devotion to the Blessed Virgin does not draw us away from Christ.

Strange, that the very Church that is accused of worshipping the creature instead of the Creator should be distinguished among all the churches for its adherence to the central doctrine of Christianity, the divinity of Christ. In an age when Protestantism is losing its grasp of that truth - if not in its formularies at least in the sincere belief of many Protestants, including ministers - the Catholic Church not only believes it and teaches it with uncompromising fidelity, but gives the most solemn expression to its belief in its public worship. What can compare with the external splendor or the intensity of personal devotion associated with the great feasts commemorating the mysteries of Our Lord's life; His Birth, His Passion, His Resurrection? Holy Week has a meaning in the Catholic Church; it has little or no meaning elsewhere. Evidently, again, devotion to the Blessed Virgin does not draw us away from Christ.

But its effect in this regard is not merely negative: it positively draws us nearer to Christ. The feasts of the Blessed Virgin mark a general increase of fervor. The faithful are present at the holy sacrifice of the Mass, and very

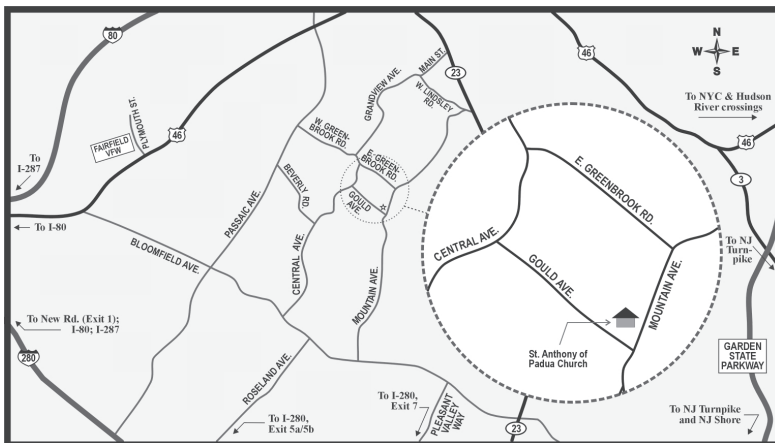
many receive Communion after confessing their sins with humble and sincere contrition. Innumerable converts to the Church, who now see the Church from within, know from experience that true and sincere worship of God is promoted by devotion to the Mother of the Incarnate Son of God.

Let the virginity and life of the Blessed Mary be drawn before you as in a picture, from whom as if in a mirror is reflected the face of Chastity and Virtue's figure. ... In learning, the prime stimulus is to be found in the nobleness of the teacher; now what has more nobleness than God's Mother?

—St. Ambrose

The Christian Mother at Mary's Cradle (cont'd)
love whereby the world was redeemed, she will simply be reproduced in her child who will reflect herself, and in loving that child, the mother will love only herself, her picture and substance; she will look upon her maternal duties as a burden, and find them irksome and exhausting. She will not understand how to be happy in the midst of her children, nor how to render them happy. A mother who yearns for the triumphs of vanity is incapable of sharing the joys of her little ones, or to prepare amusements for them. In her wandering imagination, her mind and heart will be constantly roaming beyond the tedious precincts of her domestic sphere. What value in the eyes of a woman have the noble impulses of motherhood, or the fond playfulness of children, if that woman is constantly seeking pleasure outside of her own house, looking for triumphs and conquests of wit and beauty in the whirl of so-called fashionable society? Such a woman, and only such a one, is capable of neglecting her children and forgetting them, just as she forgets and neglects her own maternal duty and dignity. Like a heartless stepmother, such a woman would entrust the jewel placed in her keeping by God to the careless, sordid hands of a hired nurse, in order that she herself may thus be enabled to hasten to scenes of frivolity and dissipation, there to cast down her crown of maternal laurels at the feet of a giddy, laughing world.

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.