



St. Anthony of Padua Church

Bulletin for January 2010

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103 Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey 07006

January Calendar

- 1 Feast of the Circumcision (**holy day**)
- 2 First Saturday
- 3 Most Holy Name of Jesus
- 5 St. Telesphorus
- 6 Feast of the Epiphany
- 10 Feast of the Holy Family
- 11 St. Hyginus
- 13 Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord
- 14 St. Hilary / St. Felix
- 15 St. Paul the Hermit / St. Maurus
- 16 St. Marcellus
- 17 2nd Sunday after Epiphany / St. Anthony the Hermit
- 18 St. Prisca
- 18-23 *Men's 5-Day Retreat (Ridgefield, Ct.)*
- 19 St. Marius & Companions / St. Canute
- 20 Sts. Fabian & Sebastian
- 21 St. Agnes
- 22 Sts. Vincent & Anastasius
- 23 St. Raymond of Peñafort / St. Emerentiana
- 24 3rd Sunday after Epiphany / St. Timothy
- 25 Conversion of St. Paul
- 26 St. Polycarp
- 27 St. John Chrysostom
- 28 St. Peter Nolasco / St. Agnes
- 29 St. Francis de Sales
- 30 St. Martina
- 31 Septuagesima Sunday / St. John Bosco

Friday, January 1 – Schedule Exceptions

There will be no monthly First Friday Homeschool Gathering on January 1.

Additionally, there will be no Masses at 10:00 AM or 6:00 PM. Masses that day will follow the Sunday schedule.

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Jordan Fahnestock

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

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:30 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. Fahnestock 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> SSPX: <http://sspax.org>

The Christ, in order to fulfil all justice, was required to endure this humiliation [the circumcision], and bear in His body the stigma of the sins which He had taken upon Himself.

—Constant Fournard, *A Life of Jesus*

Holy Day of Obligation

In the Old Law, by the rite of Circumcision, every male Jew became a member (and shared in the privileges and blessings) of the chosen people of God. A Jew who failed to be initiated by the ceremony was excluded. Our Lord is the Son of God by nature, and absolutely sinless, and therefore did not need adoption into the membership of God's children. Yet, He submitted to the law. The celebration of this feast dates at least from the first half of the sixth century.

The Feast of the Circumcision is a holy day of obligation. **Masses on January 1 will follow the Sunday schedule.** (Note: Mass times differ from the usual holy day schedule.)

The Epiphany of Our Lord

The word Epiphany means "manifestation," and it has passed into general acceptance throughout the universal Church, from the fact that Jesus Christ *manifested* to the eyes of men His divine mission on this day first of all, when a miraculous star revealed His birth to the kings of the East who, in spite of the difficulties and dangers of a long and tedious journey through deserts and mountains almost impassable, hastened at once to Bethlehem to adore Him and to offer Him mystical presents, as to the King of kings, to the God of heaven and earth, and to a Man withal feeble and mortal.

The second manifestation was when, going out from the waters of the Jordan after having received Baptism from the hands of St. John, the Holy Ghost descended on Him in the visible form of a dove, and a voice from heaven was heard, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."

The third manifestation was that of His divine power, when at the marriage-feast of Cana, He changed the water into wine, at the sight whereof His disciples believed in Him.

The Church has wished to celebrate the remembrance of these three great events, concurring to the same end, in one and the same festival.

Sunday Catechism Classes

Religious education classes are divided into the following categories: pre-First Communion; First Communion; post-First Communion; pre-Confirmation; Confirmation & post-Confirmation; and Apologetics (adults and older children).

Classes are scheduled at 9:30 AM, between the two Sunday Masses, and commence after the thanksgiving silence. Winter/Spring classes are scheduled as follows:

January	3 and 17	February	7 and 21
March	7 and 21	April	18

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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 Church-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 — January 2010

1st Saturday – Third Order Carmelites / Mary's Flowers / Maidens of the Immaculate Heart / St. Anthony's Chapter of the Eucharistic Crusaders (Groups I, II)

2nd Sunday – Holy Name Society / Sodality of Our Lady of Sorrows (9:30 AM) / Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers (9:30 AM)

Planning Outlook

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

Feb. 15-20: Women's 5-Day Retreat (*Ridgefield, Ct.*)

Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday (*fast, abstinence*)

Mar. 8-13: Men's 5-Day Retreat (*Ridgefield, Ct.*)

Mar. 21: Passion Sunday

Mar. 28: Palm Sunday

Apr. 1: Holy Thursday

Apr. 2: Good Friday

Apr. 3: Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

Apr. 4: Easter

Apr. 19-24: Women's 5-Day Retreat (*Ridgefield, Ct.*)

May 17-22: Men's 5-Day Retreat (*Ridgefield, Ct.*)

2009 Tax Information

Before filing your 2009 income tax return, please be certain that you have received written acknowledgment(s) of your contributions from St. Anthony's and from any other SSPX locations to which you've donated. (The IRS may disallow some of your contributions if you file your return before receiving a written acknowledgment.) Our contribution letters will be sent at the end of January, as usual. Thanks to all for your continued generosity to St. Anthony's Church.

Winter Weather / Phone Tree

In the event of Mass cancellation or postponement because of severe winter weather, the pastor and parish coordinator will activate the Phone Tree to notify parishioners as soon as possible. Notification is also sent simultaneously via e-mail. To be alerted in this event, you must ensure that your telephone information is updated in the current listing. Parishioners are encouraged to verify their listings; please see the coordinator to review your contact information.

Parishioners with e-mail addresses are encouraged to leave that information also. Those on the e-mail list will also receive periodic messages containing parish news, such as schedule updates, announcements, prayer requests, etc.

The Circumcision and Naming of Our Lord

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

The eleventh verse of the second chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel seems to indicate that the Holy Family, within a few days after the birth of Christ, removed from the grotto in the rocks and took up their abode in a more fitting dwelling. The Evangelist speaks of the three Wise Men as "entering into the house." Nevertheless, it is the united opinion of by far the greater number of the Church Fathers and other writers of the earliest centuries, that the stable already selected by Providence as the birthplace of Jesus continued for some time longer to be the home of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and that several important events transpired beneath its humble roof before they left it. It is likely, too, that the kindly shepherds and other friendly neighbors from Bethlehem had meanwhile rendered the place more habitable.

No mother on earth, however tender in feeling, can describe the love, attention, respect, and veneration which the blessed virgin Mother lavished upon her beloved child from the day of His birth. For if every ordinary mother tends her child with affection and pleasure, how must the tenderest of all mothers have cared for her child, who was also her God and her Creator. Besides, her Son was the fairest, comeliest, most perfect in body, mind, and soul of all the children of men. Most assuredly, Christian reader, those days of tranquil and retired domestic life in the poor stable were for Mary days full of joyous care and employment. But, alas, how rapidly they have flown by! How soon were pains, tears, and even blood, to lend to this abode of motherly joys a still more sacred character!

Obedience to the Lord

"And after eight days were accomplished that the Child should be circumcised, His name was called Jesus, which was called by the angel, before He was conceived in the womb." (Luke ii. 21.)

Circumcision was a religious ordinance instituted by God Himself, by virtue of which each Israelite was incorporated into the community of God's people, and made admissible to the enjoyment of all his individual rights and privileges. The process of admission into the holy covenant was attended with much pain, for a wound was inflicted upon the person admitted, as a sign of reconciliation and satisfaction. The

The Epiphany: A Necessary Sequel to the Nativity

by Pope St. Leo I the Great

After celebrating but lately the day on which immaculate virginity brought forth the Savior of mankind, the venerable feast of the Epiphany, dearly beloved, gives us continuance of joy, that the force of our exultation and the fervor of our faith may not grow cool, in the midst of neighboring and kindred mysteries. For it concerns all men's salvation, that the infancy of the Mediator between God and men was already manifested to the whole world, while He was still detained in the tiny town. For although He had chosen the Israelitish nation, and one family out of that nation, from whom to assume the nature of all mankind, yet He was unwilling that the early days of His birth should be concealed within the narrow limits of His mother's home: but desired to be soon recognized by all, seeing that He deigned to be born for all. To three wise men, therefore, appeared a star of new splendor in the region of the East, which, being brighter and fairer than the other stars, might easily attract the eyes and minds of those that looked on it, so that at once that might be observed not to be meaningless, which had so unusual an appearance. He therefore who gave the sign, gave to the beholders understanding of it, and caused inquiry to be made about that, of which He had thus caused understanding, and after inquiry made, offered Himself to be found.

Herod's evil designs were fruitless; the wise men's gifts were consciously symbolical

These three men follow the leading of the light above, and with steadfast gaze obeying the indications of the guiding splendor, are led to the recognition of the Truth by the brilliance of Grace, for they supposed that a king's birth was notified in a human sense, and that it must be sought in a royal city. Yet He who had taken a slave's form, and had come not to judge, but to be judged, chose Bethlehem for



*Now it came to pass, when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also being baptized and praying, heaven was opened; and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape, as a dove upon him; and a voice came from heaven: **Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.***

His nativity, Jerusalem for His passion. But Herod, hearing that a prince of the Jews was born, suspected a successor, and was in great terror: and to compass the death of the Author of Salvation, pledged himself to a false homage. How happy had he been, if he had imitated the wise men's faith, and turned to a pious use what he designed for deceit. What blind wickedness of foolish jealousy, to think you can overthrow the Divine plan by your frenzy. The Lord of the world, who offers an eternal Kingdom, seeks not a temporal. Why do you attempt to change the unchangeable order of things ordained, and to forestall others in their crime? The death of Christ belongs not to your time. The Gospel must be first set on foot, the Kingdom of God first preached, healings first given to the sick, wondrous acts first performed. Why do you wish yourself to have the blame of what will belong to another's work, and why without being able to effect your wicked design, do you bring on yourself alone the charge of wishing the evil? You gain nothing and carriest out nothing by this intriguing. He that was born voluntarily shall die of His own free will. The Wise men, therefore, fulfill their desire, and come to the child, the Lord Jesus Christ, the same star going before them. They adore the Word in flesh, the Wisdom in infancy, the Power in weakness, the Lord of majesty in the reality of man: and by their gifts make open acknowledgment of what they believe in their hearts, that they may show forth the mystery of their faith and understanding. The incense they offer to God, the myrrh to Man, the gold to the King, consciously paying honor to the Divine and human Nature in union: because while each substance had its own properties, there was no difference in the power of either.

The massacre of the innocents is in harmony with the Virgin's conception, which again teaches us purity of life

And when the wise men had returned to their own land, and Jesus had been carried into Egypt at the Divine suggestion, Herod's madness blazes out into fruitless schemes. He orders all the little ones in Bethlehem to be slain, and since he knows not which infant to fear, extends a general sentence against the age he suspects. But that which the wicked king removes from the world, Christ admits to heaven: and on those for whom He had not yet spent His redeeming blood, He already bestows the dignity of martyrdom. Lift your faithful hearts then, dearly-beloved, to the gracious blaze of eternal light, and in adoration of the mysteries dispensed for man's salvation give your diligent heed to the things which have been wrought on your behalf. Love the purity of a chaste life, because Christ is the Son of a virgin. "Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11), as the blessed Apostle, present in his words as we read, exhorts us, "In malice be ye children" (1 Corinthians 14:20), because the Lord of glory conformed Himself to the infancy of mortals. Follow after humility which the Son of God deigned to teach His disciples. Put on the power of patience, in which you may be able to gain your souls; seeing that He who is the Redemption of all, is also the Strength of all. "Set your minds on the things which are above, not on the things which are on the earth" (Colossians 3:2). Walk firmly along the path of truth and life: let not earthly things hinder you for whom are prepared heavenly things through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost lives and reigns for ever and ever.

The Circumcision and Naming of Our Lord (cont'd)

troubled Mother of Jesus knew well that her child, being the Son of the living God, was not amenable to any law, especially the Jewish; and least of all to a law bearing an atoning or purifying character. And oh, how gladly would this tender Virgin have had her divine Child exempted and spared from this painful and humiliating process of circumcision! But nothing short of a special message from heaven would have induced her to shirk the sacrifice for herself and Him. The Redeemer of mankind wished to subject Himself to the law, “that He might redeem them who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons,” as St. Paul tells us in the fourth chapter of his Epistle to the Galatians. Usually five special reasons are alleged to explain why the sinless Son of the sinless Virgin was pleased to comply with this ordinance. First, in order to prove His true humanity, and thus defeat future heresies on this point, especially that of the Manichees, who denied that Christ was man; secondly, in order to sanction this divinely appointed Jewish rite; thirdly, in order to establish his legitimate descent from Abraham; fourthly, in order to escape the usual reproach of the Jews, that He was uncircumcised. which was a great disgrace in their estimation; fifthly, out of humble obedience to the Mosaic law.

The blessed Mother foresaw in spirit the eternal decree ordering, or at least permitting, the countless series of pains and afflictions that was to begin with the pain of circumcision. By anticipation she already felt his pains, united herself therewith, and bravely repeated her resolute fiat, “Be it done.”

She, who at a later day will have the courage to stand undaunted beneath the bloody cross of her dying Son, has now the strength to offer that same Son to the knife of circumcision, out of love for God, in satisfaction for our sins, and in obedience to the holy law. No sooner is the first drop of sacred blood shed than, in union with the heavenly spirits that are hovering near, she adores it in humble reverence. Christian reader, this first single drop of the most precious blood of the Infant Jesus would have sufficed to redeem you, to redeem a thousand worlds. But your Saviour wished to pour out on the tree of the cross His last drop of blood for you. Your good Mother was witness to and sympathizing participant in the shedding of the first and last drop of your Saviour’s redeeming blood.

The Holy Name of Jesus

This is not the place, Christian reader, to speak of the holiness, sweetness, and omnipotence of that holy name of

Jesus which, on this painful occasion, Our Saviour received, to the joy and happiness of the whole world. Neither will it be necessary, Christian reader, to exhort you to a confiding love for that name, or to reverential devotion and recourse to it. I will mention here but two circumstances that have a special bearing on our dear Mother Mary. In the first, she it was who bestowed this name on Our Saviour; secondly, she is for us the most sublime example and model, in revering and calling upon that name.

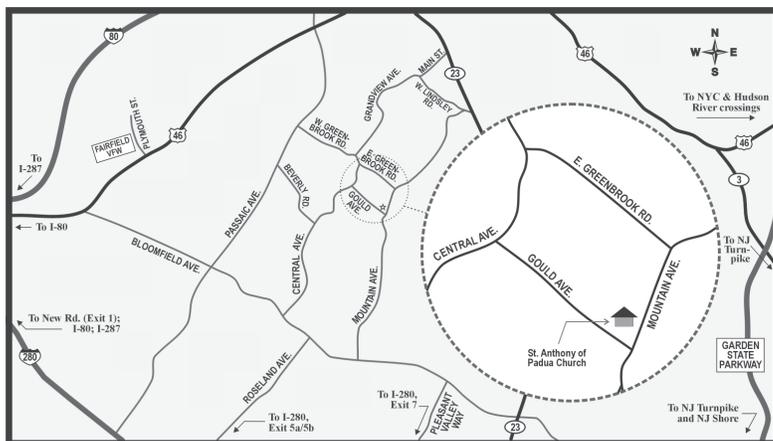
Did not the holy Archangel Gabriel, on Annunciation Day, declare it to be the will of God that “you shall call His name Jesus.” Is it to be wondered at then, that she who gave us the Redeemer would also give us the name in which alone we can be saved? With what delight, with what ecstatic love of an ardent mother, with what deep reverence of a saint, did she pronounce the holy name! What sweetness, what fortitude, what holy joy she experienced each time in her heart! Christian reader, do not neglect to invoke now, and for all time, the most holy names of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Invoke them in every necessity, in every danger, in every temptation. Place the years of your life, but more especially your death-hour, under the protection of these saving names.

New Year’s in the Names of Jesus and Mary

The commemoration of this painful incident of the circumcision and of the joyful bestowal of the loving and lovable and gracious name falls, according to our reckoning, on the first day of January, and, consequently, corresponds every year with the celebration of New Year’s Day.

Certainly, in the meaning of this festival may be discovered a beautiful figure of the various events in our life, both pleasant and painful, which the incoming year brings to each one of us. It is also a good omen that we, animated by the spirit of the Church, begin this important yearly division of time in the name of Jesus. But, Christian reader, as you have just considered, the Blessed Virgin had a highly important share in the pains and graces attending the circumcision of Jesus. We therefore commemorate also on the first of January not only a feast of Our Lord, but at the same time a festival of the blessed Mother of God. It may also afford you greater joy and greater comfort to celebrate the New Year, not only in the name of Jesus, but at the same time in the name and under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Neglect not to place yourself and all interests under the gracious protection of Mary.

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.