



St. Anthony of Padua Mission

SOCIETY OF ST. PIUS X

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Mass Location: VFW Hall, 45 Plymouth Street, Fairfield, New Jersey

October Calendar

- 1 St. Remigius / First Saturday
- 2 20th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Guardian Angels
- 3 St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
- 4 St. Francis of Assisi
- 5 St. Placid & Companions
- 6 St. Bruno
- 7 Our Lady of the Rosary / St. Mark I / First Friday
- 8 St. Bridget of Sweden / Sts. Sergius, Bacchus, Marcellus, & Apuleius / Altar Servers Day of Recollection (*Boonton, N.J.*)
- 9 21st Sunday after Pentecost / St. John Leonard / Sts. Denis, Rusticus, & Eleutherius
- 10 St. Francis Borgia
- 10-15 *Women's 5-Day Retreat (Ridgefield, Ct.)*
- 11 Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 13 St. Edward
- 14 St. Callistus I
- 15 St. Teresa of Avila
- 16 22nd Sunday after Pentecost / St. Hedwig
- 17 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
- 18 St. Luke the Evangelist
- 19 St. Peter of Alcantara
- 20 St. John Cantius
- 21 St. Hilarion / Sts. Ursula & Companions
- 22 Women's Sodality, St. Joan of Arc Society, & Christian Mothers Day of Recollection (*Boonton, N.J.*)
- 23 23rd Sunday after Pentecost / St. Anthony Mary Claret
- 24 St. Raphael the Archangel
- 24-29 *Men's 5-Day Retreat (Ridgefield, Ct.)*
- 25 St. Isidore the Farmer / Sts. Chrysanthus & Daria
- 26 St. Evaristus
- 28 Sts. Simon & Jude
- 30 Feast of Christ the King (High Mass, Benediction, Eucharistic procession) / St. Anthony's Harvest Supper

The rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, who so loves His Mother.

—St. Louis de Montfort

Sunday School

Religious education classes are divided by age as follows: pre-First Communion; First Communion; post-First Communion; Confirmation; and Apologetics (older children). Please see the sign-up sheets in the back room for new registrations. Classes are scheduled after Mass and commence after the thanksgiving silence.

Remaining classes for Fall/Winter are as follows:

- October** 2 and 16
- November** 6 and 20
- December** 4 and 18

Adult conferences will be conducted on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

The October Rosary

His Holiness, Leo XIII, by his encyclical *Supremi Apostolatus* (Sept. 1, 1883), and by a decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites (Aug. 20, 1885), had granted and confirmed some indulgences for the saying of the Rosary during the month of October; then, by a rescript of the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences, July 23, 1898, he made them perpetual and modified them, granting to the faithful who, during the said month, publicly in church or privately anywhere, recite at least a third part of the Rosary, *an indulgence of 7 years and as many quarantines* on each day of that month; also a *plenary indulgence* on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, or on any one day of its octave, to those who, both on the feast itself and on every day of its octave, shall have recited at least a third part of the Rosary on the usual conditions, confession, communion, and a visit to some church or public oratory, and there pray according to the intention of the Pope; also a *plenary indulgence*, on any one day, to those who, after the said octave, shall have recited at least the third part of the Rosary for 10 days during the same month, on the same conditions.

Harvest Supper / All Saints Celebration

On Sunday, October 30 (the Feast of Christ the King), our parish will be hosting a Harvest Supper following Mass. There is no admission charge, and all parishioners are invited. As part of the celebration, the children from the Sunday School will be performing a play in honor of All Saints Day. (The children are requested to bring Saints' costumes to change into.) The Harvest Supper will be a catered event, but families are asked to bring a nice dessert. Also, please bring one new item to be part of a door-prize raffle. The 50/50 raffle winner will be drawn at the Harvest Supper. Please use sign-up sheets in the back of the chapel to let us know how many of your family will be attending.

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Greig Gonzales

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

Mass Schedule

Sunday – 10:00 AM
Holy Days – To be announced

Confession

Confessions are heard prior to each Mass.

Other Sacraments, Sick Calls, & Pastoral Visits

Please contact Fr. Gonzales at the Ridgefield retreat house (203-431-0201) for information regarding Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation, Extreme Unction, Holy Orders, and Sick Calls.

Contact Us:

24-hour information: (973) 954-7350
Web: <http://www.latin-mass.net>

Administrative Notes

Bookstore

The parish bookstore will be open each month. This month's bookstore dates are **Oct. 2** and **Oct. 16**. 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

If you are making a cash donation, please use a donation envelope (provided at the rear of the VFW Hall) and fill in the lines for name, address, date of contribution, and donation amount. This will allow 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.

VFW Hall

Volunteers (to set up and clean up the hall) are welcome! All who wish to do so are encouraged to help out in the team effort.

Choir

New voices are always welcome in the choir! Please see Mr. Dan Kabana in the "Choir Corner" to lend your voice.

Pastoral Meetings (after Mass) – October 2005

1st Sunday of month

Altar Servers
St. Joan of Arc Society
Eucharistic Crusaders

2nd Sunday of month

Holy Name Society

3rd Sunday of month

Young Adult Gathering

4th Sunday of month

Women's Sodality of Our Lady of Sorrows
Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers

Eucharistic Crusade — Monthly Intentions

October That Our Lady may be better loved
November That Catholics will give more thought to avoiding Purgatory

Please remember these holy intentions in your daily prayers and at every Mass.

~ Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us ~

Planning Outlook

The following events are "on the horizon" — things to keep in mind as you plan your calendars for the next few months. As events grow closer, detailed announcements will be promulgated either in the bulletin and/or from the pulpit.

Nov. 1: Feast of All Saints (holy day) – Mass: 10 AM
Nov. 2: All Souls' Day – Mass: 6:30 AM (low), 8 AM (sung)
Nov. 12: Eucharistic Crusaders – Day of Recollection (Boonton, N.J.)
Nov. 14-19: Women's 5-Day Retreat (Ridgefield, Ct.)
Nov. 27: Advent begins
Dec. 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception (holy day)
Dec. 12-17: Men's 5-Day Retreat (Ridgefield, Ct.)
Dec. 25: Nativity of Our Lord (holy day)
Jan. 1, 2006: Feast of the Circumcision (holy day)
Jan. 23, 2006: Right-to-Life March (Washington, D.C.)

Days of Recollection — Oct. 8 and 22

Days of Recollection are scheduled as followed:

Oct. 8: Altar Servers
Oct. 22: Women's Sodality / St. Joan of Arc Society / Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers

The Days of Recollection will be held from 10 AM to 2 PM at the oratory in Boonton, New Jersey. Each day will begin with Confessions and Holy Mass.

Homeschooling Tutorials

Homeschooling families who wish to participate in the homeschooling tutorials are reminded to contact Fr. Gonzales. The purpose of the tutorials is to provide homeschooling parents with help and information as they educate their children. For a copy of the tutorial schedule, please contact Fr. Gonzales.

Among the several rites and manners of paying honor to the Blessed Mary, some are to be preferred, inasmuch as we know them to be most powerful and most pleasing to our Mother; and for this reason we specially mention by name and recommend the Rosary. The common language has given the name of corona to this manner of prayer, which recalls to our minds the great mysteries of Jesus and Mary united in joys, sorrows, and triumphs. The contemplation of these august mysteries, contemplated in their order, affords to faithful souls a wonderful confirmation of faith, protection against the disease of error, and increase of the strength of the soul. The soul and memory of him who thus prays, enlightened by faith, are drawn towards these mysteries by the sweetest devotion, are absorbed therein and are surprised before the work of the Redemption of mankind, achieved at such a price and by events so great. The soul is filled with gratitude and love before these proofs of Divine love; its hope becomes enlarged and its desire is increased for those things which Christ has prepared for such as have united themselves to Him in imitation of His example and in participation in His sufferings. The prayer is composed of words proceeding from God Himself, from the Archangel Gabriel, and from the Church; full of praise and of high desires; and it is renewed and continued in an order at once fixed and various; its fruits are ever new and sweet.

—Pope Leo XIII in *Octobri Mense*
(On the Rosary), Sept. 1891

St. Teresa of Avila on Perseverance

excerpted from The Interior Castle (The Mansions)

There is one thing so important that, although I have said it on other occasions, I will repeat it once more here: it is that at the beginning one must not think of such things as spiritual favors, for that is a very poor way of starting to build such a large and beautiful edifice. If it is begun upon sand, it will all collapse: souls which build like that will never be free from annoyances and temptations. For it is not in these Mansions, but in those which are farther on, that it rains manna; once there, the soul has all that it desires, because it desires only what is the will of God. It is a curious thing: here we are, meeting with hindrances and suffering from imperfections by the thousand, with our virtues so young that they have not yet learned how to walk — in fact, they have only just been born: God grant that they have even been born at all! — and yet we are not ashamed to be wanting consolations in prayer and to be complaining about periods of aridity. This must not be true of you, sisters: embrace the Cross which your Spouse bore upon His shoulders and realize that this Cross is yours to carry too: let her who is capable of the greatest suffering suffer most for Him and she will have the most perfect freedom. All other things are of quite secondary importance: if the Lord should grant them to you, give Him heartfelt thanks.

You may think that you will be full of determination to resist outward trials if God will only grant you inward favors. His Majesty knows best what is suitable for us; it is not for us to advise Him what to give us, for He can rightly reply that we know not what we ask. All that the beginner in prayer has to do — and you must not forget this, for it is very important — is to labor and be resolute and prepare himself with all possible diligence to bring his will into conformity with the will of God. As I shall say later, you may be quite sure that this comprises the very greatest perfection which can be attained on the spiritual road. The more perfectly a person practices it, the more he will receive of the Lord and the greater the progress he will make on this road; do not think we have to use strange jargon or dabble in things of which we have no knowledge or understanding, our entire welfare is to be found in what I have described. If we go astray at the very beginning and want the Lord to do our will and to lead us just as our fancy dictates, how can this building possibly have a firm foundation? Let us see that we do as much as in us lies and avoid these venomous reptiles, for often it is the Lord's will that we should be persecuted and afflicted by evil thoughts, which we cannot cast out, and also by aridities; and sometimes He even allows these reptiles to bite us, so that we may learn better how to be on our guard in the future and see if we are really grieved at having offended Him.

If, then, you sometimes fail, do not lose heart, or cease striving to make progress, for even out of your fall God will bring good, just as a man selling an antidote will drink poison before he takes it in order to prove its power. If nothing else could show us what wretched creatures we are and what harm we do to ourselves by dissipating our desires, this war which goes on within us would be sufficient to do so and to lead us back to recollection. Can any evil be greater than the evil which we find in our own house? What hope can we have of being able to rest in other people's homes if we cannot rest in our own? For none of our friends and relatives are as near to us as our faculties, with which we have always to live, whether we like it or not, and yet our faculties seem to be making

The Kingship of Christ by Pope Pius XI

excerpted from Quas Primas (Encyclical on the Feast of Christ the King) – December 1925

If we ordain that the whole Catholic world shall revere Christ as King, we shall minister to the need of the present day, and at the same time provide an excellent remedy for the plague which now infects society. We refer to the plague of anti-clericalism, its errors and impious activities. This evil spirit, as you are well aware, has not come into being in one day; it has long lurked beneath the surface. The empire of Christ over all nations was rejected. The right which the Church has from Christ himself, to teach mankind, to make laws, to govern peoples in all that pertains to their eternal salvation, that right was denied. Then gradually the religion of Christ came to be likened to false religions and to be placed ignominiously on the same level with them. It was then put under the power of the state and tolerated more or less at the whim of princes and rulers. Some men went even further, and wished to set up in the place of God's religion a natural religion consisting in some instinctive affection of the heart. There were even some nations who thought they could dispense with God, and that their religion should consist in impiety and the neglect of God. The rebellion of individuals and states against the authority of Christ has produced deplorable consequences.

We lamented these in the encyclical *Ubi arcano*; we lament them today: the seeds of discord sown far and wide; those bitter enmities and rivalries between nations, which still hinder so much the cause of peace; that insatiable greed which is so often hidden under a pretense of public spirit and patriotism, and gives rise to so many private quarrels; a blind and immoderate selfishness, making men seek nothing but their own comfort and advantage, and measure everything by these; no peace in the home, because men have forgotten or neglect their duty; the unity and stability of the family undermined; society in a word, shaken to its foundations and on the way to ruin. We firmly hope, however, that the feast of the Kingship of Christ may hasten the return of society to our loving Savior. It would be the duty of Catholics to do all they can to bring about this happy result. Many of these, however, have neither the station in society nor the authority which should belong to those who bear the torch of truth. This state of things may perhaps be attributed to a certain slowness and timidity in good people, who are reluctant to engage in conflict or oppose but a weak resistance; thus the enemies of the Church become bolder in their attacks. But if the faithful were generally to understand that it behooves them ever to fight courageously under the banner of Christ their King, then, fired with apostolic zeal, they would strive to win over to their Lord those hearts that are bitter and estranged from him, and would valiantly defend his rights.

O Lord, I shall certainly be saved if I persevere to the end, but my perseverance must be virtuous if it is to merit salvation; from You comes the virtue which will save me; it is You who make me persevere until I attain salvation.

Help me, O Lord Jesus, by saying to me: "Do not tire of the narrow way: I walked it before you, I am the way itself; I am the guide, and I carry those whom I lead and bring them to Myself at last."

—St. Augustine

“The Miracle of the Sun”

70,000 gather for the promised miracle

By now [September 1917], all Portugal was stirred by the events taking place at Fatima, suddenly the most important spot in the land. Particularly were the newspapers interested, especially in the statement that a great miracle was to take place. Many reporters and photographers were on hand to record the events, or to prove that the statements were nothing more than lies.

On the days preceding October 13th, all roads led to Fatima, with people coming from all parts of the land in any form of transportation they could find. Many walked for miles over the rough fields. It rained all the night of the 12th and the morning of the 13th. By noon, more than 70,000 had crowded into the Cova [de Iria, a barren hollow in the pastures]. Standing in mud up to their ankles, they huddled together under umbrellas, seeking protection from the relentless rain as they prayed their rosaries.

Shortly after noon the Lady arrived for her final appearance. She told the children:

I am the Lady of the Rosary. I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and to ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the Rosary. Let them continue saying it every day.

The sun whirls in the sky

As the Lady was about to leave, she pointed to the sun. Lucy excitedly repeated the gesture, and the people looked into the sky. The rain had ceased, the clouds parted, and the sun shone forth, but not in its usual brilliance. Instead, it appeared like a silver disc, pale as the moon, at which all could gaze without straining their eyes. Suddenly, impelled by some mysterious force, the disc began to whirl in the sky, casting off great shafts of multicolored light. Red, green, blue, yellow, violet — the enormous rays shot across the sky at all angles, lighting up the entire countryside for many miles around, but particularly the upturned faces of those 70,000 spellbound people. After three minutes the wonder stopped, but was resumed again a second and a third time — three times in all — within about 12 minutes. It seemed that the whole world was on fire, with the sun spinning at a greater speed each time.

Then a gasp of terror rose from the crowd, for the sun seemed to tear itself from the heavens and come crashing down upon the horrified multitude. “*It’s the end of the world!*” shrieked one woman. “*Dear God, don’t let me die in my sins!*” implored another. “*Holy Virgin, protect us!*” cried a third. All were on their knees in terror, asking pardon for their sins. Just when it seemed that the ball of fire would fall upon and destroy them, the miracle ceased and the sun resumed its normal place in the sky, shining forth as peacefully as ever.

When the people arose from the ground, cries of astonishment were heard on all sides. Their clothes, which had been soaking wet and muddy, now were clean and dry. Many of the sick and crippled had been cured of their afflictions.

The children enjoy special visions

While the miracle of the sun was taking place, the children alone were privileged to witness several remarkable visions in the heavens. As Our Lady had promised, St. Joseph had come with the Holy Family and he had blessed the world. Then, Our Lady appeared as the Mother of Sorrows,

accompanied by her Divine Son, who also blessed the world. Finally, Lucy had seen the Blessed Virgin Mary, dressed in the brown robes of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth, holding a brown Scapular in her hand, with her infant Son upon her knee. However, in none of these visions had any of the figures spoken to the children.

Truly, it had been a great day for Portugal. The reporters, many of whom had come to scoff, gave long and detailed accounts of what had taken place, while the newspapers published many photographs of the great crowds and of the children. Although these were released to the entire world (copies are on file in the U.S. Congressional Library), few people outside Portugal paid any attention to these events, and newspapers in most other countries ignored the story completely.

This article is excerpted from **Our Lady of Fatima’s Peace Plan from Heaven**, available from TAN Books (1-800-437-5876).

St. Teresa of Avila on Perseverance (continued)

war upon us, as if they were resentful of the war made upon them by our vices. “Peace, peace,” said the Lord, my sisters, and many a time He spoke words of peace to His Apostles. Believe me, unless we have peace, and strive for peace in our own home, we shall not find it in the homes of others. Let this war now cease. By the blood which Christ shed for us, I beg this of those who have not begun to enter within themselves; and those who have begun to do so must not allow such warfare to turn them back. They must realize that to fall a second time is worse than to fall once. They can see that it will lead them to ruin: let them place their trust, not in themselves, but in the mercy of God, and they will see how His Majesty can lead them on from one group of Mansions to another and set them on safe ground where these beasts cannot harass or hurt them, for He will place the beasts in their power and laugh them to scorn; and then they themselves — even in this life, I mean — will enjoy many more good things than they could ever desire.

Directions to St. Anthony of Padua Mission (VFW Hall, 45 Plymouth Street, Fairfield)

From I-80 eastbound (Morris County & points west): Exit 47B (The Caldwell/Montclair) to US-46 East. Take jughandle for Clinton Rd/Plymouth St.

From I-280: Exit 1 (New Rd.) to US-46; right onto US-46 East. Take jughandle for Clinton Rd./Plymouth St.

From I-287: North/South to I-80 East. Follow directions for I-80 eastbound.

From I-80 westbound (Bergen/Passaic Counties): Exit 52 (The Caldwell/Fairfield) to US-46 West. Approx. 4 miles past Willowbrook Mall, right turn onto Plymouth St.

From NJ-23: North/South to US-46 West. Approx. 4 miles past Willowbrook Mall, right turn onto Plymouth St.

From Garden State Parkway: Exit 153B, then NJ-3 to US-46 West. Approx. 4 miles past Willowbrook Mall, right turn onto Plymouth St.

From N.J. Turnpike: Exit 16W, then NJ-3 to US-46 West. Approx. 4 miles past Willowbrook Mall, right turn onto Plymouth St.

