



# St. Anthony of Padua Mission

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

## Message from Fr. Fullerton: 2006 Ordinations

On June 23, 2006, four deacons will receive the Holy Priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ and one subdeacon will be raised to the diaconate. It is the custom to precede this ceremony by a novena to the Holy Ghost; this would begin on Wednesday, June 14. Our priests sing the *Veni Creator* throughout this novena, and our faithful can unite themselves to this novena by singing or reciting this hymn as well.

## Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, eternal High Priest, divine Sacrificer, Thou who in an unspeakable burst of love for men, Thy brethren, didst cause the Christian Priesthood to spring forth from Thy Sacred Heart, vouchsafe to pour forth upon Thy priests continual living streams of infinite love.

Live in them, transform them into Thee; make them, by Thy grace, fit instruments of Thy mercy; do Thou act in them and through them, and grant that they may become wholly one with Thee by their faithful imitation of Thy virtues; and, in Thy Name and by the strength of Thy Spirit, may they do the works which Thou didst accomplish for the salvation of the world.

Divine Redeemer of souls, behold how great is the multitude of those who still sleep in the darkness of error; reckon up the number of those unfaithful sheep who stray to the edge of the precipice; consider the throngs of the poor, the hungry, the ignorant and the feeble who groan in their abandoned condition.

Return to us in the person of Thy priests; truly live again in them; act through them and pass once more through the world, teaching, forgiving, comforting, sacrificing and renewing the sacred bonds of love between the Heart of God and the heart of man. Amen.

—300 days indulgence. Plenary once a month under the usual conditions if recited daily.

### Pastor: Rev. Fr. Greig Gonzales

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### 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>

## Feast of St. Anthony of Padua (June 13)

In June, we celebrate the feast day of our holy patron, St. Anthony of Padua — the wonder-worker of Padua, and Hammer of Heretics. Fr. Gonzales will be offering Mass at 7 PM on Tuesday, June 13, to honor the first-class feast of our parish patron. Mass will be celebrated at the oratory in Verona, N.J. All the faithful who are able are encouraged to attend. For directions, please see Bob or Mary Reto.

*I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.*

—10th Promise of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary

## St. Anthony's Love Of God

The true marks of love for God are: first, to be willing to do or to sacrifice anything, whatever it may be, for the love of God; and, second, to think frequently of Him with real joy, to speak of Him, or with Him, in prayer; for, "where thy treasure is there is thy heart also."

We find these true marks of love for God in St. Anthony.

For love of God, at the early age of fifteen, he bade farewell to his parents and all that high rank and worldly fortune offered him, and entered a monastery in order to make a complete sacrifice of his liberty and his will to God. Yet even this did not satisfy his ardent love. After he had entered the Franciscans, his greatest desire was to be sent as a missionary to preach the Gospel in Africa, where he hoped to lay down his life for the faith. After long and earnest entreaty, he obtained the desired permission. But God had decreed he should be led by another way. He had barely set foot on the soil of Africa than he was seized with a severe illness, which left him so weak that there was nothing for him but to return to Spain. Here again God's providence interposed: the ship in which he had embarked was within a few miles of Spain, when a sudden wind drove it on the coast of Sicily. On landing at Messina he learned that St. Frauds was holding a chapter at Assisi, whither he repaired, despite his great weakness, in order to receive the holy founder's blessing.

The love of God, as we said above, is manifested by the frequent thought of God; it was in this way that this virtue was particularly manifested in St. Anthony. There are probably few saints with so deep and tender a love for God, or who have been favored with so many special proofs of God's love in return. It is almost incredible the number of conversions wrought and the many souls brought back to the faith by St. Anthony, in a life of less than thirty-six years, and, despite weak health, rendered weaker by the practice of severe austerities. Imitating the zeal of the Apostles, he went through all Italy, and his preaching, inflamed with divine love, drew all hearts and all minds to God, and was therefore blessed with the richest fruits. His efficacious love of God was rewarded by high graces of prayer, great lights and divine manifestations on the part of God.

## Catechism on the Priesthood by St. John Vianney

My children, we have come to the Sacrament of Orders. It is a Sacrament which seems to relate to no one among you, and which yet relates to everyone. This Sacrament raises man up to God. What is a priest! A man who holds the place of God — a man who is invested with all the powers of God. “Go,” said Our Lord to the priest; “as My Father sent Me, I send you. All power has been given Me in Heaven and on earth. Go then, teach all nations. ... He who listens to you, listens to Me; he who despises you despises Me.” When the priest remits sins, he does not say, “God pardons you”; he says, “I absolve you.” At the Consecration, he does not say, “This is the Body of Our Lord;” he says, “This is My Body.”

Saint Bernard tells us that everything has come to us through Mary; and we may also say that everything has come to us through the priest; yes, all happiness, all graces, all heavenly gifts. If we had not the Sacrament of Orders, we should not have Our Lord. Who placed Him there, in that tabernacle? It was the priest. Who was it that received your soul, on its entrance into life? The priest. Who nourishes it, to give it strength to make its pilgrimage? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, by washing that soul, for the last time, in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest — always the priest. And if that soul comes to the point of death, who will raise it up, who will restore it to calmness and peace? Again the priest. You cannot recall one single blessing from God without finding, side by side with this recollection, the image of the priest.

Go to confession to the Blessed Virgin, or to an angel; will they absolve you? No. Will they give you the Body and Blood of Our Lord? No. The Holy Virgin cannot make her Divine Son descend into the Host. You might have two hundred angels there, but they could not absolve you. A priest, however simple he may be, can do it; he can say to you, “Go in peace; I pardon you.” Oh, how great is a priest! The priest will not understand the greatness of his office till he is in Heaven. If he understood it on earth, he would die, not of fear, but of love. The other benefits of God would be of no avail to us without the priest. What would be the use of a house full of gold, if you had nobody to open you the door! The priest has the key of the heavenly treasures; it is he who opens the door; he is the steward of the good God, the distributor of His wealth. Without the priest, the Death and Passion of Our Lord would be of no avail. Look at the heathens: what has it availed them that Our Lord has died? Alas! they can have no share in the blessings of Redemption, while they have no priests to apply His Blood to their souls!

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*For the priestly office is indeed discharged on earth, but it ranks amongst heavenly ordinances; and very naturally so: for neither man, nor angel, nor archangel, nor any other created power, but the Paraclete Himself, instituted this vocation, and persuaded men while still abiding in the flesh to represent the ministry of angels. ... For if any one will consider how great a thing it is for one, being a man, and compassed with flesh and blood, to be enabled to draw nigh to that blessed and pure nature, he will then clearly see what great honor the grace of the Spirit has vouchsafed to priests; since by their agency these rites are celebrated, and others nowise inferior to these both in respect of our dignity and our salvation. For they who inhabit the earth and make their abode there are entrusted with the administration of things which are in Heaven, and have received an authority which God has not given to angels or archangels.*

—St. John Chrysostom (from *On the Priesthood*)

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The priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments to himself. He is not for himself, he is for you. After God, the priest is everything. Leave a parish twenty years without priests; they will worship beasts. If the missionary Father and I were to go away, you would say, “What can we do in this church? there is no Mass; Our Lord is no longer there: we may as well pray at home.” When people wish to destroy religion, they begin by attacking the priest, because where there is no longer any priest there is no sacrifice, and where there is no longer any sacrifice there is no religion.

When the bell calls you to church, if you were asked, “Where are you going?” you might answer, “I am going to feed my soul.” If someone were to ask you, pointing to the tabernacle, “What is that golden door?” “That is our storehouse, where the true Food of our souls is kept.” “Who has the key? Who lays in the provisions? Who makes ready the feast, and who serves the table?” “The priest.” “And what is the Food?” “The precious Body and Blood of Our Lord.” O God! O God! how Thou hast loved us! See the power of the priest; out of a piece of bread the word of a priest makes a God. It is more than creating the world. . . . Someone said, “Does Saint Philomena, then, obey the Cure of Ars?” Indeed, she may well obey him, since God obeys him.

If I were to meet a priest and an angel, I should salute the priest before I saluted the angel. The latter is the friend of God; but the priest holds His place. Saint Teresa kissed the ground where a priest had passed. When you see a priest, you should say, “There is he who made me a child of God, and opened Heaven to me by holy Baptism; he who purified me after I had sinned; who gives nourishment to my soul.” At the sight of a church tower, you may say, “What is there in that place?” “The Body of Our Lord.” “Why is He there?” “Because a priest has been there, and has said holy Mass.”

What joy did the Apostles feel after the Resurrection of Our Lord, at seeing the Master whom they had loved so much! The priest must feel the same joy, at seeing Our Lord whom he holds in his hands. Great value is attached to objects which have been laid in the drinking cup of the Blessed Virgin and of the Child Jesus, at Loretto. But the fingers of the priest, that have touched the adorable Flesh of Jesus Christ, that have been plunged into the chalice which contained His Blood, into the pyx where His Body has lain, are they not still more precious? The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. When you see the priest, think of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

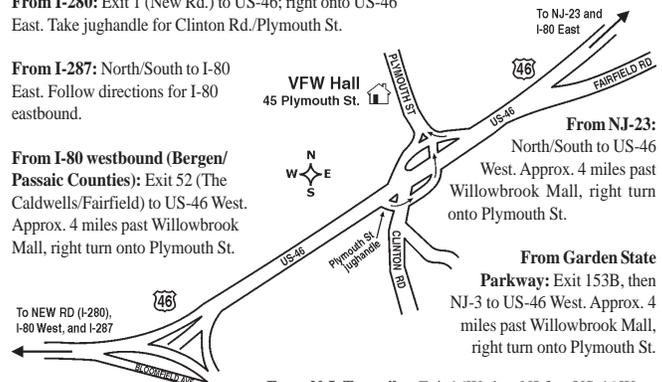
**From I-80 eastbound (Morris County & points west):** Exit 47B (The Caldwell/Montclair) to US-46 East. Take jughandle for Clinton Rd./Plymouth St.

**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.

To NEW RD (I-280), I-80 West, and I-287



**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.