

William Bouguereau, *Flagellation de Notre Seigneur Jesus Christ* (1880)

*Let the heavens and earth stand
astounded to behold Him who
swayeth the rod of fire, Himself
smitten with scourges, to behold Him
who spread over the earth the veil of
the skies and who set fast the
foundations of the mountains, who
poised the earth over the waters and
sent down the blazing lightning-
flash, now beaten by infamous
wretches over a stone pillar that
His own word had created*

*They, indeed, stretched out His limbs and outraged
Him with mockeries ~ A man whom He had formed
wielded the scourge ~ He who sustains all creatures
with His might submitted His back to their stripes;
He who is the Father's right arm yielded His own
arms to be extended ~ The pillar of ignominy was
embraced by Him who bears up and sustains the
heaven and the earth in all their splendour*



St. Anthony of Padua Church

Bulletin for March 2008
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March Calendar

- 1 First Saturday
- 2 4th Sunday of Advent (Lætare)
- 4 St. Casimir / St. Lucius
- 6 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity
- 7 St. Thomas Aquinas / First Friday
- 8 St. John of God
- 9 Passion Sunday / St. Frances of Rome
- 10 Forty Holy Martyrs
- 12 St. Gregory I, the Great
- 14 Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 16 Palm Sunday**
- 17 St. Patrick
- 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem
- 20 Holy Thursday**
- 21 Good Friday / St. Benedict**
- 22 Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)**
- 23 Easter Sunday**
- 24 St. Gabriel the Archangel
- 24-29 *Women's 5-Day Retreat (Ridgefield, Ct.)*
- 27 St. John Damascene
- 28 St. John Capistran
- 30 Low Sunday
- 31 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time for 2008 begins at 2 AM on Sunday, March 9. Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour when going to bed the night before.

Easter Flower Sale

Mary's Flowers girls will have an Easter flower sale. Orders will be taken on March 9 and delivered on March 16.

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: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, & 11:30 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. 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> SSPX: <http://sspax.org>

Holy Week 2008 – Schedule

Palm Sunday

7:30 AM Blessing and distribution of palms; Mass

9:15 AM Distribution of palms; High Mass and procession

11:30 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

9:30 AM Mass

11:30 AM Mass

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). Catechism and Apologetics classes are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Sundays, following the 9:30 AM Mass, and commence after the thanksgiving silence. Class dates for early 2008 are as follows:

Mar. 2 & 16 Apr. 6 & 20

Meditation on Holy Communion in Lent

In approaching the Holy Table, during this Season of the Passion, the Faithful must be absorbed in the remembrance of the Lamb that was sacrificed for us: they must keep this great truth uppermost in their hearts — that the divine Food which nourishes their souls, was prepared on Calvary; and that, although this Lamb is now living and impassable, yet it was by his Death on the Cross that he became our Food. The *Sinner*, reconciled to his offended God, must receive the Body of Jesus with sentiments of hearty contrition, and reproach himself in all the bitterness of his soul, for having shed that precious Blood by his multiplied sins. The *Just* man must make his Communion, and humble himself with the thought, that he, too, has had too great a share in causing suffering to the innocent Lamb; and that if he now have reason to believe himself to be in the state of grace, he owes it to the Blood of the Victim who is about to be given to him for the increase of his spiritual life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

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 after Mass — March 2008

1st Saturday (3:30 PM) – Third Order Carmelites

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

3rd Sunday – Altar Servers practice

Planning Outlook

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

April 21-26: Men's 5-Day Retreat (*Ridgefield, Ct.*)

April 27: First Confession

May 1: Ascension of Our Lord (*holy day*)

May 4: First Holy Communion / May Crowning

May 11: Pentecost

May 18: Trinity Sunday

May 22: Feast of Corpus Christi

May 30: Feast of the Sacred Heart

May 26-31: Women's 5-Day Retreat (*Ridgefield, Ct.*)

June 13: St. Anthony of Padua

June 23-28: Men's 5-Day Retreat (*Ridgefield, Ct.*)

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.

The Mental Suffering of Christ

by A Priest of the Diocese of Nottingham

excerpted from

Man and His Immortal Soul (1904)

Severe as the corporal sufferings of Christ are, they are not nearly so great as the afflictions of His soul. "A man," say the Holy Scriptures, "will choose any plague but the plague of the heart" (Ecclus. xxv. 18). We see here, what we learn by experience, that the pains of the body are less afflicting than those of the soul. Behold this proved by the terrible agony of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemani. Suddenly, like a flash of lightning, the thunderbolts of heaven fall upon Him, and the anger of His Father, pent up for thousands of years, bursts upon Him. The innocent Lamb of God stands clothed with the wretched sins of the whole human race. Sins of pride, anger, lust, gluttony; sins of drunkenness, injustice, scandal, and murder; all the sins that have ever been committed or ever will be, now cover and envelop our Lord like a great cloud of iniquity. Now He allows His human soul to have one clear, vivid, and comprehensive view of all that He must endure. The blows wound His flesh, the scourges tear it, the thorns pierce His head, not successively nor in turn, but all now seem to strike at once. In that one moment all His passion came upon Him. Little wonder, then, His "soul is sorrowful even unto death" (Matt. xxvi. 38). He kneels, "falls prostrate on the earth," and prays to His Father that "the hour might pass from him" (Mark xiv. 35). Rising, He goes a little distance to seek consolation from His apostles, but they are asleep (Verse 37). A second time He prays, yea, even a third time: "Father, if thou wilt remove this chalice from me; but yet, not my will but thine be done" (Luke xxii. 42). See how He obeys His Father's wishes. Then an angel descends from heaven to strengthen Him (Verse 43); "and his sweat became as drops of blood, trickling down upon the ground" (Verse 44). Terrible was the agony of His soul when pain forced His very blood through the pores of His sacred body in such a quantity that it soaked His garments and fell in drops upon the ground. No external violence produced this, for no one was near Him, and the night air was cold, and He in His great sorrow was prostrate on the cold earth. Ah, heaven, it was your sins and mine, brethren, that caused this terrible sweat. Christ saw our sins, not in a general way, but individually. He saw your sins and mine, and each of these sins apart from the others. Ah, let us learn to pray as He did, especially in trials, and when temptation comes, so that we may sin no more.

What keen anguish Jesus suffered when Judas betrayed Him. If one of the people who had received a benefit from Christ had done this, it would have been terrible enough. But to think that Judas, one of the twelve, His friend, His companion, His apostle, should do this, was indeed far more terrible and more painful to the heart of Jesus. And for what does he betray Christ? Does he gain a throne or a kingdom? No; the chief priests appoint him "thirty pieces of silver" (Matt. xxvi. 15). Merciful heaven, to sell his Master for such a trifle! After the Last Supper he approaches his Master in the garden and he kisses Him. Great and merciful Father in heaven, Thy Son is betrayed by the very sign of, the very token of, love. What pain must have filled the Sacred Heart of Jesus as He thought of this low, base, and most fearful act. To be betrayed by even a stranger is pain

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The Mental Suffering of Christ (cont'd)

enough, but how fearful to be sold to the enemy by a friend, a dear companion — it was most inhuman. Judas loved money, brethren; he yearned for it; it was his god, and for it he sold his Master. We, too, very often love gold. We neglect our religious duties for it; we are unjust, we cheat, we even steal to gain it. And how often do we betray Jesus, how often do we prefer, not thirty pieces of silver, but some vile sin, some carnal, fleeting gratification, to the will of God. Over and over again we, by our sins, crucify Him and make a mockery of Him. Let us, then, when we condemn the act of Judas, condemn our own conduct also.

Painful was it for our Lord to hear the murderer Barab-bas preferred before Himself; still it was more humiliating to be condemned to the servile punishment of the whip or scourge; yet exceeding all this was the torment of His soul when He suffered the infamous, degrading, and opprobrious death of a malefactor, the death of the cross. There He hangs between two thieves, accounted and held to be worse than a thief. He has been mocked, blindfolded, buffeted, spit upon, scourged and crowned with thorns; but all His sufferings culminate in the death of the cross. How painful it must be for the King of kings to be so humiliated and degraded; how it must have tortured His holy soul. Yes, brethren, and we helped to bring this humiliation upon our Lord by our crimes. How very often do we prefer our evil companions to the company and graces of Christ; and do we not then do our utmost to exhibit our pride, and make people think we are something, whereas we are nothing. It was these sins of men that brought this suffering on Jesus.

But Christ has to suffer still greater sorrow. He is not only treated with humiliation, but also with contempt. In the midst of His sufferings, in the very depths of His tortures, His enemies have no compassion for Him, no pity upon Him. A hellish crowd, with the rulers and priests among them, stand at the foot of the cross and look upon Him as though He were the vilest being that ever earth or heaven beheld. They wag their heads, they rail at Him, they scoff at, revile, and mock Him, and shout aloud: "Vah, thou that destroyest the temple of God, and in three days dost rebuild it: save thy own self; if thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross" (Matt. xxvii. 40). There is no one who is insulted in his misery that does not feel the insult more than the misery itself. How each insult, then, of that scoffing crowd must have pierced our Lord's soul. And yet how foolish were these men. Had Christ come down from the cross,

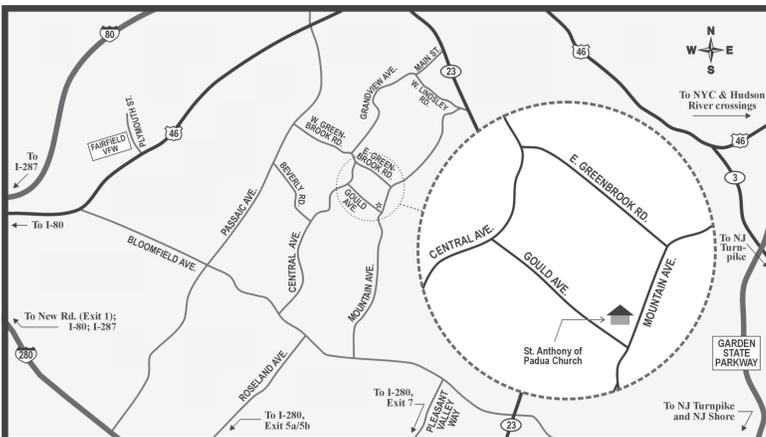
man would not have been redeemed, but still be under the ban of perdition. Brethren, we were not personally in that crowd, we did not insult Christ by our cries, yet we have done worse than this. How often have we refused to hear His voice when He asked us to give up sin. How frequently have we committed mortal sin, and again and again crucified the Son of God and made a mockery of Him (Heb. vi. 6).

But what must we say of Christ's utter desolation? In all His sufferings there is no one to help Him, no one to comfort Him. Judas has betrayed Him; Peter has denied Him; and the rest of His disciples have fled and forsaken Him. Earth seems determined to torment Him all it can. Surely, then, He will receive consolation from above. But no, heaven also seems to have deserted Him, and the consolation which the Father could have given is withheld. Oh! beloved brethren, language can not describe the agony of Christ's soul on this account. It pierces His heart through and through, till it forces Him to cry out in a loud voice: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. xxvii. 46). In all our sufferings there is at least some consolation in the thought that some one grieves for us, that some one will come and take our heavy burden from us. But our loving Lord was bereft of all help; even His blessed Mother could not relieve Him of His sufferings; she could but suffer with Him. He must drink the bitter chalice of affliction to its very dregs. If His corporal sufferings, then, were terrible, still greater were the unspeakable and unparalleled afflictions of His soul. Never, indeed, was there sorrow like to His sorrow. Wonder not, then, that the earth quaked, that the rocks were rent, and the veil of the temple split in two. Be not surprised that the dead rose from their graves; for both they and nature seem to protest against the most cruel and barbarous manner in which their Lord and Creator has been put to death. (Cf. Matt. xxvii. 51-53) Shall our hearts alone remain obdurate and hardened? No, indeed; full of sorrow for our many sins, let us cast ourselves at the feet of our crucified Lord, ask His pardon, and be determined from this very moment, never again to sin, never again to offend Him.

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.

—Galatians 6:14

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.