

And they shall say to Him:

What are these wounds in the midst of Thy hands?



And He shall say:

With these I was wounded

in the house of them that loved Me



St. Anthony of Padua Church

SOCIETY OF ST. PIUS X

Bulletin for April 2009

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April Calendar

- 2 St. Francis of Paula
- 3 Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin / First Friday
- 4 St. Isidore / First Saturday / Chapel Work Day
- 5 **Palm Sunday**
- 9 **Holy Thursday**
- 10 **Good Friday**
- 11 **Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil**
- 12 **Easter Sunday**
- 13 St. Hermenegild
- 13-18 *Women's 5-Day Retreat (Ridgefield, Ct.)*
- 14 St. Justin / Sts. Tiburtius, Valerian, & Maximus
- 17 St. Anicetus
- 19 Low Sunday
- 21 St. Anselm
- 22 Sts. Soter & Caius
- 23 St. George
- 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- 25 St. Mark the Evangelist / Greater Litanies
- 26 2nd Sunday after Easter / Sts. Cletus & Marcellinus /
First Confession
- 27 St. Peter Canisius
- 28 St. Paul of the Cross
- 29 St. Peter of Verona
- 30 St. Catherine of Siena

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. This duty is binding even after the prescribed time has elapsed, until the duty is fulfilled.

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Jean de l'Estourbeillon

(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. de l'Estourbeillon 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 2009 – Schedule

Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Blessing and distribution of palms; Mass

10:30 AM Distribution of palms; High Mass and procession

Holy Thursday

6:30 PM Confessions

7:00 PM Mass of the Last Supper / Mandatum /

Procession to Altar of Adoration, with adoration until 10 PM

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

8:00 AM Mass

10:30 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). Classes are scheduled at 9:30 AM, between the two Sunday Masses, and commence after the thanksgiving silence. Remaining classes for Spring 2009 are **April 5 & 19**.

Spring Cleaning Work Day

The chapel will have a spring cleaning and Easter preparation work day on Saturday, April 4, from 10 AM to 3 PM. Lunch will be provided.

Tasks that need to be accomplished include cleaning, painting, polishing metalware, and outdoor work. There will be 10 teams with various tasks assigned.

All able-bodied parishioners are asked to participate. Please use the sign-up sheets in the social hall.

Mary's Flowers Easter Flower Sale

Mary's Flowers girls will conduct an Easter Flower Sale on Palm Sunday, April 5. All parishioners are encouraged to support this fundraiser. Proceeds are used to purchase flowers for the Mary's Flowers Garden outside the chapel.

First Friday Homeschool Gathering

The first monthly Homeschool Gathering will be conducted on First Friday, April 3. Holy Mass will be offered at 10 AM, followed by talks and activities until 2 PM. Confessions will be heard before Mass. Lunch will be provided.

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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 after Mass — April 2009

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

3rd Sunday – Altar Servers practice

Poor Box (Good Samaritan Fund)

The ongoing Good Samaritan Fund, a fund for the relief of the needy our parish, is separate from church collections. Donations by cash or check (made out to the church) may be placed in the white box located at the chapel entrance. If you are (or someone you know is) in need of assistance, contact the pastor or coordinator, either in person or by a note in the Good Samaritan box. Recipients' names and relief given will be known only to the pastor and coordinator.

Planning Outlook

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

May 3: First Holy Communion / May Crowning

May 11-16: Men's 5-Day Retreat (*Ridgefield, Ct.*)

Jun. 7: Trinity Sunday

Jun. 8-12: Women's 5-Day Retreat (*Ridgefield, Ct.*)

Jun. 11: Feast of Corpus Christi

Jun. 13: St. Anthony of Padua

Jun. 19: Feast of the Sacred Heart

*I live in the faith of the Son of God, who loved me,
and delivered himself for me.*

—Galatians 2:20

In Memoriam: Fr. Francis M. Clifford

3/20/1928 - 3/7/2009

by Francis J. Conklin



A large number of faithful Catholics have lost a great friend and a loyal priest with the death of Fr. Francis M. Clifford on March 7, 2009. Heartbroken with the ruin of the Faith on all sides, Father never wavered from his fidelity to his priestly vows. He never turned (as countless others had) away from his God in the Blessed Sacrament, to whom he gave the entirety of his life. The attraction of the Holy Eucharist was his vocation, his ecclesiastical spirit, his sanctity, and his very joy.

To Fr. Clifford, the Sacred Host, the queen of all Catholic devotions, was the most supreme of all God's mercies — and, at the same time, the very extension of the Incarnation. The presence of the Eternal Word made man in the Sacrament of the altar was the greatest Gift that God could confer upon the world. To this Gift, Father gave his life.

The great warmth of his other devotions was enkindled by his love for the Incarnate Word. He was tireless in propagating devotion to the Heart of Jesus; to each person he met, from the waitress at the restaurant to the toll taker on the Garden State Parkway, he gave a badge of the Sacred Heart. Each year, in July, Father trekked northward on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Sainte Anne de Beaupré, to honor the mother of the Mother of God. He was profoundly devoted to the Passion of Our Lord and to the Stations of the Cross, which he had learned at the side of his father, at St. Patrick's Church in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Who will ever forget the moment of Consecration in Father's Mass, when, as Father leaned over the bread and the wine, all time seemed to cease at that most profound of moments — the moment when the "Compendium of all Miracles," Transubstantiation, took place at the hands of a humble priest. Fr. Clifford knew well that the priesthood was created for the Holy Eucharist and that his greatest honor and privilege was to draw Our Lord down from His Heaven, each morning at Mass.

To Father's great priestly loyalty and fidelity to the parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua Church in North Caldwell, we will be forever grateful. May the priestly soul of Fr. Francis Clifford, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

REQUIEM ÆTERNAM DONA EI, DOMINE, ET LUX PERPETUA LUCEAT EI

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my
course, I have kept the faith. As to the rest, there is
laid up for me a crown of justice, which the Lord the
just judge will render to me in that day.*

—2 Timothy 4:7-8

From the Pastor's Desk: The First Seven Years (Part 3)

by Rev. Fr. Jean de l'Estourbeillon

A child's true spirit of piety comes from the parents

The love of piety does not come suddenly. When St. Dominic Savio was three, his parents were in the habit of putting him to bed before saying the rosary. When children are put to bed that way, they do not like it. They get the impression that they are being rid of, that something interesting is going to happen; perhaps dad and mom are going to eat chocolate cream. What do adults do when the children are in bed? One evening, therefore, St. Dominic got up in pajamas and stood behind his parents who were piously saying their rosary. His father discovered him after a while and pretended to put him back to bed. Little Dominic resisted and asked to remain until the end. This example shows the importance in religious education that one must attach to the sincere prayers of parents. When the child sees or senses his parents praying sincerely, he will imitate them, for a child naturally loves truth, integrity, and sincerity. The aim is to give him a natural habit of daily prayer so that, one day, he comes to love praying.

In the house of St. Therese's birth, in Alencon, one can see the bed of the Martins, her parents. When Therese was small, she liked to hide at the foot of this bed, behind the curtain that comes down from the ceiling. There, she "thought of God, of the swiftness of life, of eternity." There was a little girl who, at a very young age, knew how to pray because she was immersed in a profoundly Christian atmosphere.

The lives of saints are filled with these wonderful examples that help us greatly to understand those principles of religious education essential to our supernatural life. Their writings and their actions support in a very clear fashion what we have explained above.

During the absorbing age, a child is naturally more attracted to piety

St. Therese understood very well the importance of the "absorbing age." Before entering Carmel, she took into her home two very young girls whose mother had just died, and took care of them all day. Concerning this subject, she wrote: "I saw rapidly that Holy Baptism disposes in souls a profound seed of theological virtues. When I wanted to see my two little girls be agreeable to each other, instead of promising toys or candy, I spoke to them of eternal rewards ... Seeing those innocent souls so closely, I understood what a shame it would be not to form them upon their awak-

ening, when they resemble soft wax ... How many souls would reach sanctity, if they were well directed!"

Great importance of the first catechism of the mother

The history of St. Pius X's decree on early communion (August 8, 1910) is very instructive on the importance of parents giving to the little ones a proper catechism. St. Pius X asked himself if he should allow little children to receive communion as soon as they are able to distinguish the Holy Eucharist from ordinary bread. As was his habit, according to Cardinal Merry Del Val, he asked God to clarify the subject. "My Lord, tell me what must I do." He repeated this often. One day, it was announced that an English lady and a boy of four were soliciting an audience. It is not usually easy to be received by the pope, but St. Pius X responded with eagerness, and the mother and her boy were introduced. While the mother conversed with the Holy Father, the child approached and put his hands on the Pope's knees. "John!" exclaimed the dismayed mother.

"Let him be," said St. Pius X. "My little one, you have something to say to me. I know it, do not be afraid."

The child exclaimed, in a single breath, "Holy Father, I would like to do my First Communion."

He asked, "Whom does one receive in Holy Communion?"

"Jesus Christ."

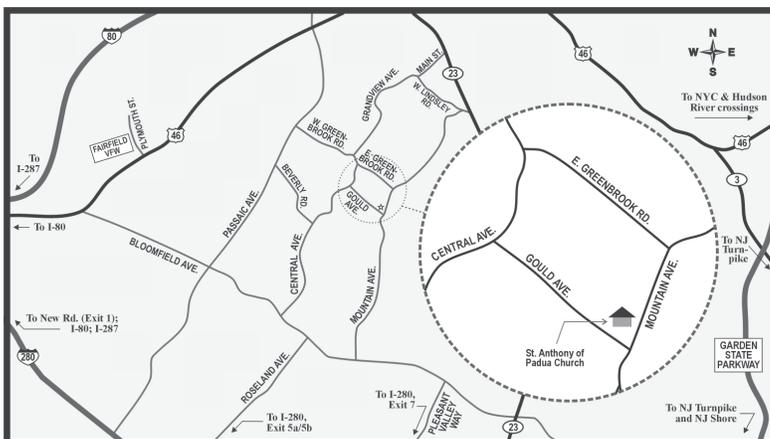
"And who is Jesus Christ?"

"Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

The answer shot like a cannonball from the child. St. Pius X got up and said, "Madam, bring the child to me tomorrow, here, at 6 a.m. I will give him Holy Communion myself, in my private chapel. My little one, you will not wait one more day." The pope of the Holy Eucharist received his answer; it was not the only time in Church history that God spoke to his representatives through the mouths of children.

God, who loves candor and innocence, sent His response to the Saint, through the mouth of a four-year-old. He, Who knows perfectly "how the man is done," showed us by examples that it is during the absorbing age that the human being receives the foundation of his spiritual life. It is during infancy that the child learns to speak to God sincerely by prayer. In this short part of human life, man gets the deep spirit of Christian piety that will follow him all his life. Let us imitate in our families these beautiful examples of the saints, to obtain blessings and vocations in our flourishing parish.

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.