



# St. Anthony of Padua Church

SOCIETY OF ST. PIUS X

Bulletin for May 2010

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103 Gould Avenue, North Caldwell, New Jersey 07006

## May Calendar

- 1 St. Joseph the Worker
- 1 *Rosary Recollection (St. Anthony's, N. Caldwell, N.J.)*
- 2 4th Sunday after Easter / St. Athanasius
- 2 *First Holy Communion / May Crowning*
- 3 Finding of the True Cross / Sts. Alexander I, Eventius & Theodolus, & Juvenal
- 4 St. Monica
- 5 St. Pius V
- 7 St. Stanislaus / First Friday
- 9 5th Sunday after Easter / St. Gregory Nazianzen
- 10 St. Antoninus / Sts. Gordian & Epimachus / Rogation Day
- 11 Sts. Philip & James, Apostles / Rogation Day
- 12 Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla & Pancratius / Rogation Day
- 13 The Ascension of Our Lord (**holy day**) / St. Robert Bellarmine
- 14 St. Boniface of Tarsus
- 15 St. John Baptist de la Salle
- 16 Sunday after the Ascension / St. Ubaldo
- 17 St. Pascal Baylon
- 17-22 *Men's 5-Day Retreat (Ridgefield, Ct.)*
- 18 St. Venantius
- 19 St. Peter Celestine / St. Pudentiana
- 20 St. Bernardine of Siena
- 22 Vigil of Pentecost
- 23 Pentecost (Whitsunday)
- 25 St. Gregory VII / St. Urban I
- 26 St. Philip Neri / St. Eleutherius / Ember Wednesday (fast)
- 27 St. Bede the Venerable / St. John I
- 28 St. Augustine of Canterbury / Ember Friday (fast)
- 29 St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi / Ember Saturday (fast)

### 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>

30 Trinity Sunday / St. Felix I

31 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary / St. Petronilla

## Holy Day of Obligation

Forty days after the Resurrection, Our Lord Jesus Christ, attended by Angels, ascended into Heaven in the sight of His most holy Mother and His Apostles and disciples, to the great wonder of them all. He entered into possession of the Kingdom of Heaven, which He had gained by His sufferings.

As long as Christ dwelt on earth, He personally discharged the threefold office of Prophet, Priest, and King. On the eve of his departure from this world, He delegated His powers to His Apostles. After His Ascension into Heaven, they and their successors were to teach, sanctify, and guide mankind.

The Feast of the Ascension (Thursday, May 13) is a holy day of obligation. Masses at St. Anthony's will be celebrated at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM.

## First Holy Communion

First Communicants will receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist on May 2 at the 10:30 AM Mass.

## May Crowning

On May 2, we will have the May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin at the 10:30 AM Mass. By focusing attention on Mary's merits and intercessions, we honor and revere her during the beautiful month of May.

## Pentecost

Our Lord Jesus Christ, being seated at the right hand of God, sent the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles, as He had promised. After His Ascension, they continued in prayer at Jerusalem, in company with the Blessed Virgin, awaiting the performance of His promise. Pentecost, or Whitsunday (literally "White Sunday"), is regarded as the "birthday" of the Catholic Church.

## First Saturday / Rosary Recollection Mass Schedule

Please note that First Saturday meetings and conferences for May are cancelled, due to the Rosary Recollection conferences. The 6:00 PM Saturday evening Mass is cancelled; however, there will be a 3:00 PM afternoon Mass that day, in addition to the 9:15 AM morning Mass.

## First Friday Homeschool Gathering

The monthly Homeschool Gathering will be conducted on First Friday, May 7. Holy Mass will be at 10 AM; confessions will be heard before Mass. Father will give a talk as well as provide choral instruction; other activities are also scheduled. 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 donation checks payable 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 — May 2010**

**1st Saturday** – no First Saturday meetings in May, due to Rosary Recollection

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

**4th Sunday** – Pastor's liturgical instruction (9:00 AM)

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## **Support for Our Seminarians**

Parishioners wishing to financially assist the seminarians known to our parish, Rev. Mr. Therasian Xavier from India and Mr. Frankter Natera, may contribute directly to their tuition accounts. Tuition at the seminary is \$7,000 per year. You may send donations to: St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, 21077 Quarry Hill Rd., Winona, MN 55987. Make checks payable to "St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary" and **write the seminarian's name and "tuition" in the memo section.**

Rev. Mr. Xavier and Mr. Natera express their gratitude for any assistance that the parishioners of St. Anthony's may offer.

## **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.

## **Confirmation at St. Anthony's**

On Tuesday, June 22, Bishop Alfonso de Galarreta will be visiting St. Anthony's to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Mass and Confirmation will begin at 12 NOON.

If any parishioners have not yet been confirmed but wish to receive this Sacrament in June, please contact the pastor or the parish coordinator for information.

## **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.

## **Planning Outlook**

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

**Jun. 3:** Feast of Corpus Christi

**Jun. 11:** Feast of the Sacred Heart

**Jun. 14-19:** Women's 5-Day Retreat (*Ridgefield, Ct.*)

**Jun. 22:** Confirmation (*St. Anthony's, N. Caldwell, N.J.*)

**Jul. 1:** Feast of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus

**Jul. 12-17:** Men's 5-Day Retreat (*Ridgefield, Ct.*)

**Aug. 6:** Transfiguration of Our Lord

**Aug. 9-14:** Women's 5-Day Retreat (*Ridgefield, Ct.*)

**Aug. 15:** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (holy day)

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## **Mary After the Ascension and at Pentecost**

*by Don Gaspar Gilli, excerpted from  
The Month of Mary (1890)*

### **Mary After the Ascension of Christ**

God placed two beautiful luminaries in the heavens on the fourth day of the Creation; one called the *greater*, the other the *lesser light*; the former to rule over the day, the latter, over the night. Although God decreed that darkness should succeed the day, He, the increated Light, would not allow the night to be entirely deprived of light. When, in His Providence, He wished to create the spiritual world in His Church, He placed in it, as in a Divine firmament, two great luminaries. The greatest is Jesus Christ, Our Saviour and Master — an abyss of light, and the source of splendour, the true Sun of Justice; the lesser luminary is the Most Holy Mother of this Divine Saviour; a most glorious Mother, resplendent and beautiful as the moon.

The Son of God came down upon earth, like the sun upon our atmosphere, to clothe Himself with our humanity, and formed our light and day; a most longed-for day, which lasted about thirty-three years, during which time He illumined the Church with the splendour of His miracles, His example and His doctrine. But the hour having at last arrived when this precious Sun was to set and cast Its rays over the other hemisphere — that is, heaven — what else could remain on earth but darkness and obscurity? And, in fact, night quickly spread around — the night of the many persecutions raised against the Apostles. But that its darkness might be more tolerable, it also had its luminary in the person of the Most Holy Virgin, who remained with the disciples and the faithful, after the Ascension of her Divine Son. This we learn from St. Luke: the Most Holy Mary was

## *Mary After the Ascension and at Pentecost (cont'd)*

with the disciples in the upper room on the day of Pentecost, and persevered with them in communion and prayer.

Jesus Christ would leave her still in the world: firstly, that as a luminary she might be the comfort of the faithful immersed in the night of tribulations; secondly, that by surviving her Divine Son she might acquire greater merit, so that it might be truly said of her — many daughters have gathered riches, you have surpassed them all; thirdly, that her presence might be a convincing proof against the heresy that arose after the Ascension of Our Lord, which held that He had not taken a natural Body but one merely in appearance. Thus, even in her lifetime, were verified in her regard the words of Holy Church: “You, august Virgin, have destroyed all heresies.”

The Most Holy Virgin lived after the Ascension of her Divine Son until she reached the age of sixty-three; and thus this mystic Ark of the new Covenant dwelt under tents in the desert of this world.

Our Divine Lord wished that His Most Holy Mother should, after having been an example to virgins and to mothers, become the model of widows by her modesty and her love for the hidden life. Widows may be compared to the little lowly violet, which has no brilliancy in its colour but has a scent which, without being too strong, is marvellously sweet. Oh, what a beautiful flower in the Church is the Christian widow! Lowly, through humility, and without splendour in the eyes of the world, since she flies from it; she is unable to meet the gaze of men when her heart no longer desires their love.

The Apostle St. Paul orders his disciple St. Timothy, to honour those *who are widows indeed*; that is, those who are so in heart and mind. “Blessed,” says Our Lord, “are the pure of heart” and “poor in spirit.”

Widows in spirit and in desire are deserving of the highest esteem; for what means the word “widow” but need and destitution. Honour, then, be rendered to those who are such in mind and heart, for they are humble and their Protector is the Lord!

### *Mary in the Upper Room at Jerusalem*

The Eternal Father bestowed an incomparable gift upon the world when He gave it His Only Son. Jesus Christ Himself said: “God hath so loved the world as to give it His Only Son”; and St. Paul exclaims: “How has He not with Him given us all things?” — *Quomodo non etiam omnia cum illo nobis donavit?*

Almighty God, in the ancient Law, had bestowed an infinity of blessings upon His chosen people; but they were given according to measure. In the Law of Grace, however, He had no sooner seen His Beloved Son ascended into heaven than He opened His Hands to pour forth His graces and gifts upon all the faithful, according to the prophecy of Joel, that *supra omnem carnem* — “over all men” — would He diffuse His Holy Spirit.

If we desire to receive this Divine Spirit, let us beg Our Lord to bestow Him upon us through the merits of his Most Holy Mother, the glorious Virgin Mary, and through the love He bore to her; and we shall thus, like the Apostles, be with *Mary the Mother of Jesus*. We shall never understand how necessary is this condition. St. Elizabeth had no sooner spoken to the Most Holy Virgin than she was immediately, says St. Luke, “filled with the Holy Ghost.” Nor is this a subject of wonder, because Mary is the Spouse of the Holy Ghost, the Daughter of the Eternal Father, and the Mother of the Eternal Son.

The Evangelist St. Luke, by observing that men and women were assembled in the room, admonishes us that we must all hope to receive the Holy Ghost; but he mentions in particular the presence of *Mary the Mother of Jesus*, to insinuate that she was there as the Queen of the Apostles. How mistaken, then, are those who say that we honour the Most Holy Virgin too much! This august Virgin, it is true, had already received the Holy Spirit and the fulness of grace in the Annunciation, but in the upper room she received a great superabundance of grace.

Whoever, then, desires to receive the Holy Ghost, let him unite himself to Mary; because he who separates himself from her, does not gather but scatters. Let us serve her, honour her, that He Who comes into our hearts, by her mediation, may also receive us by the same mediation.

To conclude, we may learn a very useful lesson from the words of St. Luke about the Disciples when they had received the Holy Ghost: “All spoke in divers tongues according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak” — *Prout Spiritus Sanctus dabat eloqui illis*; that is, that though all spoke, yet they did not speak in the same manner. The Apostles preached the new Law; and those who did not preach publicly, animated one another to praise and magnify the Lord. Let us, however, understand that there is an efficacious method of speaking without even uttering a word, and it is by the good example which we give to our neighbour.

David says: “The heavens declare the glory of God. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.” These words signify that the beauty of the heavens invites men to admire the magnificence of the Creator. Indeed, when on a clear night we contemplate the beauty of the heavens, we do not feel less animated to admire and adore the Omnipotence and Wisdom of God, Who has studded it with such beautiful stars, than when we observe the inaccessible light of the sun in its full meridian splendour. What conclusion are we to draw from all this but that we, who are something more than all the rest of creation (since all things were made for us, and not we for them), should, by our good example, announce the glory of God more perfectly than the heavens and the stars. Good example is a silent but a most efficacious influence. In this manner we can all preach, although we have not all received the gift of tongues. Is it a less wonder to see a soul adorned with many sublime virtues than to see the heavens decorated with magnificent stars? How much, my God, do I need the Spirit of strength when I feel myself so weak and infirm! However, I glory in my infirmity *that the Power of my God may dwell in me*. Let us glory in our weakness, which makes us fitting receptacles of the Power of God. May He grant that this sacred fire, which can entirely change us into Him, may transform our hearts into His pure Love, that we may be all love and not lovers only. May He grant me also to receive and make good use of the gift of understanding, that my mind may be more enlightened to penetrate clearly the sacred mysteries of our holy Faith; for this understanding has a wonderful power to subjugate the will to the service of Him Whom it recognises to be so good and so worthy of love. Yet, as true love is active, we need counsel, that we may be able to discern how to exercise this love; and then our soul is excellently endowed with the sacred gifts of Heaven.

May the Holy Spirit, Who favours us with His gifts, form our whole consolation, and be eternally adored by my mind and by my heart! May He be always our wisdom and our understanding, our counsel and our fortitude, our knowledge and our piety, and fill us with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.

## The Peace of Pentecost

by Rev. Michael McDonough, excerpted from *One Year With God (1915)*

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you”  
(John 14:27)

Our Divine Saviour spoke those words on Holy Thursday. The following day He suffered and died, and on Sunday He arose from the dead. Forty days later He ascended into heaven. But just before His Ascension He commanded His apostles not to depart from Jerusalem but to remain in that city until He should send the Holy Ghost, Who “would teach them all things and bring all things to their minds whatsoever He had told them.” The apostles obeyed this command of their Divine Master and waited patiently in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Ghost. And finally, ten days after the Ascension, on Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Ghost descended upon them. It was only then that they fully experienced that perfect peace which our Divine Lord had promised them when He said: “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you.”

Even after His Ascension into heaven their hearts had been troubled and anxious. It is true that they were not so weak as they had formerly been; for they had beheld for forty days the arisen Body of our Lord, and had seen His Ascension into heaven, and were sure now beyond a doubt that He was the Son of God. And yet their hearts were not perfectly peaceful. With the unfriendly Jews filling the city all around them, they feared for their lives; and they were nervous and anxious, expecting the coming of the Holy Ghost every moment and longing for it.

On Whit-Sunday, “when the days of the Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place: and suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues, as it were, of fire; and it sat upon every one of them: and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak” (Acts 2:1-4). This is substantially all that we know about that mysterious descent of the Holy Ghost which our Saviour had bidden them to wait for; but whatever it may have been in its outward appearances, it wrought a wonderful change in the hearts of the apostles. It was their confirmation in faith and hope and in the love of God and neighbor. A moment before they had been anxious and fearful; but

now that the Holy Ghost had entered their hearts, they were completely transformed.

They were no longer in fear for their lives, but considered their lives as of no importance when compared with the work which God had given them to do. They threw open the doors and went out bravely into the streets of the city; they went abroad into all the cities of the world, preaching Jesus Christ and Him Crucified to believers and infidels, to friends and enemies, with no thought of the consequences, and no fear in their hearts except the fear of God.

The apostles had been changed by that strange and mysterious descent of the Holy Ghost into strong and perfect Christians, soldiers and heroes of Jesus Christ. It had confirmed them in strength and courage, in the power of preaching and the power of working miracles, in Christian heroism and the firm resolve to suffer and die rather than deny their faith or commit grievous sin. Above all it had wrought a change in their hearts; so that in those hearts, where there was trouble and anxiety before, there was now only joy and peace.

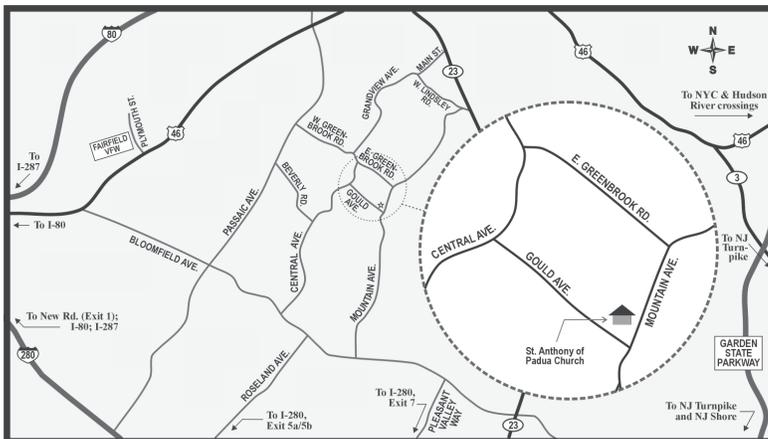
“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you,” our Saviour had said to them. When the Holy Ghost came down into their hearts, this perfect peace entered with Him, not to depart again, but to remain there ever afterwards, growing deeper and deeper the longer they were faithful to God’s commands.

And even as the Holy Ghost remained forever in the hearts of Christ’s apostles, so also He remains forever in the Church of Christ. He was sent, not to the apostles alone, but to the whole Church and all its members. And to all the members of the Church this peace of soul was also promised, this more than earthly peace which the world cannot give.

We all experience it at certain times. When you are leaving the confessional after making a good confession, that peace is in your heart. When you are saying your prayers without wilful distractions, you often feel it. You felt it in the innocent years of childhood when your souls, purified by baptism, had not yet been stained by actual sin. And so long as a person is guiltless of mortal sin and virtuous, so long as he tries to conquer his temptations and lead a Christian life, he will always possess this peace of God.

*Pray for me, O Spouse of the Holy Ghost*

### 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):**

Right on Lindsley Rd. Left on Mountain Ave. Left 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.