From Father's Desk

May 13, the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparition at Fatima

On the thirteenth of May, after Sunday morning Mass, they chose to lead their sheep to a property of Lucy's parents called Cova da Iria. After eating their meal at noon and praying the Rosary, the children began to play. Suddenly they saw a kind of lightning, making them believe that a storm was approaching, and they began to descend the hill to make for home.

When about halfway down the slope there was another flash of light, and a Lady appeared above a holm-oak tree. Lucy says that the Lady was "all dressed in white, more brilliant than the sun, radiating a light clearer and more intense than a crystal glass filled with clear water pierced by the most burning rays of the sun." The children stopped and found themselves in the light that emanated from Her.

Lucy describes the apparition in this way:

Then Our Lady said to us: 'Do not be afraid. I will do you no harm.'

'Where is Your Grace from?' I asked Her. 'I am of Heaven.' 'What does Your Grace want of me?' 'I have come to ask you to come here for six months in succession, on the 13th day, at this same hour. Later on, I will tell you who I am and what I want. Afterwards, I will return here vet a seventh time.' 'Shall I go to Heaven too?' 'Yes, you will.' 'And Jacinta?' 'Also.' 'And Francisco?' 'Also, but he will have to say many Rosaries.'

I remembered then to ask about two girls who had died recently. They were friends of mine and they used to come to my home to learn weaving with my eldest sister.

'Is Maria das Neves already in Heaven?' 'Yes, she is.' It seems to me that she was about sixteen years old.

'And Amelia?' 'She will be in Purgatory until the end of the world.' It seems to me that she must have been between eighteen and twenty years old.

'Are you willing to offer yourselves to God to bear all the sufferings He wants to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and for the conversion of sinners?' 'Yes, we are willing.' 'You are then going to have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort.'

It was in pronouncing those last words (the grace of God, etc.) that Our Lady opened Her hands for the first time, and communicated to us, as by a reflection which emanated from them, a light so intense that, penetrating our heart and even to the depths of our soul, it made us see ourselves in God. Who was this light, more clearly than we see ourselves in the best mirrors.

Then, moved by an interior impulse which was communicated to us, we fell on our knees and said repeatedly: 'O Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee. My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Holy Sacrament.'

The first moments passed, and Our Lady added:

'Recite the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war.'

'Can You tell me whether the war will still last a long time, or if it will soon end?'

'I cannot tell you yet, as I have not yet told you what I want.'

Then She began to rise serenely, going up towards the east until She disappeared in the immensity of the sky.

From I-280 (Option 1): Exit 5a or 5b to

Right on Bloomfield Ave. Left on

Mountain Ave. Left to 103 Gould

From I-280 (option 2) Exit 7 to Pleasant

Left to 103 Gould Ave.

Valley Way (northbound). Left on

Livingston Ave. (northbound). Right on

Eagle Rock Ave. Left on Roseland Ave.

Bloomfield Ave. Right on Mountain Ave.

From I-287: I-287 to NJ-23 or I-80, whichever

NJ-23 southbound or I-80 eastbound

is closer. Follow directions as above for

Directons:

From I-80 (Eastbound):

Exit 47 B (The Caldwells/Montclair) to US 46 E Right on Bloomfield Ave.

Left on Mountain Ave. Left to 103 Gould

From I-80 (Westbound)

Exit 53 to NJ-23S. Right on Lindley Rd. Left on Mountain Ave. Right to 103 Gould

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):

US-46 E to Bloomfield Ave. Right on

Bloomfield Ave.

Left to 103 Gould Ave.

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May. 2017



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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 7:30AM & 10:00AM / Holy Days: 10:00AM & 7:30PM

Saturday Mass: 9:00AM / First Friday: 6:00PM

Sacrament of Confession

Confessions are heard at least 30 minutes prior to every Mass.

Sacraments, Sick Calls, & Pastoral Visits Contact the priest at the Ridgefield retreat house (203) 431-0201 for information regarding

Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation, Sick Calls, and Extreme Unction.

Contact Us:

Parish phone: (973) 228-1230

Web: http://www.sspxridgefield.com/ http://sspx.org

Administrative Notes _____

Bookstore

St. Anthony's bookstore is open each Sunday. Please consider the chapel a source for your religious books and gifts. *Proceeds benefit the parish*. Stations of the Cross and Rosary CD's, recorded by Fr. Young and the Padre Pio Academy students.

Digital downloads are available at: www.padrepioacademy.bandcamp.com

Mass Intentions & Stipends

To have Masses offered for living or deceased persons contact the priest personally. The US District stipend is \$20 per request. This is a suggested offering, more can be given. A lesser value can be arranged with the priest.

Donations: Check, Cash, or Online

Checks should be made payable to "St. Anthony of Padua Church-SSPX" Donations by check do not require an envelope. Cash donations please consider using an envelope. Include Name, Address, Date, and Amount. The accountant retains the envelope as a receipt for your tax records. You may also give online or by downloading the simplegive app. http://my.simplegive.com/stanthonypadua

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 choir. Please contact the choir director, Mr. Dan Kabana, if you are interested.

Poor Box (Good Samaritan Fund)

The Good Samaritan Fund is for the relief of the needy in our parish. Donations by cash and check accepted. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, contact the priest or coordinator in person or via a note in the donation box. Recipients known only to the priest and coordinator. Location - White box to the left as you exit the back of the chapel.

Sunday Catechism Classes

Classes are the first and third Sundays at 9:00am.

Parish Groups

Third Order Carmelites meet each month on First Saturdays following the 9:00am Mass.

The *Holy Name Society* attends the 7:30 am Mass and meets on the second Sunday each month at 9:00am. New members always welcome.

Volunteers

Please consider signing up for church cleaning.

Retreate

Please refer to www.sspxridgefield.com for the latest information.

Please do not place any literature in the Church without Father's permission.

Mass Schedule

Fri. May 5: First Friday (St. Pius V) 6:00 pm Mass, followed by Rosary and Benediction

Sat. May 6: First Saturday 9:00 am Mass followed by Holy Hour of Reparation

Sunday, May 7: 3rd Sunday after Easter 7:30 am: Low Mass 9:00 am: Catechism10:00 am: Sung Mass, First Communion, and May Crowning

Sat. May 13: St. Robert Bellarmine 9:00 am Mass followed by Holy Hour of Reparation

Sunday, May 14: 4th Sunday after Easter (Mother's Day)

7:30 am: Low Mass 10:00 am: Low Mass

Sat. May 20: St. Bernardine of Siena 11:00 am: Administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and Mass offered by His Excellency Bishop Tissier de Mallerais

Sunday, May 21: 5th Sunday after Easter

7:30 am: Low Mass 10:00 am: Low Mass

Th. May 25: Ascension Thursday (Holyday of Obligation)

10:00 am: Low Mass 7:30 pm: Low Mass

Sat. May 27:

9:00 am Mass followed by Holy Hour of Reparation

Sunday, May 28: Sunday after the Ascension 7:30 am Low Mass 10:00 am Low Mass St. Anthony's Table Refreshment Sunday

