



***IT IS GOOD  
FOR US TO  
BE HERE.***

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**St. Antoninus Church**

**March 13, 2022**

**Sunday Mass: 8AM in Rectory; 10 AM in Church**

(Sunday Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 9-10AM)

**Confession Available:** Sundays 9-9:45AM (in church) Also available after daily noon Mass.

1st Friday after Noon Mass, 1st Sat. 2-3PM (lower church)

**Daily Mass & Benediction:** Tues. thru Sat. noon (rectory Chapel)

**Religious Education:** Sunday 8:15-9:15 AM in convent basement.

**RCIA:** Thurs. 7:15PM (Google Meet) & in person

**Bible Study:** Tuesdays 8PM. (Zoom & in person)

**Real Love Ministries Prayer Group:** Last Saturday of month, 5-7 PM (Zoom)

**First Friday Devotions:** Sacred Heart Mass Noon, Alliance for 2 Hearts 2-5PM Rectory Chapel

**First Saturday:** 2PM Adoration & Immaculate Heart Devotions, (lower Church)

3PM Chaplet & Healing Mass (lower church in person & live-streamed)

**Divine Adoration Prayer Group:** Saturdays at 3-6PM in person & live-streamed.

**Daily Rosary: 7PM** (Zoom) 6:30 PM Fridays during Lent.

**Young Adults:** 2nd Thurs. 8PM. (Zoom)

**Prayer Meeting:** Wednesdays 7:45PM Rectory Chapel (Zoom & in person)

**Adoration: Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel** Tues. through Sat. 9AM-8PM. Email office to get code

**Men's Prayer Vigil:** (pending) 3rd Friday, 7-9PM (lower church)

**Healing Ministry:** 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month after Mass.

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## Mass Intentions & Readings

Note: Mass Stipends are \$10



Sunday: 3/13/2022	Parishioners & Friends of St. A's	Gn 15:5-18, Phil 3:17-4:1, Lk 9:38-36
Monday: 3/14/2022		Dn 9:4-10, Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 3/15/2022	Raphael Akpu	Is 1:10-20, Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: 3/16/2022	John Ikechukwu Okoye	Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: 3/17/2022	St. Patrick Veronica Nwajei & Family	Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31
Friday: 3/18/2022	St. Cyril of Jerusalem Catherine Igwagu	Gn 37:3-28, Mt 21:33-46
Saturday: 3/19/2022	St. Joseph Ethel Butler	2 Sm 7:4-16, Rom 4:13-22, Mt 1:16-24

Repose of the souls of: *Benedict Okafor, Phyllis Farren, Joseph Asaa, Albert Rhodes, Colette Gnakouri, Fr. Bill O'Brien, Tony Hudak, Nikolas Szymanski, Theresa Flemming, Affoue Ouffouet. Therese Dempsey, Fr. Bill Halbing, Gnakouri Collette*

Pray for healing for: *Alice Murray, Fr. Joseph, Eric Augustus, Femi Kuye, Ebelechukwu & Kamidchukwu Emenike, Tess Reyes, Cynthia Singh, Torchia Family, Georgina & Norbert Aminzia, Botolere Vertil, Horace Victor, Fr. Louis, Marco Pineda, Ronnie Wood, Teresa Disla, Telesha Paillere, Laureen Esekenegebe, Norbert Sorhaindo, Rebecca Faith Lupetkin, Tawnie Szymanski, Michael Joseph, Joseph Alliotta, Louisa Thomas, Deborah Andrews*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays during Lent. Rosary at 6:30PM, Mass at 7:00PM followed by Stations of the Cross.



ADORATION: From Tuesday thru Saturday from 9AM-8PM in the Guadalupe Chapel in the convent. Need code to get in. Call the office.

LENT: Fridays are days of abstinence (no meat). This applies to those 14 & up. Good Friday is a day of fasting as well. Applies to those 18-59 where 1 full meal & 2 small meals which together do not surpass the 1 full meal. We can & need to do MORE.



TWO GREAT SAINTS grace this week. St. Patrick & St. Joseph.



Mar. 6, \$2047.00 Building Fund: \$1122.00 Harvest: \$.00

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR. BILL HALBING: Sunday, Mar. 20, his 66th birthday. Spread the word. Need someone to take charge & recruit volunteers to organize the hall & the light refreshments, finger food. Many of Fr. Bill's Bible Studies are on-line. Type his name in Search & see all the links.



NEW SCHEDULE (On-line links are available on website)

SUNDAY: Mass at 8AM in rectory. 9AM Adoration & Mass: 10AM in church. For live stream go to <https://www.youtube.com/> Enter Saint Antoninus on search.

DAILY MASS & BENEDICTION : Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.: Noon. In person.

SCRIPTURE STUDY : Tuesday 8PM. In person & Zoom. In rectory.

ROSARY: Daily 7PM Zoom

PRAYER MEETING 7:45PM in person in Rectory & Zoom

DIVINE ADORATION MEETING: Tues. 6:30-8PM. On Line Prayer & Bible Study, Thursday: Healing Prayer 7-30PM, Sat. 3-6PM in person & live streamed. Go to <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/divineadoration> to download the app. ID: divineadoration. Or dial in at 978-990-5403 Access code: 169025#

REAL LOVE MINISTRIES : Last Saturday 5-7PM, meets in different venues & ZOOM <https://zoom.us/j/2919282319> Meeting ID: 291 928 2319 One tap mobile: +16468769923,,2919282319# To download flier for month's speaker, go to <https://realloveministries.org/>

YOUNG ADULTS: 2nd Thurs. 8PM in person & Zoom

**TIMES ARE GETTING TOUGH** especially for single parents, one income families & low income people. If you need help with groceries & fresh vegetables & fruit, check out the Friary on S. 9th St. on Tuesdays at noon. Go to their gated lot on S. 9th St. **Bring big bags.** And then go to the main entrance for a great lunch.

**THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS & HAS ALWAYS ONLY MATTERED IN GOD'S EYES** is the salvation of souls. All of creation is an act of redemption to provide us with a way back to Him but we have put too much focus on this world at the cost of realizing why we are in this world. We are in a serious period of much needed correction. We need to heed & PRAY as if our real life depends on it...for it does.

#### **EARTH & HEAVEN MET...**

...on a mountain top. Strange things happen on mountain tops. Moses first meets God on Mt. Sinai when he sees the burning bush. Later Moses went up to meet with God Who gave him the 10 commandments. In the end, we will come to Mt. Zion, the city of the living God. In today's Gospel, Jesus takes the favored few among the disciples, Peter, James & John & goes up to what tradition tells us is Mt. Tabor. Jesus often preferred mountain tops to go to pray to His Father & that is what He was doing when...suddenly His face was changed & reflected the glory of Who He really is...the Son of God & the light of His Godhead even transfigured His clothes into the radiance of His glory. And in all that glory of the heavenly realm, 2 citizens of that Kingdom, servants & prophets of the Lord appear with Him commiserating with what He was about to endure. It was like a reminder of Who He really is & the mission of redemption He was called to perform as arduous as it would be in His manhood. The Old & the New Testament link up & in the fullness of that revelation, God the Father, the Author of the plan of redemption appears in a cloud as He did with the Israelites in their journey to the promised land. He shrouds His holiness in a cloud & pronounces Whose Son this really is for the benefit of the 3 who will carry the message of salvation throughout the world to bring souls from the earthly kingdom to their original heavenly home if they but believe. Back to the natural, only silence could follow such a manifestation that would not be fully understood until His mission had been fulfilled.

#### **AND NOT LONG AFTER THIS.....**

...Jesus sets His face like flint & proceeds to the way of the cross despite the horrified objections of His followers, but they could only follow, such was their love for Him. But buried in the hearts of the 3 who had a glimpse of His glory, the scandal of the cross would be somewhat mitigated & would eventually build the faith of His followers as it was later recounted to them & to us.

Pope Leo the Great captures the "why" of it: *The great reason for this transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of His disciples & to prevent the humiliation of His voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed. The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as His gift. The members of the body were to look forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head. (Pope Leo the Great)*

#### **A HOMILY IN THE WINDOW**

Today, turn around, stand up & look up at the homily in the window that graces our church over the choir loft. There is a magnificent portrayal in stained glass of the transfiguration. There are many symbols in that image that could use some explanation. Moses & Elijah, 2 representatives of the Old Testament who foretold the coming of Jesus Whose story is the New Testament are represented. Everything foretold in the Old Testament is fulfilled in the New. Why are there those horns or rays on Moses' head? It was a misuse of Jerome's translating from the Hebrew into Latin. The Hebrew word is "qaran" meaning radiating light. A similar word "qeren" means horns signifying power. Later artistic renditions used the "qeren" to illustrate what Jerome had translated. The "qeren" were intended to portray growth of light emanating from Moses. Thus was the statue of Moses by Michelangelo sculpted, rendering the "qeren" as horns.





# ST. ANTONINUS CHURCH CALENDAR

## MARCH, 2022

JESUS IS LORD TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER

SUNDAY	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7PM Rosary	7PM Rosary	<b>1</b> Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 8:00PM Scripture Study	<b>2</b> Ash Wednesday Noon Mass 3PM Ashes & Chaplet 7PM Rosary 8PM Mass & ashes Fast & Abstinence	<b>3</b> Noon Mass 7PM Rosary	<b>4</b> Abstinence Noon Mass & 1st Friday Devotion to Sacred Heart 6:30PM Rosary <b>Mass &amp; Stations 7:45PM</b>	<b>5</b> Noon Mass 2PM Devotion to Our Lady 3PM Healing Mass Rosary 7PM
<b>6</b> 1st Sunday of Lent Mass 8AM Adoration 9AM Mass 10AM Healing after Mass 7PM Rosary	<b>7</b> 7PM Rosary	<b>8</b> Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 8PM Scripture Study	<b>9</b> Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 7:45 PM Prayer Meeting	<b>10</b> Noon Mass 7PM Rosary Young Adults 8PM	<b>11</b> Noon Mass 6:30PM Rosary Mass & Stations 7:45PM Abstinence	<b>12</b> Noon Mass Div Adoration 3-6PM 7PM Rosary
<b>13</b> 2nd Sunday of Lent Mass 8AM Adoration 9AM Mass 10AM 7PM Rosary	<b>14</b> 7PM Rosary	<b>15</b> Noon Mass 7PM Rosary Scripture Study 8:00PM	<b>16</b> Noon Mass 7PM Rosary Prayer Meeting 7:45PM	<b>17</b> Noon Mass 7PM Rosary Young Adults 8PM St. Patrick	<b>18</b> Noon Mass 6:30PM Rosary Mass & Stations 7:45PM Abstinence	<b>19</b> Noon Mass Div. Adoration 3-6 PM 7PM Rosary St. Joseph
<b>20</b> 3rd Sunday of Lent Mass 8AM Adoration 9AM Mass 10AM Fr. Bill Memorial Mass Healing after Mass 7PM Rosary	<b>21</b> 7PM Rosary	<b>22</b> Noon Mass 7PM Rosary Scripture Study 8:00PM	<b>23</b> Noon Mass 7PM Rosary Prayer Meeting 7:45 PM	<b>24</b> Noon Mass 7PM Rosary	<b>25</b> Noon Mass 6:30PM Rosary Mass & Stations 7:45PM Abstinence Annunciation	<b>26</b> Noon Mass Div. Adoration 3-6PM Real Love 5-7PM venue to be announced.
<b>27</b> 4th Sunday of Lent <b>Laetare Sunday</b> Mass 8AM Adoration 9AM Mass: 10 AM 7PM Rosary	<b>28</b> 7PM Rosary	<b>29</b> Noon Mass 7PM Rosary Scripture Study 8PM	<b>30</b> Noon Mass 7PM Rosary Prayer Meeting 7:45PM	<b>31</b> Noon Mass 7PM Rosary	<b>1</b> 1st Friday Noon Mass Sacred Heart Devotions Rosary 6:30PM Mass & Stations of the Cross 7:45 PM Abstinence	<b>2</b> 1st Saturday Noon Mass 2PM Devotions to Our Lady 3PM Healing Mass 7PM Rosary

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any & all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious & lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage any one with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others & provide support to victim of sexual abuse. Although we will report all allegations of abuse immediately to the appropriate County Prosecutor, we encourage anyone with an allegation also to reach out to the Prosecutor. Individuals who report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child & Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256. The phone number for the County Prosecutors within the Archdiocese is (973) 753-1121.