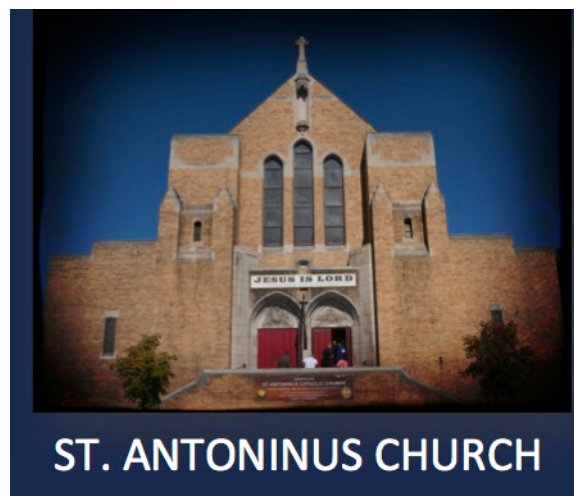




The Charismatic Roots of St. Antoninus

(And Why Jesus is our Hope for our Church and our Neighborhood)

Since 1975, St. Antoninus has been a major center of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Most of our parishioners came from outside Newark, some traveling from distances of an hour or more, to attend our Sunday Masses. Little by little, the parish is now becoming more rooted in our immediate neighborhood, serving in a special way the newest group of Catholic immigrants. Now, 70% of our parishioners come from our Newark or the immediately surrounding towns. This has brought us to a closer understanding of the needs of the neighborhood we serve and the realization that the life of our church depends on the life of neighborhood. For this reason we are committed all the more to proclaiming that Jesus is the only hope for this city and every city, our families and every family, and all of our lives.

It is our prayer that the Tent Revival (Life in the Spirit Seminar) will be an opportunity to allow the Holy Spirit to fill our whole life and change us, that we begin to know in a new way the amazing love God has for us and the abundant life into which Jesus has called us in the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we experience the renewing power of the Holy Spirit, we allow Him to light a fire in us to share this treasure with those around us, as we hear the parting words of Our Lord Jesus Christ "Go and make disciples of all nations..."