



Laetare Sunday Second Scrutiny

St. Antoninus Church

March 30, 2025

**Sunday Mass: 8AM in Rectory; 10 AM in Church
Spanish Mass 1:30PM**

(Sunday Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 9-10AM)

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

1st Friday 2-5PM, 1st Sat. 2-3PM

Daily Mass: Tues. thru Sat. noon (Guadalupe Chapel)

RCIA now OCIA: Sundays after the 10AM Mass in the Rectory.

Bible Study: Tuesdays 8PM in the Rectory (Zoom & in person)

Real Love Ministries Prayer Group: Last Saturday of month, 5-7 PM

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

First Saturday: 2PM Adoration & Immaculate Heart Devotions. 3PM Chaplet & Healing Mass

Divine Adoration Prayer Group: Saturdays at 3-6PM except 1st Sat. in person & live-streamed.

Wednesday Prayer for Revival 6-7PM in the Guadalupe Chapel.

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

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

Adoration: Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel Tues. through Sat. 9AM-8PM. Contact for code.

Bereavement Ministry: Contact Evelyn Matos at 201-213-2421 for any needed assistance.

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Mass Intentions & Readings



Note: Mass Stipends are \$10



Sunday: 3/30/2025	Parishioners & Friends of St. A's	1Sm 16:1-13, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41
Monday 3/31/2025		Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: 4/1/2025	Jeddi Gorospe	Ez 47:1-12, Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday 4/2/2025	St. Francis of Paola Akinyemi & Akinwuntan Families	Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30
Thursday 4/3/2025	Eugene & Chika Igwilloh	Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47
Friday 4/4/2025	St. Isidore Gerry Misa	Wis 2:1-22, Jn 7:1-30
Saturday 4/5/2025	St. Vincent Ferrer Fr. Alfred Mamman	Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53

Pray for healing for: **Alice Murray, John Paul Meagher, Rosemary Joseph, Marie-Jo Anatus, Georgina & Norbert Aminzia, Botolere Vertil, Horace Victor, Fr. Louis, Teresa Disla, Rebecca Faith Lupetkin, Mary Ann & George McGehrin, Richard Ikwuegbu, Rupert & Christabel Joseph, Veronica Enechukwu, Carmen Weiner, JoAnn & John Aliotta, Charlene Okafor, Darwin Rigel, Femi & Steven Kuye, Lina Dienhoue, Chimenzie Igwe, Patricia Nnanabu, Caden Frazier, Eric Augustus, Sonie Paillere, Cameron Julien, John Carney, Christine McSpedon, Jack Scullen, Craig Anderson, Mariette Baspin, Patrick Ikemi, Gabriel Ndinechi, Jean Claude & Marie Jean Bart, Cecil Joseph, Myra Zapata, Andrina Sorhaindo, Pat Bershak, Vicenta Izquierdo, Cassilda Boyd, John Carney, Jerry Misa**

TODAY IS LAETARE SUNDAY. Vestments switch from purple to rose on this Rejoice Sunday, as we look forward to the coming of the Paschal Feast. We celebrate the second scrutiny of the catechumens who will receive Baptism & who will be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

BLD ADULT LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: is next weekend. Last call to register **TODAY**. Register NOW. Use the QR code on the fliers to register. It is free & not an overnight. Be empowered by the Love of the Father & the gifts of the Holy Spirit to GO OUT & bring souls to Him....before it is too late.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays of Lent after the noon Mass, Mass at 7PM followed by Stations of the Cross. Reminder: Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

SPANISH Stations of the Cross 6PM on Fridays during Lent in the lower church.

FIRST FRIDAY: This Friday, Mass at noon. **2PM** Devotions to the Sacred Heart. **7PM** Mass & Stations of the Cross. **FIRST SATURDAY:** Noon Mass; **2PM** 1st Sat. devotions; **3PM** Healing Mass.

BLD MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER! May 17 & 18 Divine Mercy Parish Rahway. Register using the flier QR.

Tithe: Mar. 23, 2025: \$2530.00 Building Fund: 873.00 Harvest: \$0.00

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 : Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.: Noon in the Guadalupe Chapel. 1st Fri: noon in the rectory.

SCRIPTURE STUDY : Tuesday 8PM. In person & Zoom. In rectory. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82383869993?pwd=UWxIQU1LRnI1cE9mZk4yZTZFQWxoZz09> Meeting ID: 82383869993 Pass Code: Rosary

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ROSARY: Daily 7PM Zoom same link as above.

PRAAYER MEETING 7:45PM in person in Rectory & Zoom. Same link as above.

DIVINE ADORATION MEETING: Wed. Prayer 6PM OLG Chapel. 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/>

MEN'S MINISTRY: Every Saturday 8AM Praise & Worship, 9AM Breakfast & Fellowship in the rectory.

Come & bring men with you. Time is short! Keep the fire burning from the Men's Day!!!

TAKE NOTE OF THE FRUITLESS WORKS OF DARKNESS....

...but rather expose them. (Eph 5:11)

That is exactly what is happening. Our Lady is cleansing the Church. It is spiritual spring cleaning time. Before we can start cleaning, we have to recognize where the dirt is so we can then can root it out & cleanse the place. This is not something we can put off, neither in our Church nor in our world which is drowning in sin & depravity. The warnings have been numerous & just as numerous has been the unheeding of them but time is running out in this age. Life as it is cannot go on as it is death dealing. And it is not something God doles out; it is a consequence of what we have done & are doing to ourselves through our sins.

In a final message from Our Lady of America to Sr. Mary Ephrem in 1984 asserts:

What happens to the world depends upon those who are living in it. There must be much more good than evil prevailing in order to prevent the holocaust (destruction or slaughter on a mass scale, especially by fire or nuclear war) that is so near approaching. Yet I tell you, my daughter, that even if such a destruction happen because there were not enough souls who took my warnings seriously, there will remain a remnant untouched by the chaos, who, having been faithful in following Me & spreading My warnings, will gradually inhabit the earth again with their dedicated & holy lives. These souls will renew the earth in the power & light of the Holy Spirit, & these faithful children of mine will be under My protection, & that of the Holy Angels, & they will PARTAKE OF THE LIFE OF THE DIVINE TRINITY in a most remarkable way. Let my dear children know this, precious daughter, so that they will have no excuse if they fail to heed My warnings.

We are living out this prophesy now. Syria & Gaza are examples of mass slaughter as humanity becomes inured to the barbarity of it all. We are living in a sick world where anything goes so nothing surprises us or shocks us. Do we dare not heed our Mother's messages & warnings as we enter more deeply into the tribulation that is coming upon us? Nothing else matters at this point but the salvation of our souls which is supposed to be the major *raison d'être* of the Church.

SO WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO REJOICE ABOUT ON THIS LAETARE SUNDAY?

Pope Leo the Great succinctly states it.

All who have been reborn have the way open before them to return to their native land from which they had been exiled. That is all of us. So we celebrate that we have been reborn through our Baptism & we rejoice with our brothers & sister who will plunge into the power of Baptism to make them sons & a daughter of the Father once again. And we can rejoice & be grateful for our own Baptisms & we can thank our parents or whoever availed us of this tremendous grace. We can thank the priest who baptized us; we can thank the Church for passing on & executing the sacraments Our Savior instituted for us for our salvation.

The sacred blood of Christ has quenched the flaming sword that barred access to the tree of life. The age old night of sin has given place to the true light. (Pope Leo the Great)

So yes, there is great cause for rejoicing here. We have the chance to finally go home from whence we came. We must do our utmost to be in the remnant. We must PRAY for the prayer of the just turns aside the whole anger of God, keeps vigil for its enemies & pleads for its persecutors. Prayer is the ONE THING that can conquer God.

(Tertullian, priest)

We can rejoice in the fact that He left no member of the human race, the UNBELIEVER excepted, without a share in His mercy. Who does not share a common nature with Christ if he has welcomed Christ, Who took our nature & is reborn in the Spirit through Whom Christ was conceived?

(St. Leo)

So let us rejoice for ourselves that we have been reborn & now have access to our celestial homeland & let us rejoice with Sedric, David & Jordely who are about to become part of the family of God.

REJOICE!



ST. ANTONINUS CHURCH CALENDAR

APRIL, 2025

JESUS IS LORD TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 4TH Sunday of Lent 8AM Mass 9AM Adoration 10AM Mass 1:30 PM Spanish Mass Laetare Sunday	31 7PM Rosary	1 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 8PM Scripture Study	2 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 7:45 Prayer Meet-	3 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary	4 1ST FRIDAY Mass at noon in rectory 2PM Devotions to Sacred Heart 7PM Mass & Stations of the Cross Abstinence	5 8AM Men's Min. Noon Mass 2PM 1st Sat. Devotion 3PM Healing Mass BLD LSS
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13 PALM SUNDAY 9:30am blessing & distribution of palms 10 AM Mass 1:30PM Spanish Mass Hosanna!!!	14 7PM Rosary	15 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 8PM Scripture Study	16 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 7:45 Prayer Meet-	17 HOLY Thursday 7PM Rosary 8PM Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration till midnight	18 Good Friday 2PM Stations of the Cross 3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena 3:20PM Passion of the Lord Fast & Abstinence	19 Holy Saturday  8PM Easter Vigil Mass
20 Easter Sunday 8AM Mass 9AM Adoration 10AM Mass 1:30PM Spanish Mass	21 Chrism Mass at the Basilica 7PM Rosary	22 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 8PM Scripture Study	23 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary 7:45 Prayer Meet-	24 Noon Mass 7 PM Rosary	25 Noon Mass 7PM Rosary	26 8AM Men's Min. Noon Mass Div. Adoration 3-6PM 7PM Rosary
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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.