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MARCH 10, 2024 | THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FOR
GOD
SO
LOVED THE WORLD
HE
GAVE
HIS
ONLY
SON
JOHN 3:16

REV. JOHN BERCHMANS ANTONY, *Pastor*

HOLJANYS SANTOS, *Bookkeeper, Administrative Secretary* | CHRISTOPHER J. HABERL, *Music Minister*

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL 5:30 PM | SUNDAY 10:00 AM, 12 Noon
DAILY (CHAPEL) MON-FRI 7:30 AM & 12:10 PM | SATURDAY 9 AM

MONTHLY

- ◀ **PRAYERS FOR LIFE:**
First Friday following 12:10 PM Mass
- ◀ **2000 HAIL MARYS:**
First Saturday 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM
in the Chapel

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- ◀ Saturdays after 9 AM Mass
OR call the parish office for an
appointment at 201-653-8814.

ROSARY

Monday-Friday at 11:30 AM in the Chapel

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

- ◀ **MIRACULOUS MEDAL:**
Monday after the 12:10 Mass
- ◀ **ST. ANTHONY:**
Tuesday after the 12:10 Mass
- ◀ **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:**
Saturday after 9 AM Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- ◀ Monday - Friday in the Chapel: 11 am
until 2:00 pm. Please note: At 2:00 pm
the Chapel will be closed and sanitized.
- ◀ Saturday - No Adoration
- ◀ Sunday: Adoration & Masses will be
in the Church from 9 am until 1 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ◀ Registration can be completed
in the Rectory office.

MARRIAGE

- ◀ Arrangements should begin by setting
a date with the priest ONE YEAR before
the wedding. Please call the Rectory office
for an appointment 201-653-8814.

BAPTISM

- ◀ Baptisms take place on Saturdays
except during Lent. New parents need
to attend a Baptismal prep class.
Registration is required. Please call
the Rectory Office at 201-653-8814.

HOSPITAL VISITATION:

- ◀ Please notify the parish. Hospitals
no longer inform us or allow us to
look up who is in the hospital.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY—MARCH 9, 2024

9:00 AM WANDA ALICEA IN
THANKSGIVING R/Wanda Alicea
5:30 PM ESTHER & CASS CARBONE
R/Joanne Carbone

SUNDAY—MARCH 10, 2023

10:00 AM NORA SENGCO
R/Pastor-Surban Family
12:00 PM NORA SENGCO 1ST ANNIV.
R/Jannette & Isabel

MONDAY—MARCH 11, 2024

7:30 AM WANDA ALICEA IN
THANKSGIVING R/Wanda Alicea
12:10 AM MARTHA FREDA R/Edith Duane

TUESDAY—MARCH 12, 2024

7:30 AM ALFREDO STA IGLESIA
R/Victoria Sta Iglesia
12:10 PM—BENJAMIN ROZARIO & DEC'D
MEMBERS OF THE GOMES &
ROZARIO FAMILY
R/Veronica Rozario & Family

WEDNESDAY—MARCH 13, 2024

7:30 AM ELEANOR SHEER B'DAY (D)
R/Susan Sheer

THURSDAY—MARCH 14, 2024

7:30 AM IN THANKSGIVING R/Arocho Family
12:10 PM JUSTIN TCHAO (L) FOR HEALING
R/Sally Tchao

FRIDAY—MARCH 15, 2024

7:30 AM LONGINO OCAMPO ETERNAL
REST R/Mario & Josie Ocampo
12:10 PM CAROLINA DUNGCA &
ELVIRA BIALA R/Jeline Carabio

SATURDAY—MARCH 16, 2024

9:00 AM ANGELITA ANTONIO IN
THANKSGIVING
R/Angelita Antonio
5:30 PM DEC'D FAMILY MEMBERS OF
GASPER & ASUNCION BELMONTE
R/Pastor- Surban Family

SUNDAY—MARCH 17, 2023

10:00 AM JOHN J. BROWN R/Reem Brown
12:00 PM JOHN SCALES R/Louis Gerriero

EUCCHARISTIC BREAD & SACRAMENTAL WINE

The Altar Wine & Hosts for this week
is donated in memory of CELSA & RAMON
SANTANA at the request of Wanda Alicea.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church
this week burns in memory of
MICHAEL C SANTORO at the
request of the People.

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel
burns this week in memory of
MSGR CHARLES STENGEL at
the request of the People.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

HOLY WATER is
available in the foyer.

THE SIGN OF PEACE will be
offered without physical contact.

COMMUNICANTS will continue to
receive Communion in the hand.



We recommend that everyone coming to Mass please wear a mask.

PARISH NEWS

Many thanks to the 2000 Hail Mary Group for their
February donation of \$320! It is very much appreciated.

- **Easter Flowers envelopes** are placed in the entrances and exits of the church. Please donate flowers in memory of your loved ones during this Easter season.
- **Spruce Day is on Saturday, March 23rd.** We will be cleaning the Church from 9 AM until 1PM. Lunch will be provided. please feel free to sign up at the front of the Church!
- **The March Quarterly 50/50 is available.** Anyone interested, please see our volunteers at the front of the Church. Drawing will be at the end of March.
- **The 2024 Annual Appeal has begun!** Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus. **Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.**
- **Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre** on Saturday, August 10th to see "Daniel." We will be having an American & Asian buffet lunch then shopping at The Shops@ Rock Vale in Lancaster, Pa. **Cost: \$180 per person.** Departure will be **promptly at 7 AM.** **Non-refundable deposit of \$20 is required to reserve your seat. Seats are limited.** If interested, please sign up at the front of the Church.
- **Missal Memorials:** Anyone wishing to dedicate a new Missal to a loved one (living or deceased) may contact the Rectory office or see one of our volunteers at the front of the Church. **Cost: \$10**
- **Reminder:** On Wednesdays we only have one mass at 7:30 AM. There is no 12:10 PM Mass. Adoration is as usual, 11-2 PM
- **Seeking Volunteers:** Would you like to become an Altar Server, Usher, Greeter, Lector or Eucharistic Minister? **Sign up at the back of the Church and we will contact you with more information.** The roles & responsibilities are as follows:
 - **ALTAR SERVER:** carries cross in the procession, rings the bell & assists in the Altar. Also, must have received First Communion to qualify.
 - **USHER:** Takes care of the collection & presents to the Altar.
 - **GREETER:** Welcomes people with a smile & hands out bulletins and other materials for the day.
 - **LECTOR:** Reads one of the Liturgies during Mass, Announcements & Prayer of the Faithful.
 - **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Distribution of Holy Communion & Blood of Christ with reverence.
- **The 2024 & 2025 Mass Intentions books are open.** You can call, email, or drop off your list of Mass Intentions for 2024 & 2025
- **Candles available!** — **Blessed** Sacralite glass 8-day candles are available for sale. They have been blessed and if lit continuously, they last for up to 8 days. **Cost: \$10 If interested, please call the Rectory office.**
- **Community Mass friendly reminder:** on the last Sunday of the month, the 12 Noon Mass will be dedicated as the "**Community Mass.**" Anyone who would like to dedicate the Mass to **a recently deceased loved one** may do so. Other than Estate Masses, this will be the only Mass where multiple dedications may be seen.
- **Adoration:** Hours are from Monday thru Friday - 11 AM until 2 PM. We encourage people to come and participate and spend some precious time with our Lord Jesus.
- **If you are new to our Church, Welcome!!** Take a moment to register and become part of our Parish family. **Call the Rectory at 201-653-8814 to have the registration form emailed or sent to you through the mail.**
- **Anyone interested in electronic giving,** please go to <https://stjohnbjc.org/> Scroll down to Parish Giving found at the bottom of the web page, click on it and follow the directions. **To donate using the Venmo app, go to @SJBJC.** Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

In your prayers, kindly
remember the Souls in
Purgatory, the Suffering, the
Lonely, the Depressed, the
Homeless, the Homebound,
the Sick and the Deceased.

PLEASE NOTE...

For prayer intentions or if you
have a prayer request for the
Intercessory Prayer Group, please
call or email the Rectory or call
Dolores at: (201)-360-0614
between 6 and 10 PM.

PLEASE NOTE...

You are invited to write your prayer
intentions into the prayer book at
the Pieta sculpture in church or the
St. Anthony statue in the chapel. The
Rosary Intercessory Prayer Group
will pray for your intentions.

Message from Fr. John

Dear brothers and sisters,

WE ARE CELEBRATING REJOICE SUNDAY, not only because Holy Week and Easter feasts are fast approaching, but above all, because God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ. Why the bronze serpent?

The bronze serpent which Jesus mentioned in his conversation with Nicodemus refers to that same bronze serpent which Moses set up on a pole obeying God's instructions so as to cure those who had been bitten by the poisonous serpents in the desert (cf. Num 21:8-9).

Now, Jesus compares the bronze serpent with his Crucifixion, to show the value of his being raised up on the Cross and those who look on him with faith can obtain salvation.

Jesus, the Son of God, took on our human nature to reveal to us the hidden mystery of God's own life and to free from sin and death all those who look at him with faith and love and who embrace the cross of each day.

Believing in Jesus Christ, faith, is more than just a mere intellectual acceptance of the truths he has taught.

Faith in Jesus involves acknowledging and accepting him as the Son of God, sharing his very life and surrendering ourselves out of love and therefore becoming like him

"No one is freed from sin by himself or by his own efforts, no one is raised above himself or completely delivered from his own weakness, solitude or slavery; all have need of Christ, who is the model, master, liberator, savior, and giver of life. Even in the secular history of mankind the Gospel has acted as a leaven in the interests of liberty and progress, and it always offers itself as a leaven with regard to brotherhood, unity and peace".

God, who through your Word reconciles in a wonderful way the human race to yourself, grants that the Christian people, may hasten with devotion and eager faith toward the solemn celebrations to come.

God Bless.
Fr. John



Trip to Baltimore, Maryland: The Holy Rosary Church

On Saturday, May 25th we will visit The Holy Rosary Church (Archdiocesan Church of the Divine Mercy), St. Jude Shrine and tour the Harbor.

Cost: \$75 per person. Departure will be promptly at 7 AM. Non-refundable deposit of \$20 is required to reserve your seat. Seats are limited. If interested, sign up at the front of the Church.

CELEBRATING A MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?



The Office for Family Life Ministry is excited to announce it will once again honor archdiocesan couples celebrating five, 25, and 50 years of Catholic marriage. **The 50th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin on Sunday, June 2nd at 12 PM.** **The 5th and 25th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 5th at 12 PM.** Both anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ. *If interested in participating, please call the rectory to register.*

We will be having

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 7:00 PM in
the Chapel during this
Lenten season.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

Weekend of March 2-3

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