We, the parishioners of the Church of Saint Anne, in the Archdiocese of Newark, are a Eucharistic Family dedicated to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our Goal is to be a vibrant Catholic Christian Community. We are caring people. Joyfully, we recognize, encourage and accept each person's gifts.

Spirit of God, enable us to strengthen our community of Faith for Your honor and glory.

### **SERVED BY:**

Rev. Robert Lamirez, Pastor Rev. Michael Barone, In Residence Rev. Bill Morris, Guest Priest Rochie De Sagun, Pastoral Associate Joseph Fernandez, Music Director Veronica Kuczynski, Bookkeeper, Director of Religious Education Marie Markovich, Office Volunteer

### **MINISTRIES**:

Altar Servers
Beautification
Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
Garwood Knights of Columbus
Lectors/Readers
Hospitality
Hispanic Apostolate Group
Line Dancing
Prayer Network
St. Anne's Rosary Society
5 Loaves Pantry



# Church of Saint Anne

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## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays:

4:00 PM

First Saturday of the month

8:00 AM

Sundays:

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12 noon

Weekdays:

8:00 AM

First Friday of the month

8:30 pm (Charismatic Mass)

## **ADORATION & ROSARY**

First Wednesday of each month 7:00 PM

First Friday after 8 AM mass First Saturday after 8 am mass

## RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Family Based Religious Education classes are held two Sundays a month at 10 AM

## RECONCILIATION & SIMPLE ADORATION

Saturdays: 2:30 PM

### **BAPTISM**

Baptisms are scheduled every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm. Send an email to the parish office for the requirements and to register for the Baptism Preparation Class.

## **MARRIAGE**

Couples are encouraged to contact the parish office to begin the Marriage Preparation Program. Arrangements must be made with the Pastor to ensure there is adequate preparation time for the sacrament.

## **HOLY ORDERS \* RELIGIOUS LIFE**

Those who recognize the call to Religious life, the Priesthood or the order of Deacon are invited to contact the Pastor



## Saturday February 10

4:00 PM +Mary Jane Bergen

**Sunday February 11** 

+William Bagusz 8:00 AM

10:00 AM +Mary & Joseph Lombardo Sr.

12:00 Noon +Christine Materia

**Monday February 12** 

8:00 AM +Margaret Neer

**Tuesday February 13** 

+David & Kathy Dangeleit 8:00 AM

> Wednesday February 14 (Ash Wednesday)

8:00 AM **Parish Intentions** 

12:00 Noon Distribution of Ashes only

5:00 PM Distribution of Ashes only

7:00 PM Parish Intentions

**Thursday February 15** 

8:00 AM +Elaine Norkanas Friday February 16

8:00 AM +Giglia Riccardi

Saturday February 17

4:00 PM +Spata/Spina Family

Sunday February 18

8:00 AM +Geraldine Billerman

10:00 AM +James Donnelly

12:00 Noon Betty Bilotta (Birthday Thanksgiving)

Special Prayer Intentions for:

Blessed Mother Lamp: +Angel De Sagun

## PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

February 4, 2024

Weekend in-pew......\$4,585 

Total Offering ......\$6,625 Weekly ordinary Expenses .....\$7,224

Please include in your prayers our newly baptized member

Ronan Salamon de Leon

## **Pastor's Notes**

In today's Gospel, we heard how Jesus manifested the powerful healing love of God by curing the leper.

With the wonders of modern medicine, many may ask "What is the big deal about this scenario?"

Looking deeper, we have to understand that the society during the time of Jesus was very different from ours. Back then, a person infected with leprosy is not only an outcast but is already considered dead for there is no cure or medicine for it. This dreadful and serious skin disease that disfigures the person afflicted with it.

Beyond the physical burden of the sickness, lepers are considered ritually and spiritually unclean. Ostracized, they were banished from society and barred from contacting anyone else.

The leper because of his persistence and firm faith, turned to Jesus in this great time of need and was completely cleansed. His soul was filled with joy and thanksgiving since then.

The simple message here is that we are called to imitate the healing and compassionate Jesus.

Every day, we meet people who are struggling. Some may be obvious while others deep behind their healthy appearance and smile could be suffering emotionally --- feeling lonely, at a loss, unloved.

I pray that we may be able to "touch" them the way Jesus did by showing kindness, compassion and charity.

In his letter instituting the World Day of the Sick, dated May 13, 1992, Pope John Paul II designated February 11 as World Day of the Sick. He instructed us to have a "special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the church and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind."

"I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble and you fill me with the joy of salvation." (Psalm 32)

Fr. Robert

## The Church of St. Anne needs you!

Did you know that you can always share your time, talents and skills here at St. Anne's?

Aside from the food pantry, we welcome crocheters to make baby blankets or prayer shawls, catechists, experienced handyman, gardeners, event organizers, office receptionists, decorators for the church and so much more. Just send us an email and let us know your availability.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE**

Family Based Religious Ed (FBRE) Schedule:

February 4 - Family Religious Ed (10 am -12 noon)
February 11 - 7th Grade, First Communion and

Confirmation Candidates (10 am- 12 noon)

- Reconciliation Practice

February 16 - Family Fun Night (6:30 pm - 8 pm)

February 22 - First Reconciliation (6 pm)

February 25 - Grades 1,3,4, 5 & 6 (10 am - 12 noon)

### **AA MEETINGS**

The Church of St. Anne is home to 4 Alcoholic Anonymous(AA) Support Groups. The schedule of meetings is as follows:

Mondays at 12 noon Tuesdays at 12 noon

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

An all-women group meets every Wednesday at 7 pm

# 5 Loaves PANTRY food collection is this weekend February 24 and 25

If you or someone you know can be helped by our Food Pantry, please do not hesitate to call or email the parish office. We're more than happy to make the necessary arrangements for a confidential pick up or delivery.



8:00 AM Mass & Distribution of Ashes 12 noon Distribution of Ashes only 5:00 PM Distribution of Ashes only 7:00 PM Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Stations of the Cross (Fridays)

February 16 5:00 pm
February 23 5:00 pm
March 1 5:00 pm
March 8 5:00 pm
March 15 5:00 pm
March 15 5:00 pm

# LENTEN & EASTER COURSE WITH BRO. BILL

Bro. Bill is back! This time, he will help us read and understand the "Passion Narratives" and the Resurrection.

This 6-session course will be at 7 pm in the Bethlehem room. There will be a \$20 fee for materials (books). Sign up forms are available at the back of the church or at the parish office. Please register and remit payment by February 1st so that the books can arrive in a timely manner.

Lenten Course schedule: Feb. 27, March 5, 12 and

Easter Course schedule: April 9 and April 16

### 2024 CALENDAR RAFFLE

Get a chance to win \$1,000 every month from February 2024 to June 2024 for just a \$50 donation.

We still have 100 tickets available. You can get one at the church entrance or at the parish office.

We regret to inform you that the Valentine Dinner Dance fundraiser was cancelled due to the lack of participants.

We need your feedback in planning future fundraising activities, please send us an email, call the parish office or speak to any member of the Pastoral Council. Thank you.

### **MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

In addition to Mass intentions for your loved ones you may also remember them through the following memorial opportunities:

- Blessed Mother Lamp
- Sanctuary Lamp
- Our Lady of Lourdes of Grotto
- Memorial Contribution
- Bread & Wine for Liturgies
- Altar Candles
- Flowers
- Please remember St. Anne's in your estate planning

Please contact the parish office for more details





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