

Founded 1926

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

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  
Spanish Charismatic Group  
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

<b>Saturday February 24</b>	
4:00 PM	+Davide Giannoble
<b>Sunday February 25</b>	
8:00 AM	+Georgina Martinez
10:00 AM	+Mildred Schweitzer
12:00 Noon	+Jack Quinn
<b>Monday February 26</b>	
8:00 AM	+Ann & Ken Jordan
<b>Tuesday February 27</b>	
8:00 AM	+Rita, Maria Giovanni Monaco
<b>Wednesday February 28</b>	
8:00 AM	Audrey Karnsack
<b>Thursday February 29</b>	
8:00 AM	Gregory Bednarz
<b>Friday March 1</b>	
8:00 AM	+H. John Byrne
<b>Saturday March 2</b>	
8:00 AM	Memorial Mass Intentions
4:00 PM	+Guiseppe Lazzaro
<b>Sunday March 3</b>	
8:00 AM	Mary Roberts
10:00 AM	Michele Stotz
12:00 Noon	+Pietro Pecorino

Years ago when I was a young boy in a rural village, I remembered listening attentively to a battery operated transistor radio. Back then, it was the only way, we can learn what's happening in the other parts of the country and the world.

A few years later, electricity became available and then came the black and white television. Not only do I learned to focus my hearing, I also have to learn to focus my sight. Aside from Sesame Street, I loved watching my favorite Charlie Chaplain silent movies. By just focusing my attention to the screen, I can capture the message without a single word spoken and laugh hysterically at his comedy.

The best part of family life then was the "Tertulia", the gathering around the dinner table, where everyone would listen to grandma or grandpa's stories. Oftentimes, the topics will be Bible based and we, youngsters would be in awe.

It was way simple back then. Nowadays, it's totally different. with an abundance of gadgets like cellphones and laptops, people's eyes are glued to the screen most of the time, as if everything has to be attended to urgently.

Talking and listening to each other seemed to be more difficult in spite of technological advancements. We become strangers to one another.

While the ease of getting information has it's advantages, it also has a big drawback. We are bombarded with noise which make it more difficult to listen to what is important. There is a danger that we cannot see or hear the True God.

In today's Gospel, the voice told us that we must listen to Jesus, the Beloved Son.

This Season of Lent, let us slow down to be able to listen and find God again and again in the realities of our everyday lives. As we continue to walk with Jesus in this 40-day spiritual journey to Calvary, let us try to focus more on Him and His message to us.

Are you easily distracted? How can you listen more?

*Fr. Robert*

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**PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING**

February 18 , 2024

Weekend in-pew..... \$4,820  
Maintenance..... 295

Total Offering .....\$5,115  
**Weekly ordinary Expenses .....\$7,224**

Light Shines Collection.....\$381  
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**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**

March 7, 6pm at the Bethlehem room.

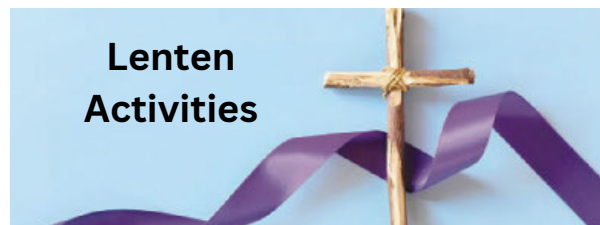
Parents who wished to have their child baptized must attend a class before they can schedule a date for baptism.

For more info, please email  
office.stannegarwood@gmail.com

**2024 CALENDAR RAFFLE**

Get a chance to win \$1,000 every month from March 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.



**Stations of the Cross on Friday,  
March 1 at 5 pm and 8 pm**

## 5 LOAVES PANTRY

*This weekend, Feb.24-25 is the monthly collection for the 5 Loaves Pantry.*

*You can leave your non perishable food donations in the bin by the St. Anne's statue near the Church entrance or at the parish office.*

*Thank you so much for your generous contribution to this project.*

## BINGO NIGHT

March 23, 2024, Saturday 5:30 pm at the Bethlehem Room.

\$30 per person which includes 5 Bingo games and Dinner. Registration forms are available at the Church entrance and the parish office.

Event is sponsored by the Hispanic Apostolate of St. Anne

## THE ROSARY SOCIETY UPDATES

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the St. Patrick's Day Dinner will NOT take place this year.

Executive Board Meeting will be on Feb. 26th at the Bethlehem Room.

## PARISH LENTEN REFLECTION

March 23, 2024, Saturday from 8:30 am to 12 noon at the Bethlehem Room. The event will be facilitated by Fr. Bill Morris.

While there is no fee to join, we ask that you contact the parish office to register so that we will have an idea of the number of participants.

*The Saint Helen's Cornerstone Team in Westfield would like to invite parishioners to attend a*

*Spiritual Gathering for Women on Feb. 23-24*

*Spiritual Gathering for Men on March 8-9*

*For more information or to register, go to <https://sainthelen.org/ministries/cornerstone/>*

## LENTEN & EASTER COURSE WITH BRO. BILL

The 6-session course, "The Passion Narratives" and the Resurrection 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 as soon as possible so that the books can arrive in a timely manner.

Lenten Course schedule: Feb. 27, March 5, 12 and 19

Easter Course schedule: April 9 and April 16

## ST. ANNE'S HERITAGE FUND

The Heritage Fund Program of the Church of St. Anne aims to help us preserve the church, rectory and other properties of St. Anne for future generations.

Comprise of gifts to honor loved ones and specific fundraisers for this purpose, 100% of the monies will go to this fund. There is no Archdiocesan Assessment or tax taken out.

The fund will maintain a list of projects such as:

- Payment for the new electric church organ
- Future repair and maintenance of the Church roof
- Repaving of the parking lot and walkways
- Roofing and refurbishing of the statue of our Lady at the Rose Garden
- Update of the air conditioning and heating systems
- Seasonal flowers and plants around the Church
- Repair and refurbishing of the our Lady of Lourdes Grotto
- **Tile replacement by the our Lady of Lourdes Grotto (Completed in October 2023)**
- and other things that may need to be replaced due to wear and tear

Families or groups can choose to adopt a specific project of their choice.

The Finance council, Pastoral council and the pastor all have to approve the use of the funds for every project.

If you want to know more about this fund, please contact Fr. Robert.



The update on the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto is an example of a project made possible by the funds from the St. Anne's Heritage Fund



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