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

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# 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 March 16	
4:00 PM	+Margaret McMahon	
11001111	Sunday March 17	
8:00 AM	+Dolores Benoit	
10:00 AM	+Maureen Toth	
12:00 Noon	+John Stotz	
Monday March 18		
8:00 AM	+Joan Howlett	
	Tuesday March 19	
8:00 AM	+John E. Conlin	
	Wednesday March 20	
8:00 AM	+Leo Schultz	
	Thursday March 21	
8:00 AM	+Dorothy Schreiner	
	Friday March 22	
8:00 AM	+Thomas Fleming	
Saturday March 23		
4:00 PM	+Bridget Wilson	
	Sunday March 24	
8:00 AM	+Ronald LaBella	
10:00 AM	+Anita & Terry Dunn	
12:00 Noor	+Matthew Stotz	

Special Prayer Intentions: Blessed Mother Lamp: Jon & Patricia Baker (Health Blessings)

### **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 Candle
- 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



### Reflections

### by the Pastoral Associate

Last weekend, during a badminton tournament, a boy about 15 or 16 years old caught my attention. While his skills were quite advanced for his age, it was his behavior before the game that struck a cord with me.

A few minutes before the game, I saw him in a rather awkward position, one knee bended, head bowed down really low almost on the floor and his body facing a weird angle. The mom instinct in me, immediately asked the umpire to check if he was okay. With a faint voice, he said, he's praying. After a few minutes, he continued with the task needed to be done.

That's when I realized his situation. It was almost sundown and he is observing Ramadan which meant he hadn't eaten or taken a sip of water the whole day. I'm sure he prayed (he was facing Mecca) not only for the blessing to win but more importantly, for strength to endure the competition while fasting.

This act of faith made me wonder. How do we teach the younger generations our Catholic faith? Do we let them experience what our grandparents taught us or are we making the practice of our faith convenient for them?

As a mom, I know first hand how challenging it is to share our faith and traditions with our children in this fast and information filled environment. To be honest, it can be really frustrating especially when they make their own "research" online.

The good news is, it can still be done. We can still raise future practicing Catholics. I mean, if the Jewish and the Muslims with their strict rules can do it, why can't we?

The Holy Week is in fact the most tradition rich time in our Catholic faith. From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, we have so many opportunities to let our children experience what our faith is all about.

I hope and pray that we will take advantage of this season and bring our children and grandchildren to church and participate in at least one or all of the services and activities we have here at St. Anne's. By doing so, we can make them see our faith in action.

Rochie

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING	
March 10, 2024	
Weekend in-pew	\$3,666
Maintenance	140
Total Offering	\$3.806
Weekly ordinary Expenses	
Collection for the Mission for Black & Indian	\$283

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE**

Family Based Religious Ed (FBRE) Schedule:

March	3	Family Religious Ed (10 am -12 noon)
March	10	7th Grade, First Communion and
		Confirmation Candidates (10 am- 12 noon)
March	15	Family Fun Night (6:30 pm - 8 pm)
March	17	Grades 1,3,4, 5 & 6 (10 am - 12 noon)

### 2025 Mass Book

is now open

Please call or drop by the parish office to reserve your preferred dates for mass intentions. \$15 for Saturday and Sunday mass \$10 for weekday mass Cash or Check (payable to Church of St. Anne) only

### What is Tenebrae?

Tenebrae (which came from the Latin word for "shadows" or "darkness") is a Holy Week service that is at least 1,000 years old.

Originally held after midnight but later held at a variety of times, Tenebrae would be sung each day of the Triduum in a church lit only by 15 candles. These were extinguished one by one until the church was left in darkness.

At that point, a loud noise ("strepitus") would be produced – sometimes by slamming a hymnal or other book shut, sometimes by stomping on the floor – symbolizing the earthquake after Christ's death.

Like the "lessons and carols" services familiar at Christmas, Tenebrae consists of hymns and readings, the ones proper to Lauds and Matins for the days of the Triduum. Until the mid-1950s, when the Easter Vigil had been revived, nearly every parish in the United States sung Tenebrae on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today, churches with Tenebrae services usually sing them once, on a Lenten evening – not necessarily during the Triduum.

### 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? Just send us an email at stannegarwood@gmail.com with your availability and what you would like to do.

### FROM THE BEAUTIFICATION TEAM

Help make St. Anne's Spring and Easter Ready!

We are accepting donations of plants or money to purchase annual or perennial flowering bulbs to brighten up the Church grounds for Easter Sunday.

If you questions or want to drop off donations, please contact Rochie at the parish office.

# Holy Week Schedule of Activities

- 1. Parish Lenten Morning Reflection and Penance
  March 23, 2024, Saturday from 8:30 am to 11:30 am
  Church
  - Fr. Bill Morris will share his 55 years of spiritual journey and life of service.
- 2. St. Anne's Bingo Night
  March 23, 2024, Saturday 5:30 pm Bethlehem room.
  \$30 per person (includes 3 Bingo cards and dinner).
  Call the parish office asap to reserve your spot.
- 3. Palm Blessings Celebration
  Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday
  March 24. Masses at 8 am, 10 am and 12 noon.
- 4. Tenebrae (Celebration of the Lights with Reflection)
  Holy Wednesday, March 27 7 pm to 8 pm, Church
- 5. Triduum Morning Prayer
  Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday
  9 am at the Church
- Holy Thursday, Last Supper Mass March 28 at 7 pm
- 7. Holy Friday, Veneration of the Cross March 29 at 3 pm
   Divine Mercy Novena starts today.
   Stations of the Cross at 5pm
- 8. Easter Egg Hunt with a Twist
  March 30 at 1 pm at the Bethlehem Room
  Event is free but pre-registration is required.
  Please contact the parish office to register.
- 9. Easter Vigil, Blessing of Fire and Water
  March 30 at 8 pm
  (Please bring your candles and items to be blessed)
  Divine Mercy Novena Day 2
- 10. Easter Sunday,
  Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord
  Masses at 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon
  and 6 pm (in Spanish)



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