

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.

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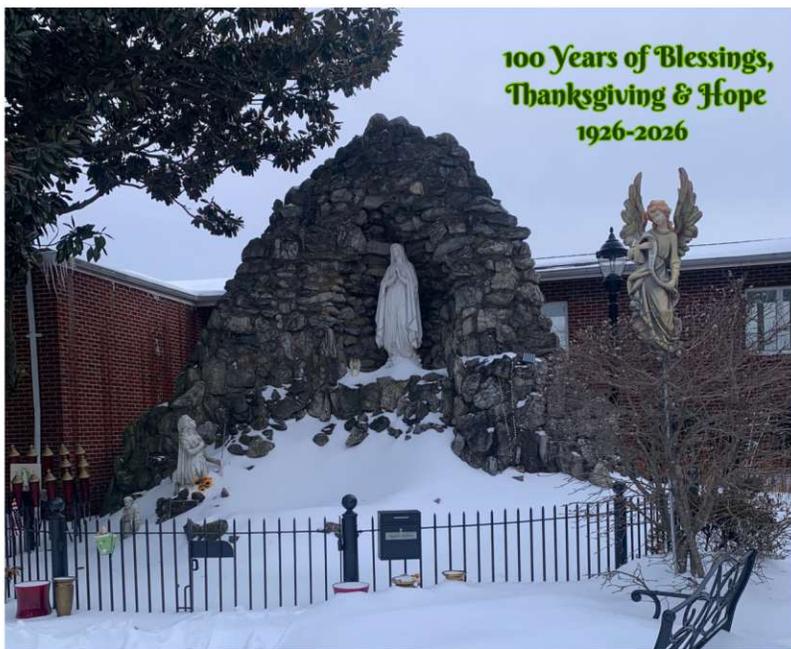
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Church of Saint Anne

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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
9:00 AM
Sundays:
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12 noon
Weekdays:
8:00 AM
Holy Days of Obligation
8:00 AM and 7PM

ADORATION & ROSARY

First Wednesday of each month
after the 8:00 AM mass
First Friday after 8 AM mass
First Saturday after 9 am mass

RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

RECONCILIATION & SIMPLE ADORATION

Saturdays: 2:30 PM

BAPTISM

Baptisms are scheduled every 1st and 3rd 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

HOLY ANOINTING

Call the Office to schedule a visit.

Pastor's Notes

I was chatting with a friend recently and she shared with me her reflection of the Beatitudes. She admitted that though she was born and raised Catholic, has been active in her parish and Catholic organizations, she never quite fathom some of the teachings in today's Gospel of Matthew.

Particularly, in her words, how can someone feel blessed or happy when they are mourning, when they are insulted, persecuted or wrongfully accused?

For years she kept thinking about this discord. While the other lines about being merciful, being a peacemaker, meek, and pure in heart do make sense, the rest are very contradicting. Yet, in times when she experienced sorrow, disappointment and frustration, whenever she was in her most vulnerable states, those lines have become her source of comfort, love and hope.

Then, one day, she saw a framed print of The Footsteps on the sand poem. It was there, where her troubling mind and heart were answered. She said, "Father, that moment, I realized that in times of sorrow, Jesus was closest to me. He never left me. He even carried me. Now, I know why I should be happy."

I couldn't agreed more.

In any point in our lives, we will experience one, two, three or even all eight scenarios found of the Beatitudes. Have we felt blessed or happy?

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Just a reminder that our first Saturday of the month Memorial Mass will now be at 9 am instead of 8 am starting this February. A simple adoration and rosary will take place right after the mass.

I hope this change will encourage more to go to Church on a Saturday morning.

Fr. Robert

Saturday January 31
4:00 PM +Edward Pilecki
Sunday February 1
8:00 AM +Nicholas Warchol
10:00 AM Yolanda & Frank Palmieri
12:00 Noon +John A. Serpico
Monday February 2
8:00 AM +Stanley Dombrowski
Tuesday February 3
8:00 AM +David & Kathy Dangeleit
Wednesday February 4
8:00 AM +Elizabeth, Louise & Mary
Thursday February 5
8:00 AM +Jenny & Lina Guzzo
Friday February 6
8:00 AM +Remeo Family
Saturday February 7
9:00 AM **Memorial Mass**
4:00 PM +Helen & Edward Finn
Sunday February 8
8:00 AM Regina Ulaky
10:00 AM Gerry DiFabio
12:00 Noon +Christine Materia

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Souls in Purgatory

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

Information is not available at the time of printing. Please see next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity.



February 3rd (Tuesday) is the The Feast of St. Blaise. There will be a blessing of the throats after the 8 am mass. If you cannot make it, there will be blessings of the throat after each mass this coming weekend (February 7th and 8th).

Did you know?

The candles blessed during the Presentation of our Lord, also known as Candlemas or the Feast of the Candelaria are the ones also used to bless the throats during the Feast of St. Blaise.

So don't forget to bring your candles to be blessed on February 2nd (Monday) 8:00 am mass. Fr. Robert will bless them after the mass.



HOME BOUND PARISHIONERS OUTREACH

Do you know someone who is home bound or has moved to an assisted living facility recently? Fr. Robert is available to visit them and administer the Sacraments of Confession or Holy Anointing. A team of Eucharistic ministers are also available to visit and give Holy Communion.

Contact the parish to schedule a visit.



ROSARY SOCIETY UPDATE

St. Anne's Rosary Society would like to thank the parishioners for their support with our various Fund Raisers throughout the year. We appreciate you.

SAVE THE DATE

The return of our St. Patrick's Day Celebration! March 15th, Sunday afternoon at 2 pm
Details to follow in the coming weeks.



BODY OF CHRIST MINISTRY UPDATE

SAVE THE DATE

The next Body of Christ Ministry meeting is on February 12, Thursday 7 pm at the Bethlehem room.

If you are interested in joining this ministry or would like to have more information, you are welcome to attend.



St. Anne's is happy to house I.R.O.N, the new free community program that gives young men (ages 14-19) in Garwood a safe place to talk, build confidence, develop resilience and learn real life skills to navigate stress, relationship, identity and social pressures. Meetings will be every Thursday 6-8 pm at the Bethlehem room. For more information, contact irongarwood25@gmail.com or 732-762-6645

2026 Church of St. Anne's Centennial Celebration Calendar

February 22, 2026 (Sunday)

The Commemoration of the First Wedding held at the Church of St. Anne

Holy Mass at 12 noon with Special Blessing of all couples who received the Sacrament of Matrimony in our parish and those who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 50th and 75th wedding anniversary in 2026. Refreshments will follow at the Bethlehem room. Event is free but please RSVP before February 15 by calling the parish office or email office.stannegarwood@gmail.com.

March 8, 2026 (Sunday)

Commemoration of the First Baptism that took place on March 1, 1930

All who were baptized at St Anne's are invited to attend this special 12 noon Mass to "Catch up" and renew the Baptismal promises your parents made on your behalf. It's like a get together of all the "babies" of St. Anne. Refreshments to follow at the Bethlehem room. Event is free but please RSVP by February 28, 2026 by calling the parish office or email stannegarwood100years@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY UPDATE

With the growing number of parishioners, the hospitality ministry is in need of more volunteers. The ministry not only welcomes new members of our parish before each mass, it also organizes our monthly Sunday socials, prepare our Welcome to Garwood packet and so much more.

If you like to know more about the ministry, please contact the parish office.



Special thank you to Vinny Fumero of On-site Industries for generously volunteering his time and truck to clear the snow in our parking lot several times last weekend. He helped our parish save so much in our snow-removal costs.

Thank you also to James Mate for donating a snow blower which made the cleaning of the walkways faster.



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