

Founded 1926

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:

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Spanish Charismatic
St. Anne's Rosary Society
5 Loaves Pantry



Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

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
Holy Days of Obligation
8:00 AM and 7PM

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

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 ANNOINTING

Call the Office

Saturday December 7

4:00 PM +Luigi, Angela & Letizia Della Serra

Sunday December 8

8:00 AM +Simion Carpa

10:00 AM +Anthony Lombardo

12:00 Noon +Geraldine Byrne

Monday December 9

8:00 AM +Jenny & Lina Guzzo

7:00 PM For the Parishioners of St Anne

Tuesday December 10

8:00 AM +Stanley Bogusz

Wednesday December 11

8:00 AM Jekelis & Hollenbeck Families

Thursday December 12

8:00 AM +Albert W. Toth

6:00 PM Parishioners of St Anne

Friday December 13

8:00 AM +Mary & Frank Krawczyk

Saturday December 14

4:00 PM + George McMahon

Sunday December 15

8:00 AM +Msgr. Walsh

10:00 AM +Gregory Lombardo

12:00 Noon Jean Kufta

Special Prayer Intentions for:

Blessed Mother Lamp:

+Albert W. Toth

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

December 1, 2024

Weekend offering.....\$4,362

Maintenance\$1,683

Total Offering\$6,045

Weekly ordinary Expenses\$5,657

Thank you for your generosity!

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

Growing up in the Philippines, a country that takes Christmas VERY seriously, I'm so used seeing people prepare for December 25th as early as the first day of September. Once the “Ber” month hits, Christmas decorations come out, carols will be heard everywhere and everyone is busy buying the perfect gift for their loved ones.

While we don't celebrate Christmas that long here in the US, the next few weeks will be quite hectic too because we want to be ready for the big day.

How then do we prepare for the coming of Jesus? What gift can we give to the One who has everything?

Jesus is quite simple. He is not asking for flashy or extravagant presents. All he wants from us is our willingness to give our lives back to Him. He wants us to give to him not just our happy moments but more so, the things that we struggle with. By unloading to Him our burdens, we are allowing Him to take control and work His wonders in our lives.

Are you in a toxic relationship and is refusing to let go because of what other people might say? Let go and let Jesus handle it.

Are you worried about your children, your aging parent or finances? Let go and let Jesus handle it.

Are you being consumed by loneliness, depression and hopelessness? Let go and let Jesus handle it.

The path towards the Lord is not straight and smooth. In fact, it is full of crossroads that are often times bumpy, dark and with so much uncertainties. It is only by fixing our eyes and focusing on Him that we can truly clear the path.

Fr. Robert



*December 8 falls on the
Second Sunday of Advent
this year.*

*The Feast of the
Immaculate Conception will
be celebrated on Monday,
December 9.*

*Since it is a Holy Day of
Obligation, there will be a
mass at 8:00 am and
7:00 pm.*

RELIGIOUS ED UPDATES

Sunday School Classes:

December 8- Sacramental Classes
Parents Session

December 15 - Regular Classes
Parents Session

December 22 - Sacramental Classes

HISPANIC APOSTOLATE UPDATE

December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
(Thursday) 5:15 PM Rosary
6:00 PM Mass
There will be a fellowship dinner at
the Bethlehem room after the mass.

December 14 - Mass in Spanish at 5:30 PM
(Saturday)

December 28 - Mass in Spanish at 5:30 PM
(Saturday)



*Christmas Wreath, Grave Blanket
and Pillow Sale will take place on
Dec. 7 (Saturday) and Dec. 8 (Sunday)
and 8 (Sunday) after each mass at
the parking lot by the garage doors.*

Prices are as follows:

Wreath: \$35, Grave Blanket: \$40, Pillow: \$30

*We can only accept cash or check payable to The
Church of St Anne during the sale.*

5 LOAVES PANTRY UPDATE

- Thank you to Amy DiFabio, a parent from Trinity School in Westfield who donated 25 Dreyer Farms pies last Thanksgiving.

*The holiday season can be very stressful especially if
one experiences food insecurity.*

*If you know someone or a family who needs help with
their groceries, please send an email to
office.stannegarwood@gmail.com so that we can
include them in our list of adopted families.*

We are excited to once again team up with Garwood Coins Inc & Jewelry Exchange (located in 401 North Ave. Garwood) for a fundraiser.

If you have any old jewelry that you want to turn into cash, simply go to Garwood Coins and mention that you are from the Church of St. Anne. For every customer transaction, St. Anne will receive a donation. It's that simple.



"Advent has a two-fold character, for it is the time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight."

SIMBANG GABI 2024

The Church of St Anne is excited to host the Simbang Gabi (Night Mass) on December 19, Thursday at 7:30 PM.

The Filipino tradition of Simbang Gabi, a nine-day novena of Masses leading up to Christmas, is rich in spiritual and cultural significance. In the Philippines, it begins on December 16 and concludes on December 24, with the final Mass traditionally celebrated at dawn, referred to as Misa de Gallo or the "Mass of the Rooster." However, in Filipino communities abroad, such as in the U.S. and parts of Europe, adaptations have been made to accommodate local schedules and customs.

Light refreshments will be served at the Bethlehem room after the mass.
Everyone is invited to attend.

Did you know that the Bethlehem Room is available for parties or other events? Please contact the parish office for more information.

Looking for a place to park your car during the day? There are parking spots available for rent here at St. Anne's. For more information, contact the parish office.



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