

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, *In Residence*
- Evelyn Archibald, *Youth Faith Formation*
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- Hispanic Apostolate
- Line Dancing
- Music Ministry
- Prayer Network
- Spanish Charismatic
- St. Anne's Rosary Society
- 5 Loaves Pantry



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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
after the 8:00 AM mass
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 March 29

4:00 PM +Guiseppe Lazzaro

Sunday March 30

8:00 AM +Armando Aquino

10:00 AM +Ubalдина Di Sarro
+Giovannina Camillo

12:00 Noon +Ann Freguson

Monday March 31

8:00 AM +Bonnie Spera Greer

Tuesday April 1

8:00 AM +Mar, Louise Elizabeth

Wednesday April 2

8:00 AM +Joan Patch

Thursday April 3

8:00 AM +Rose Cerminaro

Friday April 4

8:00 AM +Carol Messina

Saturday April 5

8:00 AM Memorial Mass Intentions

4:00 PM +Angie & William Severage

Sunday April 6

8:00 AM +Kitty Keane

10:00 AM +Mary Dempsey Gurdak

12:00 Noon +Robert Gill Monahan

Blessed Mother Lamp:

Souls in Purgatory

Sanctuary Lamp:

50th Wedding Anniversary

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

March 23, 2025

Weekend offering.....\$4,270

Maintenance\$ 213

Total Offering\$4,483

Weekly ordinary Expenses\$5,657

Thank you for your generosity!

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Contact the parish office for more details

I'm sure you are all very familiar with the Gospel today about the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Instead of focusing on the son's character (as we often do), I would like to give more emphasis on the character of the father and call it "The Parable of the Loving Parent" instead.

In the story, the father earnestly prayed and patiently waited for his son to come back. Even though his son squandered his properties, he continued to love him. Never held a grudge nor showed disappointment.

When the son returned, he was so happy that he did not bother to recall what had happened or even waited for his son to ask for forgiveness. The important thing is his son is back home in his loving arms. He not only called for a feast but he did his best to protect him from the judgement of others even from his other son.

This parent's love reminded me of my parents. When I was a kid, whenever I am sick, have a toothache or not feeling well, they will not only prepare chicken soup but also comfort me. Their embrace magically seems to make everything a lot better.

The sacrament of confession is just like that. It is our way of going back to God our Father. When we go to confession, our aches and pains will all disappear. We will be happy, glowing and whiter than snow. That's why I invite you all to go receive the sacrament on April 12, Saturday starting at 2:00 pm. There will be more than one priest to hear confessions. (One who can't hear, one you know and one whom you do not know.)

I hope you will take advantage of this as part of your Lenten journey.

Fr. Robert



Help St. Anne's save on envelope and postage fees, sign up to the Online Giving Program. Visit the parish website to set up.

RELIGIOUS ED UPDATES

March 29 - Passover - Easter Session

March 30 - Religious Ed Classes

*Our yearly Parish Lenten Recollection will be on
March 30, 2025, Sunday
from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the Bethlehem Room.
Event is free but you must register at the parish
office. Dinner will be served.*

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Mark your calendars - The Second High Tea at Kean University will be on May 17, Saturday. Contact Ruth 908-276-6889 for your reservation. Price is \$ 50.00 per person.

*The Mass Book for 2026 will open on Monday,
March 31st. Come to the Bethlehem room
between 10 am -12 noon to book your masses.
\$10 donation for each mass. Cash or Check
(payable to Church of St. Anne) only*

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

A warm "thank you" to all who attended St. Anne's Organ recital last Sunday. We are grateful for your contributions towards the Centennial celebration next year. We'd like to thank the following volunteers who made it a success: Autumn Welsh, Dan Callaghan, Clare and Marc Postiglione. A special thank you to our lector, Fran Serpico and Joseph Hill, our organist for inspiring us on our Lenten Journey

- Eileen Tai and the Centennial Committee

*First Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration and
Devotion to our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer Time
will commence after the 8:00 am Mass instead of
6:00 pm.*

Laetare Sunday (Church Latin: [le'ta:re]; Classical Latin: [lae'ta:re]; English: /li:'teəri/) is the fourth Sunday in the season of Lent, in the Western Christian liturgical calendar. Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day of celebration within the austere period of Lent. This Sunday gets its name from the first few words (incipit) of the traditional Latin entrance verse (Introit) for the Mass of the day. "Laetare Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem") is Latin from Isaiah 66:10

Lenten Schedule

March 30 - Parish Recollection

April 4 - 5 - Cornerstone Men's Retreat
(St. Helen's Church, Westfield)

April 12 - Parish Confession (2 pm)

April 13 - Palm Sunday (8 am, 10 am, 12 n)

April 16 - Tenebrae (7 pm)

April 17 - Holy Thursday (7 pm)

April 18 - Good Friday (3 pm)

April 19 - Easter Vigil (8 m)

April 20 - Easter Sunday (8 am, 10 am, 12 n)

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 3:30 PM

Triduum Morning Praise (Lauds)

Holy Thursday, Good Friday &

Holy Saturday at 9 AM

TENEBRAE (Latin for "darkness") is a three day religious service of Western Christianity preceding Easter Day, and characterized by gradual extinguishing of candles, and by a "strepitus" or "loud noise" taking place in total darkness near the end of service.

Tenebrae is a celebration of matins and lauds of special ceremonies that included the display of lighted candles on a special triangular candelabra. Modern Tenebrae could be held on only one day of the Holy Week.

Our Church of St. Anne is inviting you all to a Tenebrae night of prayer and reflection on April 16, Wednesday at 7:00PM.

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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. Thank you for those who participated.

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*Everyone is invited to attend the Jubilee Eucharistic
Congress at Saint Helen Parish in Westfield.
Thursdays, April 3, and 10, 2025; 7 PM to 8:30 PM*



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