

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:

Rev. Robert Lamirez, *Pastor*  
Rev. Michael Barone, *In Residence*  
Rev. Bill Morris, *In Residence*  
Evelyn Archibald, *Youth Faith Formation*  
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Prayer Network  
Spanish Charismatic  
St. Anne's Rosary Society  
5 Loaves Pantry



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

## Church of Saint Anne

325 Second Avenue Garwood, New Jersey 07027

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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 ANOINTING

Call the Office

**Saturday August 16**

4:00 PM +Joseph Lupo

**Sunday August 17**

8:00 AM +Shirley Swayze

10:00 AM +Maureen Toth

12:00 Noon +Elaine Callaghan

**Monday August 18**

8:00 AM Mercedes Tolentino Nacion  
(*Birthday Blessings*)

**Tuesday August 19**

8:00 AM +Shirley Swayze

**Wednesday August 20**

8:00 AM Helen Lucius  
(*Birthday Blessings*)

**Thursday August 21**

8:00 AM +Shirley Swayze

**Friday August 22**

8:00 AM +Shirley Swayze

**Saturday August 23**

4:00 PM +Edward Pilecki

5:30 PM Spanish Mass Intentions

**Sunday August 24**

8:00 AM +Shirley Swayze

10:00 AM +Robert Kenny Sr.

12:00 Noon +Robert Kenny

**Blessed Mother Lamp:**

*Souls in Purgatory*

**Sanctuary Lamp:**

*Unborn Babies*

### PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

August 10, 2025

Weekend offering.....\$3,109

Maintenance.....\$ 153

Total Offering .....\$3,262

Someone once approached me and asked about today's Gospel because the message seemed to contradict some of our basic teachings. We all know that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Yet, in the reading, it mentioned that He came not to establish peace but division. Particularly, division between family members, immediate family members.

To understand this Gospel, it is essential to dig deeper and look closely into the historical and cultural background of the people as well as the time the text was written.

During those days, it is normal for families to turn in their very own family members - fathers, mother, siblings, in laws, when they found out that he or she has done things which are against their laws or norms. They do not hesitate to disown an immediate relative. In fact, doing so is an honorable act.

Jesus reminds us that following Him is not easy. We will encounter situations wherein we have to choose between silencing our beliefs for peace or cause division for standing up for what we know is the truth. In His time, Jesus was not only mocked for speaking the truth. It even caused his death.

The same still holds true today. We as Christians will encounter situations where our faith will be tested that even our very own household will question our actions. We will have officemates, neighbors and friends who will make fun of us when we talk about our faith or when we post something religious in our Facebook page. Some will be criticized, judged or even shunned.

As troubling this may seem, may this passage serve as an encouragement when we are rejected for following Christ. May we continue to persevere in our belief, keeping the fire of faith alive and burning brightly each day.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

*Fr. Robert*



### RELIGIOUS ED UPDATES

Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Ed program is ongoing for children who are incoming Grade 1 to Confirmation (ages 13-14).

Forms are available at the back of the Church or in the parish website. (Take note that the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation require a 2 year sacramental preparation as outlined by the Archdiocese of Newark.

We are looking for Catechists and teacher assistants for the coming school year. If you have any questions, contact Evelyn by sending an email to [stanneyouthformation@gmail.com](mailto:stanneyouthformation@gmail.com)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Hospitality Ministry is in need of new Ushers to welcome and greet parishioners during weekend masses. An orientation will be scheduled soon.

For more information, contact Fr. Robert through the parish office.

Special thank you to Girl Scout Troop 41290 for donating boxes of their famous Girl Scout cookies to the 5 Loaves Pantry.

### Did you know?

The church roof will soon be a hundred year old and is now in need of repair. More information and pictures can be seen on the table by the church entrance or at the official website.

### AA MEETINGS SCHEDULE

If you or someone you know is struggling, you are more than welcome to join any of the AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) group meetings held at the St. Anne's Hall. The meetings are:

Mondays 12 noon

Tuesdays 12 noon

Wednesdays 12 noon

7:00 pm (Women only)



Check our official Facebook Page for updates  
Church of St. Anne Garwood, New Jersey



### MOUNT ST MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER EVENTS

August 20 - *Sacred Time, Sacred Space*

9:30 am - 3pm

*Suggested donation \$20-\$30 (as you are able)*

August 24 - *Grief Recovery: Learning a Process to Deal with Grief*

1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

*Suggested donation \$50 - \$60 (as you are able)*

August 26 - *Woman to Woman*

9:30 am - 11:00 am

*Free will offering*

August 26 - *Man to Man*

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

*Free will offering*

For more information contact Nancy Elkin  
(908-753-2091)



*In your generosity, please include in your prayers our sick parishioners and friends including Fr. Bill Morris and Bro. Bill Lavigne.*

We would like to congratulate the children and their parents who participated this year's Vacation Bible School. Great job to Evelyn, Roseanne and the whole team who made this event possible.

Calling all Graduates and Former Students of St Anne School here in Garwood. There will be a Grand Alumni Homecoming in June 28, 2026. Please email [stannegarwood100years@gmail.com](mailto:stannegarwood100years@gmail.com) with your Full name, current address, contact number, years attended or graduated.

Help spread the word!  
St. Anne's wants you to come home.

August 17 is Mission Coop Sunday. A missionary priest from the Diocese of Kottar, India will be visiting the Church of St. Anne.

While people go on vacation this summer, our parish does not. We rely on your generous contributions to keep our parish open. Thank you for your active participation.





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