

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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# **Church of Saint Anne**

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#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday - Friday**  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**RECONCILIATION & SIMPLE ADORATION**  
**Saturdays: 2:30 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

#### **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.

#### **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

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

## Saturday January 3

8:00 AM Memorial Mass Intentions  
4:30 PM +Edward Pilecki

## Sunday January 4

8:00 AM +Edward Pilecki  
10:00 AM +Edward Pilecki  
12:00 Noon +Edward Pilecki

## Monday January 5

8:00 AM +Edward Pilecki

## Tuesday January 6

8:00 AM +Edward Pilecki

## Wednesday January 7

8:00 AM +Edward Pilecki

## Thursday January 8

8:00 AM +Edward Pilecki

## Friday January 9

8:00 AM +Edward Pilecki

## Saturday January 10

4:00 PM +Edward Pilecki

5:30 PM Spanish Mass Intentions

## Sunday January 11

8:00 AM +Edward Pilecki

10:00 AM +Edward Pilecki

12:00 Noon +Edward Pilecki

## Blessed Mother Lamp:

+Ron LaBella Sr.

(2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

## Sanctuary Lamp:

Emilio Di Fiore

## PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

December 25, 2025

Christmas offering.....	\$16,348
Christmas Flowers.....	\$ 260
Total.....	\$16,608

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## Did you know?

That December 25th or Christmas Day is not the end but is actually the start of the Christmas Season? The official end of the season is the Baptism of our Lord which falls on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

So, keep those decorations up, continue to greet others "Merry Christmas" and yes, it's not too late to give our presents just like the 3 wise men.

## Pastor's Notes

Today, as we celebrate the Epiphany, I can't help but reflect on the struggles that the wise men have endured in their quest to find Jesus. Back then, there is no GPS or Siri or Alexa. In fact, they don't have any clue of the exact address of Mary and Joseph. There were no paved streets, QuickChek or covered vehicles. In our simple terms, their "road trip was a real nightmare".

Yet, after months of travelling and relying only on their faith (and the star to guide them), they were able to experience the fulfillment and joy of being with Jesus.

Now that we welcomed the New Year, let their story remind us of our own personal journey towards Christ. While the road they treaded may not be the same as ours, our travel will still be full of challenges, disappointments, heartaches and sacrifices. Yes, it will not be easy. But if we focus on our final goal, we are assured that the end will be a joyous one.

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2026 is an exciting and significant year here in our parish. For those who still haven't heard, we are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of our church's foundation.

In the last bulletin, we published our monthly schedule of events for our centennial year. I encourage all of you to put them in your calendar and attend at least one of the special activities. If you are able, please volunteer some time to help in any of the events. There are so many opportunities to use your God given "gifts" to honor St. Anne.

Also, if you know parishioners who moved, past students/graduates of the St. Anne school, those who received their sacraments here at St. Anne's, please share the information to them. Let them know what St. Anne's is calling them home.

*Fr. Robert*

## EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Starting January 12, Fr. Robert will be available to visit and bless homes for the New Year. If you are interested to have your home blessed, please call the parish office or email [stannegarwood@gmail.com](mailto:stannegarwood@gmail.com) to schedule an appointment.



Holy Water will be available at the back of the church during the January 10-11 weekend masses. After that, it will be available at the parish office.

## Are you ready for 2026?

As we start planning for the new year, let's make sure that our spiritual well-being is part of our "must do" list. If you haven't gone to confession in a while, make it a priority this month. Confession is available every Saturday from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm. You can also schedule an appointment with Fr Robert by calling the parish office.



St. Anne's is happy to house IRON, the new free community program that gives young men 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 Thursdays 6-8 pm at the Bethlehem room starting January 8.

For more information, contact [irongarwood25@gmail.com](mailto:irongarwood25@gmail.com) or 732-762-6645

## CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY CORNER

### St. Anne's Centennial Anniversary Launching

January 11, 2026, Sunday at the 12 noon mass. Bishop James Massa, who grew up in the Westfield, Garwood and Cranford area will be the main celebrant. *Everyone is invited to attend!*

### Special Blessing Mass for Couples who were Married at St. Anne's Church

February 22, 2026, Sunday at the 12 noon Mass. Refreshments to follow at the Bethlehem room. Please RSVP before February 15 by calling the parish office or email [office.stannegarwood@gmail.com](mailto:office.stannegarwood@gmail.com)

### Did you receive the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Anne's

All who were baptized at St Anne's are invited to attend this special 12 noon Mass on March 8, 2026 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](mailto:stannegarwood100years@gmail.com)

### Volunteers Needed!

The Centennial celebration is fast approaching and we need volunteers to help with the monthly activities, memorabilia sorting, fundraising and more. Sign up sheets are available at the back of the church and the parish office.

### Come join The Body of Christ Club!

The next meeting is on January 8, 2026, 7 pm at the St. Anne's Hall. The BOC is a new service ministry here at St. Anne's and we need people who want to help others in our parish by providing rides to grocery store/doctor's appointments, companionship and meal preparations. For more information, check [www.thebodyofchristclub.com](http://www.thebodyofchristclub.com) or contact Rita Doggett at 908-403-3204.



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