

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*
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5 Loaves Pantry



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 21

4:00 PM +Tillie Spata

Sunday December 22

8:00 AM +Georgina Martinez

10:00 AM +Maria & Giovanni Manaco

12:00 Noon +Elizabeth & Edward Conlin

Monday December 23

8:00 AM +Linda Rey

Tuesday December 24

8:00 AM Christmas Intentions

4:00 PM Christmas Intentions

10:00 PM Christmas Intentions

Wednesday December 25

8:00 AM Christmas Intentions

10:00 AM Christmas Intentions

12:00 Noon Christmas Intentions

Thursday December 26

8:00 AM +Richard Stacey

Friday December 27

8:00 AM +Dombrowski, Dangeleit &
Patch Families

Saturday December 28

4:00 PM +Battista Zuena

5:30 PM Spanish Mass Intentions

Sunday December 29

8:00 AM +Mary & Anna Enz

10:00 AM +Walter Zamanski

12:00 Noon +Maria Luisa Franco

Special Prayer Intentions for:

Blessed Mother Lamp:

+Ann & Ken Jordan

Sanctuary Lamp:

+Dolores & Stanley Sawicki

Bread:

Lilian & Gordon Bramwell

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

December 15, 2024

Weekend offering.....\$4,239

Maintenance\$ 30

Immaculate Conception.....\$ 357

Christmas Flowers\$1,268

Total Offering\$5,894

Weekly ordinary Expenses\$5,657

Retired Religious.....\$ 175

Thank you for your generosity!

Pastor's Notes

Christmas is one of the happiest if not, the happiest holiday of the year. Yet, behind the twinkling lights and cheerful music, this season also brings so much sorrow to many.

There is that empty seat which is a reminder that a loved one is no longer with us to celebrate. The bare cupboard and refrigerator or the Christmas tree without gifts that shows financial difficulties. The lack of invite to gatherings from family or friends that triggers loneliness or unworthiness.

This Sunday, as we see smiles and hear laughter, let us remember that all of us are also carrying a burden. Some heavier than others.

Yes, there are people who are really enjoying the holiday. While there are others who are trying their best to get by.

Jesus came to give light in the darkness, joy to the downtrodden, hope to those in despair and love to those looking for it. Beyond the material gifts, let us follow Jesus' example. With all the noise of the season, let us take the time to be extra kind to everyone. Just like Mary who took the time to visit Elizabeth, let us give our time to others. It is the best gift we could give.

Fr. Robert



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 (Tuesday)

Christmas Vigil Mass 4 pm & 10 pm

Christmas Day (Wednesday)

Mass 8 am, 10 am & 12 noon

January 1, 2024 (Wednesday)

Octave Day of Christmas: Mary, the Holy

Mother of God 10 am & 12 noon



RELIGIOUS ED UPDATES

Sunday School Classes:

December 22 - Sacramental Classes



A peek from the Religious Ed Christmas celebration. Thank you to all the parents who supported this very well-attended event. There were over 140 attendees!

Special Thank you to Lincoln School for allowing us to use your facilities and to the hardworking Catechists and volunteers who made this joyous gathering a big success.

HISPANIC APOSTOLATE UPDATE

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

We would like to thank Rich McCormack and his team who made sure that the lights in the church are all working and in perfect condition this Christmas season. Rich has also worked tirelessly to help maintain the church and facilities of St. Anne's.

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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.

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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.



"Advent Prayer"

Hail and Blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary at midnight in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.

In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

A Big Thank You to:

- Nick & Lina Delmonaco and Jacqueline Karmol who organized the fresh wreath and blanket sale fundraiser.
- The Boy Scouts who donated the fresh trees located at the Grotto. They also spent some time decorating the trees.
- The Beautification Committee especially to their "lead", Bill Nierstedt who made sure the outside of the Church is Christmas ready.
- The Students and Staff of Lincoln School here in Garwood who have been supporting the 5 Loaves Pantry the whole year. Aside from donating their \$1,000 prize for the second year, they always made sure that the pantry is stocked.
- The Knights of Columbus for helping in the 5 Loaves Pantry. They coordinated donation deliveries as well as delivered to adopted families throughout the year.
- The Hispanic Apostolate for organizing the successful celebration of the feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. It was a really memorable event here at St. Anne's

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 safely 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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