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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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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

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 January 11

4:00 PM +Frank Malvasi

5:30 PM Spanish Mass Intentions

Sunday January 12

8:00 AM +Laura Luadak

10:00 AM +Daniel Bender

12:00 Noon +John A. Serpico

Monday January 13

8:00 AM +Dolores & Stanley Sawicki

Tuesday January 14

8:00 AM +Pat Lucke

Wednesday January 15

8:00 AM +Marie Sadowski

Thursday January 16

8:00 AM +Romeo Family

Friday January 17

8:00 AM +Georgana Martinez

Saturday January 18

4:00 PM +Mary Grantuskas

Sunday January 19

8:00 AM +Michael Sternick

10:00 AM Marie O'Brien (health blessings)

12:00 Noon +Raymond P D'Uva

Special Prayer Intentions for:

Blessed Mother Lamp:

Janet Barton

(Healing)

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

January 5, 2025

Weekend offering.....\$3,350

Maintenance\$2,610

Solemnity of Mary.....\$1,647

Total Offering\$7,607

Weekly ordinary Expenses\$5,657

Thank you for your generosity!

Dear Mother of God,

In the labyrinth of life's choices, I turn to you as my guiding light. Your wisdom, like a radiant star, has the power to dispel the shadows of confusion that cloud my path. Embrace me with your motherly compassion, helping me navigate the complexities that lie ahead. Your presence illuminates the way, and with your guidance, I find clarity and purpose. Thank you for leading me with unwavering love. Amen.

As I reflect on today's Gospel, the word Humility came up. The two main characters in the story, both exemplified this virtue beautifully.

John the Baptist, whom the people expect and starting to believe as the Messiah was humble enough to admit that someone mightier than him is coming and he is not even worthy to loosen his sandals. With his "celebrity status", he could have easily gain the people's admiration. He could have succumb to the temptation to raise himself and get some credit. After all, he has already done so much work.

Yet, he chose to lower himself and let Jesus, a nobody back then, to shine.

Jesus, on the other hand, in spite of being the Son of God, the highest among the people, with great humility, allowed himself to follow the human traditions and be baptized by someone who is subordinate. Right then, he could have showed how mighty he is. But he didn't. He chose to pray, stay quiet and humbly accept the Father's praise.

Both actions which happened centuries ago are very much relevant today. With all the emphasis on achievements and greatness, it is easy to become arrogant. How many time have we became egotistic and took all the credit for the good things that happened in our lives?

This new year, I challenge each one of us, including myself to let Jesus shine in every thing that we do. By dimming our light, we can make Jesus brighter in our lives.

Fr. Robert

RELIGIOUS ED UPDATES

Sunday School Classes:

January 12 - Sacramental Classes
- Parent Meeting
January 19 - Religious Ed Classes
January 26 - Sacramental Classes

The Religious Ed program with Fr. Robert would like to thank Detective Chris Czachorowski with the whole Garwood PBA, Christopher Kinney, the Superintendent of Garwood Schools and the Garwood Board of Education for their tremendous support in making the Christmas party for our Religious Education children extra special. Everyone especially the children had a great time.

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Starting January 6, Fr. Robert will be available to visit and bless homes for the New Year. If you are interested to have your home blessed, please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment.

HISPANIC APOSTOLATE UPDATE

January 25 - Mass in Spanish at 5:30 PM
(Saturday)

CONSTRUCTION BY THE GROTTTO

By now, you may have noticed the work being done by the Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes. The walkway will be the location of the Commemorative Bricks. If you want to still want to memorialize a loved one, you can still purchase a Brick. Please contact the parish office for details.

*Pizza with Fr. Robert
Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (Saul)
Saturday, January 25, 2025
5:30 PM at the Bethlehem Room
Fun, food, friends and faith
All Youth are welcome.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Church of St. Anne will celebrate it's 100th year in 2026. In line with that, we looking for volunteers to organize and prepare the memorabilia that we have gathered for exhibit. Please contact Fr. Robert for details.

We Are the Reason

Song by: Avalon

As little children
We would dream of Christmas morn
Of all the gifts and toys
We knew we'd find
But we never realized
A baby born one blessed night
Gave us the greatest gift of our lives

We were the reason
That He gave His life
We were the reason
That He suffered and died
To a world that was lost
He gave all He could give
To show us the reason to live

As the years went by
We learned more about gifts
The giving of ourselves
And what that means
On a dark and cloudy day
A man hung crying in the rain
All because of love, all because of love

I've finally found the reason for living
It's in giving every part of my heart to Him
In all that I do every word that I say
I'll be giving my all just for Him, for Him...

We were the reason
That He gave His life
We are the reason
That He suffered and died
To a world that was lost
He gave all He could give
To show us the reason to live...

He is my reason to live

Did you know?

Today, the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord is the official end of the season of Christmas. Time to pack those decorations but feel free to still send in presents.



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