

Founded 1926

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

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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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
First Friday of the month
8:30 pm (Charismatic Mass)

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

Family Based Religious Education classes are held two Sundays a month at 10 AM

RECONCILIATION & SIMPLE ADORATION

Saturdays: 2:30 PM

BAPTISM

Baptisms are scheduled every 2nd and 4th 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

by the Pastoral Associate

Saturday April 6

8:00 AM Memorial Mass Intentions
4:00 PM +Angelina & William Severage Sr.

Sunday April 7

8:00 AM +Ann & Ken Jordan
10:00 AM +Louise Hoyte
12:00 Noon +Albert W. Toth

Monday April 8

8:00 AM +Jenny & Lina Guzzo

Tuesday April 9

8:00 AM +Dorothy Schreiner

Wednesday April 10

8:00 AM +Dorothy Schreiner

Thursday April 11

8:00 AM +Stanley Bogusz

Friday April 12

8:00 AM +Noreen Ryan

Saturday April 13

4:00 PM +Giovanni & Maria Monaco

Sunday April 14

8:00 AM +Geraldine Billerman
10:00 AM +Mary & Dempsey Gurdak
12:00 Noon +Gary Sibia

Special Prayer Intentions:

Blessed Mother Lamp:

Jon & Patricia Baker

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

March 31, 2024

Weekend in-pew..... \$5,685

Maintenance..... 285

Total Offering\$5,970

Weekly ordinary Expenses\$5,657

Holy Land Collection\$498

Easter Collection to date.....\$18,027

As of today, our contributions to the Annual Appeal amounted to \$11,781. That 's roughly 36% of our goal of \$32,331.

Most of my childhood friends used to call me “Doubting Thomas. Why? Because I rarely trust a person 100 percent. Even with my closest friends, I still have at least 5-10 percent reservations.

I credit this “trust issue” to my dad. You see, growing up as an only child, my very street smart father taught me to rely mostly on my self. He told me that it is human nature to change. Life situations such as grief, happiness, love or even money can change an individual no matter how long you have known them. Whether it’s for the better or for the worse, always expect that a person will shift one way or another. That’s why having high expectations on people often lead to disappointments.

In today’s gospel, I tried to be in Thomas’ shoes. In spite of his closeness to Jesus, he doubted his friend big time. Not privately but in front of their whole group of friends.

While it is easy to judge him, I can feel his predicament in that particular scenario. I mean he was almost the last one (if not the last) to see the risen Christ. The other apostles were already in the room when he got there. If it were my closest friends, I bet they were already talking about me since I was late to arrive. Of course, us readers don’t even have a clue if it was April 1, AD.

Many of us for sure are still wondering why Thomas doubted so much when he already that the chance to witness everything that happened.

I think that factor contributed more to his reluctance. Because of his closeness to Jesus, he ate with him, travelled with him, saw him bled and eventually died, he witnessed first hand Jesus’ humanity. Though he was there when Jesus performed some miracles, Thomas’ grief was mostly due to the physical lost of a dear friend.

At that time. he was more focused on the humanity of Jesus that he failed to remember that Jesus is God. Unlike humans who can change their minds, hearts and ways due to external experiences, God is consistent. His words are true and unshakable. If he said that he loves us, that he will be with us, no circumstance can alter that.

While we all witnessed Jesus’ humanity in the Triduum last week, this season of Easter, I pray that all of us can recognize Jesus’ divinity. May we learn to fully trust Him and His timing in our lives. May we experience the peace that comes knowing that there is One out there who loves us dearly, who will never let us down, who will be with us even if we are not in our best selves or even doubt that He will be consistent.

If Jesus loved Thomas in spite of what he did, I believe that Jesus will still love us too.

And that is something to be happy about this Easter.

Rochie

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Family Based Religious Ed (FBRE) Schedule:

April 6	First Communion Candidates Retreat (10am) Confirmation Candidates Retreat (1pm)
April 7	Family Religious Ed (10 am -12 noon)
April 14	7th Grade, First Communion and Confirmation Candidates (10 am- 12 noon)
April 19	Family Fun Night (6:30 pm - 8 pm)
April 21	Grades 1,3,4, 5 & 6 (10 am - 12 noon)
May 2	Confirmation Rehearsal 6:00 pm
May 4	Confirmation Day 11 am

2025 Mass Book

is now open

Please call or drop by the parish office
to reserve your preferred dates for mass intentions.

\$15 for Saturday and Sunday mass

\$10 for weekday mass

Cash or Check (payable to Church of St. Anne) only

PARISH REGISTRATION

In order to be considered a registered parishioner, an adult (persons 21 years of age or older), must submit a completed registration form. These forms can be picked up at the parish office or downloaded from the website. Completed forms must be brought to the parish in person. Please remind young adults (21 and older) that they must be separately registered with the parish. Ordinarily, for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation or Matrimony, a person must be a registered and active member of The Church of St. Anne.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The next class will be on April 11, 6 pm at the St. Anne's Hall (Church basement). At least one parent is required to attend a class in order for a child to be baptized.

For more information, send an email at office.stannegarwood@gmail.com



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday

Receive a plenary
indulgence on Divine
Mercy Sunday by:

1. Going to confession
2. Praying for the intentions of the Holy Father
3. Receiving the Holy Communion.

5 LOAVES PANTRY UPDATES

- We are planning a "get together" of all the Food Pantry volunteers this April at the St. Anne's Hall. Please contact the parish office for details. If you are interested to become volunteers of the food pantry, you are most welcome to join the get together.
- The food pantry is currently low on canned soups, canned meat, pasta and sauce. If are able, please consider donating an extra can or two. Thank you.

CATECHISTS AND TEACHER AIDES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

We are in need of volunteer catechists and teacher aides for next school year's Religious Ed program.

Please contact the parish office for more information.

*It is with extreme sadness we mourn the passing
of our 10am Minister of Hospitality, John Kokulak.
John was a loyal and steadfast usher for many years.
Just recently, he guided our Faith formation teens
on the proper collection and offertory process.
John will be sorely missed.*

A Message from Fr. Robert

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Yes, we thank God for the Victory of the
Cross and the Glory of the
Resurrection! From this moment on, in
Christ we live and move, and have our
being.

I pray that the Spirit of our Risen
Christ always live within you, and may
you always have the gift of Love, and
the blessing of Hope, filled with Peace
and renewed Faith.

As my Easter Spiritual Gift to you and
your family, I enroll you in my First
Saturday Mass of Mary for a year.

Happy Easter!



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