

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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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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION & SIMPLE ADORATION

Saturdays:
 2:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are arranged by appointment with the Pastor. Families may register in the parish and attend a Baptism Preparation Class. Send an email to the parish office for additional information.

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



Pastor's Notes

Saturday December 16

4:00 PM +Karl De Voe Sr.

Sunday December 17

8:00 AM Jon Baker (Health Blessings)

10:00 AM +Nettie Lupo

12:00 Noon +Maria, Giovanni
& Rita Monaco

Monday December 18

8:00 AM +Edwrd Bogusz

Tuesday December 19

8:00 AM +Dhana Bagyam

Wednesday December 20

8:00 AM +Mildred Speck

Thursday December 21

8:00 AM +Kazimier Speck

Friday December 22

8:00 AM +Elizabeth & Edward Conlin

Saturday December 23

4:00 PM +Tillie Spata

Sunday December 24

8:00 AM Christmas Intentions

10:00 AM Christmas Intentions

12:00 Noon Christmas Intentions

Bread: Karol DeVoe Sr.

Wine: Karol DeVoe Sr.

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to Mass intentions for your loved ones you may also remember them through the following memorial opportunities:

- Blessed Mother Lamp
- Sanctuary Lamp
- Our Lady of Lourdes of Grotto
- Memorial Contribution
- Bread & Wine for Liturgies
- Altar Candles
- Flowers
- Please remember St. Anne's in your estate planning

Please contact the parish office for more details

PARISH COLLECTION

December 10, 2023

Regular:	\$4,526
Maintenance:	420
Immaculate Conception:	455
Retirement for the Religious:	455
Total:	\$5,856

The Third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete". A Latin word which means "Rejoice."

Today, the pink candle on the Advent wreath was lit to remind us of His joyful coming and to express the joy of anticipation as we approach Christmas Day.

Although Advent is technically, a season of penance and waiting, we still have reasons to rejoice.

We rejoice because we believe that the One who is coming, our King will embrace us, transform us and redeem us.

We rejoice because our wait is almost over. Yes, Christmas is only 7 days away.

We rejoice because our faith tells us that in spite of the challenges we face, there is always hope and peace.

This is one of the greatest mysteries of our faith. We can find peace and happiness even in the depths of sufferings. As long as we focus on the "real reason of the season", nothing can dampen our spirit.

This reminds me of the classic song "O come, O come Emmanuel." The lyrics say that despite and in spite of mourning and gloomy days, we can rejoice because Jesus is coming.

This is the mystery that the Church wants us to focus on this Gaudete Sunday.

Have you found your reason to rejoice this Advent season?

How do you share your excitement?

Fr. Robert



The Church of St. Anne is now offering communion in two species.

We are reaching out to Eucharistic Ministers both active and inactive to help during masses.

Please contact the parish office so that we can put you on the schedule.

5 LOAVES PANTRY

We are collecting items for the Christmas Food Box for our adopted families. Please drop your donations either at the parish office or at church (there's a box near the Statue of St. Anne by the church entrance).

Bread and pastries are available Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays at the parish office. Feel free to get some for you or for someone whom you think will like some.

2024 CALENDAR RAFFLE

Get a chance to win \$1,000 every month from January 2024 to June 2024 for just a \$50 donation. Yes, you have 6 chances to win! A nice gift for you, your family and friends this Christmas.

Tickets are available at the church entrance or at the parish office.

Hurry, only 500 tickets will be sold.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Registration for St. Anne's Religious Education program for school year 2023-2024 is still open. For more information, visit or call the parish office.

Family Religious Ed (FRE) Schedule:

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| December 3 | - Family Religious Ed (10 am -12 noon) |
| December 10 | - 7th Grade, First Communion and Confirmation Candidates (10 am- 12 noon) |
| | - Communion Parent Meeting (12:15pm) |
| December 15 | - Family Game Night (6:30 pm - 8 pm) |
| December 17 | - Grades 1,3,4, 5 & 6 (10 am - 12 noon) |

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

The Feast at St. Anne's family support group will meet on: Dec 17 (Sunday) at 1:30 pm in St. Anne's Hall.

Parents with their children (teens included) are welcome to join us for a light lunch, some getting to know activity, bible sharing and more.

ADVENT REFLECTION COURSE W/ BR. BILL

The last sessions will be on Dec. 19, 7 pm at the St. Anne's Hall

SPANISH MASS

This month's Spanish Mass will be on December 30, Saturday at 6:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING

Everyone is invited to attend the blessing of the Christmas by the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on Dec. 23rd right after the 4 pm Mass.

CHRISTMAS BLUE MASS

St James the Apostle Church's Bereavement Ministry and Mental Health Ministry is holding a Christmas Blue Mass on December 20th, 7 pm at their Church in Springfield, New Jersey.

The intention of this mass is especially for those whom the Christmas season is a profoundly sad and lonely time, a reminder of loss and brokenness.

The death or impending death of a loved one, loss of health or employment, family crises, and depression are some of the many reasons that Christmas can be painful and isolating.

WOMEN'S AA MEETING

The Church of St. Anne will be the home of an all-women AA support group starting Jan. 3, 2024. Meetings will be held every Wednesday from 7 pm to 8 pm at St. Anne's Hall.

For more information, contact the parish office.

Save the Date!
Valentine Dinner and Dance
February 10, 2024
Columbian Club in Garwood



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24

Regular Sunday Mass 8 am, 10 am & 12 noon
Christmas Vigil Mass 4 pm, 6 pm & 10 pm

Christmas Day Mass 8 am, 10 am & 12 noon

January 1, 2024

Octave Day of Christmas: Mary, the Holy Mother of God 10 am & 12 noon



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Church of St. Anne Garwood, New Jersey

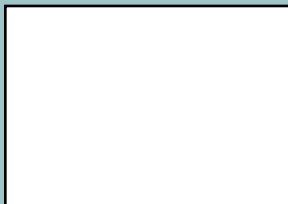


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