

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

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

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

Monday December 25

8:00 AM Christmas Intentions

10:00 AM Christmas Intentions

12:00 Noon Christmas Intentions

Tuesday December 26

8:00 AM +Dombrowski, Dangeleit &
Patch Family Members

Wednesday December 27

8:00 AM +George & Sylvia Occhipinti

Thursday December 28

8:00 AM +George & Janet Occhipinti

Friday December 29

8:00 AM +George & Janet Occhipinti

Saturday December 30

4:00 PM +George & Janet Occhipinti

Sunday December 31

8:00 AM +Leon & Rose De Voe

10:00 AM +Maureen Toth

12:00 Noon +Franco Origliato

Wine: +Dolores & Stanley Sawicki

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

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.

A Miracle at St. Anne's

Everyone likes a good Christmas story. That is why I wouldn't miss this chance to share the story of the 5 Loaves Pantry we have here at St. Anne's.

I can still remember that phone call I received in my office on a 20-degree February day. An Elderly sounding woman was asking if we happen to have some food to spare. I tried to refer her to nearby food pantries and soup kitchens. She was grateful for the information I gave. However, she told me that she does not have a car and St. Anne's is the farthest that she can walk to.

Coincidentally, (I'm sure it was not), someone left a bag of groceries in Church two days earlier and we do not know what to do with it. When I told Fr. Robert about the phone call, he gave us the permission to deliver it to the woman who called.

After finding out the family's condition, I told Fr. Robert that the bag of groceries will not last long and we have to do something about it.

With his blessing, we started to collect food donations every last weekend of the month from the parishioners.

Eventually, with the support of Bill Nierstedt and Mayor Jen Blumenstock, the 5 Loaves Pantry has become a recognized initiative here in Garwood.

To date, this little project has:

- 38 adopted families who received a food bag at least once a month
- donated over 2,000 sandwiches to St. Joseph's food bank
- provided bread and pastries to shelters and warming stations in New Brunswick, Newark and Dunellen through the help of the non-profit Beginning World Changers
- provided weekly snacks to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who stay at Gracious Services in Fanwood, NJ
- provided bread, pastries and food to the residents of the Village in Garwood
- coordinated with the Garwood PD as a food aid supplier whenever they found an individual or family in need
- donated snacks to several sports tournaments and organizations

All these would not be possible without the generosity of this little town and the parishioners. Your support to this project has not only helped fill the tummies of people. You have also restored their faith in God and the goodness of humanity.

Thank you for allowing me to witness this magic. Thank you for allowing me to experience how much love this small town and parish has.

You are all a living proof that angels do exist and Christmas miracles do happen.

Merry Christmas my St. Anne's family!

5 LOAVES PANTRY

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.



Some of the 5 Loaves Pantry Volunteers

If you or your family would like to help with the food pantry, please email office.stannegarwood@gmail.com for more information or to schedule a day.

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:

- January 7 - Family Religious Ed (10 am -12 noon)
- January 14 - 7th Grade, First Communion and Confirmation Candidates (10 am- 12 noon)
- January 19 - Family Game Night (6:30 pm - 8 pm)
- January 21 - 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 every first and third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm in St. Anne's Hall.

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

SPANISH MASS

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The baptism preparation class for this month will be on December 28, Thursday at 6:00 pm in the Bethlehem room. Parents are required to attend a class before their chosen date of baptism.

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.

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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