

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*  
Rev. Bill Morris, *Guest Priest*  
Rochie De Sagun, *Pastoral Associate*  
Joseph Fernandez, *Music Director*  
Veronica Kuczynski, *Bookkeeper,*  
*Director of Religious Education*  
Marie Markovich, *Office Volunteer*

#### MINISTRIES:

Altar Servers  
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Lectors/Readers  
Hospitality  
Line Dancing  
Prayer Network  
Spanish Charismatic Group  
St. Anne's Rosary Society  
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 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

## Monday January 1

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Anne's

12:00 Noon Parishioners of St. Anne's

## Tuesday January 2

8:00 AM +Richard C. Niedermaier

## Wednesday January 3

8:00 AM +John E. Conlin

## Thursday January 4

8:00 AM +Mary & Louise

## Friday January 5

8:00 AM +Edward Olenick Sr.

## Saturday January 6

8:00 AM Memorial Mass

4:00 PM +Nick & Tillie Spata

## Sunday January 7

8:00 AM +Neil W. Daly

10:00 AM +Alfreda Kudla

12:00 Noon John Guerriero

Blessed Mother Lamp: Brian Casella

There are two types of emotions that are often associated with the new year. First is excitement. As we say goodbye to the past year, people have a renewed sense of hope. The hope that something better is about to come. The hope that one can start over and there is an opportunity to change our current situation.

Because of this ray of positivity, many, if not, all of us will make our own list of "New Year's Resolutions." Whether it's about our health, finances or relationships, we believe that we are capable of changing for the better.

Along with excitement is the feeling of fear --- the fear of having to face uncertainty. This reminds me of a child's very first day of school. Some kids are so excited that they will run to their respective class lineup and leave their parents without even trying to say goodbye. While others cry, hide behind their parents and even pull their parents' clothes. Sounds familiar?

The same thing with the parents. There are those who are so excited to send off their children because finally, they will have some "quiet time". Then there are those who when they reach the parking lot will shed a tear or more. No matter what kind of child they have, the mom (or dad) will often try to assure their child and say "Child, don't worry, I am here and will not leave you."

January 1st is also the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our mother too. What a great reminder that we have a strong and loving companion as we journey towards 2024. Mary stayed with Jesus until the very end. She too will do the same for us, her beloved children.

So, this year as I continue ministering the parish and prepare the path towards the Church of St. Anne's Centennial Anniversary in 2026, I ask you to join me in praying for Mother Mary's intercession --- that God may bless all our efforts.

Yes, there are many tasks to do and goals waiting to be accomplished here at St. Anne's. But I do believe that with Mary as our guide and help, all our works will be successful. After all, it is all for the greater glory of her son, Jesus Christ.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Have a Peaceful and Blessed New Year!

*Fr. Robert*

## PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

### December 17, 2023

Weekend in-pew.....	\$5,000
Maintenance.....	258
Immaculate Conception.....	165
Christmas Flowers.....	1,010

Total Offering .....\$6,433

**Weekly ordinary Expenses .....\$7,224**

Religious Retirement Collection..... \$335

### December 24, 2023

Weekend in-pew.....	\$8,333
Maintenance.....	1,345
Christmas Flowers.....	270

Total Offering .....\$9,948

**Weekly ordinary Expenses .....\$7,224**

Christmas Offering.....\$18,612



**January 1, 2024**

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



### 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.
- Food Collection will be on the last weekend of the month (January 27-28). We are always in need of non-perishables like pasta, pasta sauce, canned soup, cereal, rice, canned meats & cooking essentials like olive oil, seasonings, salt and vinegar.
- We are always in need of volunteers to help organize the pantry, prepare the food bags or deliver. If you or your group is interested, please contact the parish office.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

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)

### *Save the Date!*

*The 100th Year Committee is hosting a  
Valentine Dinner and Dance on  
February 10, 2024 at the  
Knights of Columbus  
Columbian Club in Garwood, NJ*

### AA MEETINGS

Did you know?

The Church of St. Anne is home to 4 Alcoholic Anonymous(AA) Support Groups. The schedule of meetings is as follows:

Mondays at 12 noon

Tuesdays at 12 noon

Wednesdays at 12 noon

An all-women group meets every Wednesday at 7 pm

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.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CORNER



Eileen Tai has been a parishioner since 1986. She began “giving” her “talent” as a member of the St. Anne’s School 6th grade “funeral girls” choir.

Since then, she has cantored, assumed the role of music minister, Eucharistic minister and lector.

Eileen is honored to be asked by Fr. Robert to serve as president of the Pastoral Council. In this role, she acts as liaison to Fr. Robert and addresses the congregants’ concerns. One of her goals is to instill a feeling of “welcome” to everyone who goes to St. Anne’s

### SPANISH MINISTRY

Spanish Mass - January 28 at 6 pm

Spanish Charismatic Group - every Saturday at 6 pm

### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The next class on January 18, Thursday at 6:00 pm in the Bethlehem room.

Parents are required to attend a class before their chosen date of baptism. For more info call the parish office.

### 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

### 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.



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