

Founded 1926

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 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.*

#### 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  
Beautification  
Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers  
Garwood Knights of Columbus  
Lectors/Readers  
Hospitality  
Hispanic Apostolate Group  
Line Dancing  
Prayer Network  
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

#### 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

	<b>Saturday January 27</b>
4:00 PM	+Christine Materia
	<b>Sunday January 28</b>
8:00 AM	+Nicholas Warchol
10:00 AM	+Lourdes Parana Tolcidas
12:00 Noon	+Raymond P. D'Uva
6:00 PM	Spanish Mass Intentions
	<b>Monday January 29</b>
8:00 AM	+Frank Mostowski
	<b>Tuesday January 30</b>
8:00 AM	+Gerry Bavaro
	<b>Wednesday January 31</b>
8:00 AM	+Banyasz Family
	<b>Thursday February 1</b>
8:00 AM	+Mary & Louise
	<b>Friday February 2</b>
8:00 AM	+Jay & Andy Palmieir
	<b>Saturday February 3</b>
8:00 AM	First Saturday Memorial Mass
4:00 PM	+Charles Riordon
	<b>Sunday February 4</b>
8:00 AM	+Georgina Martinez <i>(First year anniversary)</i>
10:00 AM	+Mark Sussek
12:00 Noon	+Gary Sibia
 <i>Special Prayer Intentions for:</i>	
Blessed Mother Lamp:	
The Homebound Parishioners	

Are you a practicing Catholic?

The readings this week remind us how to be a true disciple. To simply put it, "In order for us to be a true disciple, we have to learn to listen to the Word of God and put it into life."

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was God.

Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise in the Old Testament. He speaks God's word with such power and authority that even the unclean spirits tremble and obey him. Jesus and his Words are life giving and true. It have kept the Church rock steady amidst life's uncertainties.

Where do we find the Word of God? The Bible of course!

That is why I encourage you to find at least 5 minutes each day to read the Scriptures. A habit that I'm sure will change your lives the same way it changed mine.

Here at St Anne, we started offering a Bible Reflection course every season. This Lent, Bro. Bill Lavigne will conduct a Lenten Reflection on the suffering, death and crucifixion of Jesus. You are all invited to encounter Jesus through this Bible course.

Listening to God's words is not enough though, we have to practice what we learned. One way of making God's words alive is through charitable acts like supporting our very own 5 Loaves Pantry. I'm sure you have heard how many lives have been touched and continually being moved by this project.

Another way of making the Word of God in action is to reach out to the underprivilege in our society. By now, many of you may have received the letter from the Cardinal regarding the Annual Appeal. By supporting the Annual Appeal's mission, we are able to bring God's Word to more people --- the imprisoned, the youth, the seminarians, the food insecure to name a few.

Lastly, being a practicing Catholic in word and in deed will truly make us better persons.

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart." (Psalm 95)

*Fr. Robert*

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**PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING**

January 14, 2024	
Weekend in-pew.....	\$4,294
Maintenance.....	316
<b>Total Offering .....</b>	<b>\$4,610</b>
<b>Weekly ordinary Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$7,224</b>

January 21, 2024	
Weekend in-pew.....	\$3,661
Fuel.....	1,101
<b>Total Offering .....</b>	<b>\$4,762</b>
<b>Weekly ordinary Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$7,224</b>

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**2024 CALENDAR RAFFLE**

Get a chance to win \$1,000 every month from February 2024 to June 2024 for just a \$50 donation.

We still have 100 tickets available. You can get one at the church entrance or at the parish office.

## 5 LOAVES PANTRY

- Thank you to the Girl Scouts of Westfield for donating over 300 canned goods last Sunday, January 21st.
- Is your child/teen looking for service hours? We always need extra hands to organize the pantry, prepare food bags or deliver. Send an email to [office.stannegarwood@gmail.com](mailto:office.stannegarwood@gmail.com) to schedule.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Family Based Religious Ed (FBRE) Schedule:

February 4	- Family Religious Ed (10 am -12 noon)
January 11	- 7th Grade, First Communion and Confirmation Candidates (10 am- 12 noon)
	- Reconciliation Practice
February 16	- Family Fun Night (6:30 pm - 8 pm)
February 22	- First Reconciliation (6 pm)
February 25	- Grades 1,3,4, 5 & 6 (10 am - 12 noon)

## FEAST OF THE CANDELARIA

The Hispanic Apostolate of St. Anne's is inviting everyone to join the celebration of the Feast of Candles on January 28th, Sunday. There will be a mass in Spanish at 6:00 pm followed by a procession around the church grounds.

Afterwards, there will be a gathering at the Bethlehem room where everyone can enjoy tamales and arroz con leche (rice pudding).

## AA MEETINGS

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 1:00 pm

An all-women group meets every Wednesday at 7 pm

**The 100th Year Committee is hosting a Valentine Dinner and Dance on February 10, 2024 , 7pm - 11pm at the Knights of Columbus Columbian Club in Garwood, NJ.**

**\$60 per person includes a Royal Buffet Dinner, music, dancing, 50/50 raffle and more.**

**To RSVP, fill up the form and send payment on or before Feb.4**

**Forms are available at the back of the church or at the parish office.**

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CORNER



Paul Nieves is a native of New York City and moved to New Jersey to attend law school at Seton Hall law school in 1992.

He's lived in Garwood since 2004. He married his high school sweetheart and has one daughter who started college last year.

He retired from the army reserves as a Major after a 23 year career. His activations while in the Army included deployment to Baghdad Iraq with the 18th Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg North Carolina with the Civil Affairs Command and as lead prosecutor at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He is currently the Spiritual Adviser to the Saint Helen's parish men's cornerstone, which is scheduled for March.

Here at St. Anne's, Paul is a member of the Pastoral Council and the Hispanic Apostolate Group.

## LENTEN & EASTER COURSE WITH BRO. BILL

Bro. Bill is back! This time, he will help us read and understand the "Passion Narratives" and the Resurrection.

This 6-session course will be at 7 pm in the Bethlehem room. There will be a \$20 fee for materials (books). Sign up forms are available at the back of the church or at the parish office. Please register and remit payment by February 1st so that the books can arrive in a timely manner.

Lenten Course schedule: Feb. 27, March 5, 12 and 19

Easter Course schedule: April 9 and April 16

## 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



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