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, Administrator Rev. Michael Barone, In Residence Joe Fernandez, Music Director Veronica Kuczynski, Bookkeeper, Director of Religious Education Rochie De Sagun, Marketing & Communications Consultant Dennis Corcoran, Family Based Religious Ed. Consultant Kyle Kuczynski, Facilities Maintenance Ruth Becht, Office Volunteer Marie Markovich, Office Volunteer

#### **MINISTRIES:**

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Prayer Shawl Group
John Bosco Youth Group
Line Dancing



## 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:

Holy Days: See Bulletin

8:00 AM

#### ADORATION & ROSARY:

First Wednesday of each month 7:00 PM First Friday after 8 AM mass First Saturday: after 8 am mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION & SIMPLE ADORATION: Saturdays:

Saturdays: 2:30 PM

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Baptisms are arranged by appointment with the Pastor. Families must be registered in the parish and attend a Baptism Preparation Class. Please contact 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

## RELICIOUS EDUCATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

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



Saturday Jan. 28

4:00 PM +Regina DePaola

Sunday Jan 29

8:00 AM +Nicholas Warchol

10:00 AM +Charite Simon

12:00 Noon +Father Paul David Importico

Monday Jan 30

8:00 AM +Frank Mostowski

Tuesday Jan 31

8:00 AM +Darlene DiPiro

Wednesday Feb 1

8:00 AM +Jenny & Lina Guzzo

Thursday Feb 2

8:00 AM +Mary & Louise

Friday Feb 3

8:00 AM Lindsay Murphy

Saturday Feb 4

4:00 PM +Angeline & William Severage

Sunday Feb 5

8:00 AM +Cathy Smith

10:00 AM +Helen Woienski

12:00 Noon +Lillian Pearl Bridges

Blessed Mother Lamp: Joan Brogan for Good Health

#### PARISH COLLECTION

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**Rosary Sunday** 

February 5 is Rosary Sunday. Join us as we honor our Blessed Mother by reciting the rosary together at 7:30 am right before the 8:00 am Mass.

## **Pastoral Notes**

#### The Paradox of the Beatitudes

Jesus Said, "Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for the Kingdom of Heaven..." (Mt. 5:1-12)

The Beatitudes present us with a paradox. Jesus says that the people who are suffering by the world's standards are actually blessed. In fact, the word "BLESSED" in Greek means someone who is so fortunate that he or she should be envied.

Can we envy a hungry person who has nothing to eat and has no place to live? Can we envy a person who is suffering due to religious persecution and alienation? Do we envy a person who left the convenience of the home and work in the missions helping the lepers at the leper colony or evangelizing in the wild dessert of Africa?

The world's view of happiness and blessedness is different from the Christian view. For us Christians, God is the only Being who can give us true and perfect happiness. So, Jesus in the Beatitudes is calling us to adhere to God and to live God's way of life... and we will be blessed. Regardless of what status in life we are in, or whatever job we do, Jesus invites us to offer every suffering and hardship we encounter for the greater glory of God. And we shall be blessed. Jesus promises us not only earthly blessing s but more so His eschatological blessings in the next life.

Please take note that "The Beatitudes" do not nurture a defeatist attitude. Passivity is not an option because the reward is in the future or in the next life. We don't allow false sense of hope, passivity, or defeatist attitude in the face of evil or oppression. The Beatitudes encourages us to live a Godly good life, suffer with Jesus and work in His Holy Name to improve your condition or to pursue your dreams. What counts after all is that we adhere and followed His footsteps.

There were people who attached their lives to God alone, and now they are happy and blessed in heaven. They are the Saints.

Can you say that you are a "BLESSED" person? What would your reasons be? If so, blessed are you, indeed!

Fr. Robert

#### **Music Ministry News**

New members are always welcome. If you are interested to join, reach out to Joe Fernandez at (908) 8686-4020 or email resolutioe@gmail.com

#### **New Altar Servers**

We are inviting children and teens ages 7-17 years old who received their First Communion to join the Altar Servers Ministry. Email the parish office for details.

#### **VOLUNTEER USHERS NEEDED**

If you are interested in becoming an Usher or Minister of Hospitality, please send an email to the Parish Office.

#### **Line Dancing**

Weekly Line Dancing Sessions from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm at the Bethlehem Room. It's FREE for everyone.

#### Weekly Bible Study

Every Tuesdays, 7 pm in the Bethlehem room. All are welcome to join.

#### St. Anne's Charity Donation Box

This fund is intended to help our parishioners who are struggling financially. The box is located by the Nativity at the left side corner of the church.

#### FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

This weekend is the start of our monthly food collection to help the food insecure in our community. The next collection will be on Feb, 25th and 26th (last weekend of the month. Only non perishable food items please. No glass containers. Your donation of one canned good (or more, if you are able) is very much appreciated.

If you or someone you know would be helped by our Food Pantry, please do not hesitate to call or email the parish office. We're more than happy to make the necessary arrangements for confidential pick up or delivery.

Raffle tickets are still available at the Parish office. Thank you for supporting St. Anne's.



Check our official Facebook Page for updates Church of St. Anne Garwood, New Jersey Family Based Religious Education (FBRE) 2022- 2023

February 12 (Sunday)

FBRE 10 am - 11:45 am followed by 12 pm mass February 17 (Friday)

Family Game Night

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm February 18 (Saturday) Confirmation Class

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm followed by 4:00 pm mass February 26 (Sunday) Religious Ed 10 am - 11:45 am followed by 12 pm mass

#### Save the Date

Holy Land Pilgrimage with a trip to Jordan November 28 - December 7, 2023 (10 days)

\$4,699 from Newark airport includes airfare, hotel accommodation with breakfast & dinner and bus tours.

For more information email the parish office.

### Special Mass to Milestone Wedding Anniversary

We are excited to announce that the Archdiocese of Newark will once again do the annual tradition of honoring couples who will be celebrating five, twenty five and fifty years of marriage.

The anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

April 16, 2023 3:00 pm for 50 years May 7, 2023 3:00 pm for 5 years & 25 years.

For more information or to register, please call the parish office.

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