

Founded 1926

Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 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*
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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:

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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 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

Monday January 8

8:00 AM +Jenny & Lina Guzzo

Tuesday January 9

8:00 AM +Edward Bogusz

Wednesday January 10

8:00 AM +Stanley Dombrowski

Thursday January 11

8:00 AM +Nancy Ann Scala Makar

Friday January 12

8:00 AM +Doug Furlong

Saturday January 13

4:00 PM +Della M. Gavin

Sunday January 14

8:00 AM +Jose Laguda
 10:00 AM +Edward Olenick Sr.
 12:00 Noon +Greg Bednarz

Sanctuary Lamp: +Marcela Z. Maglaque

Today, as we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, I can't help but wonder what was inside the minds of Melchor, Gaspar and Baltazar. To start, their mission to find the Holy Family is not only challenging, but also almost impossible.

Back then, traveling is burdensome --- no defined roads, street names, rest stops. convenient stores, google maps or even cell phones. They had no clue of the exact address of the place Jesus was born. On top of that, they don't even know the names of the parents or what they even look like!

Their trip was definitely tiring, impractical, inconvenient and even dangerous to the point that they may lose their lives in the process. Yet, they pursued, pushing both their bodies and minds to the limits. Aside from the gifts they carried, all they have is their sense of purpose, faith and the star. Deep in their hearts, they know that no matter how unreasonable and unattainable the task may seem, they will find the newborn King.

At one point (or more) in our lives, we will experience difficulties, uncertainty, doubt, fear and tiredness. The question now is "Are we going to quit, revert or continue"?

Exactly a year ago, I started working here at St. Anne's to help with Fr. Robert's goal of reaching out to the existing parishioners, increase new members and encourage active participation to the parish. For someone in the business marketing and communication field whose been working from home for years, this "church consultancy gig" seemed like a nice breath of fresh air.

When he asked me to go "onsite" a few days a week for a few hours to better know the people (target audience), it never crossed my mind that I was being prepared by God for something else.

As I got immersed in the daily operations of the parish, not only did I see the tasks needed to be dealt with, but I also got to experience the overwhelming love this church has.

Just like the wise men, I know this journey being a Pastoral Associate will entail long hours, bigger responsibilities and interesting challenges. Yet, I still said "yes". Why? Because in my heart, I found the purpose of the call. Plus, I learned to enjoy your warm smiles and loving company. You all made me feel at home here at St. Anne's.

We all have different paths, but our destination is the same. The wise men followed and focused on "the Star". Have we recognized it?

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Every First Wednesday at 7pm

Exposition and Adoration, Intercessory Rosary and Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

December 31, 2023 - January 1, 2024
 Weekend in-pew..... \$4,376
 Christmas Offering..... 1,040
 Solemnity of Mary.....1,587

Total Offering\$7,003
 Weekly ordinary Expenses\$7,224

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

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)

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.

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

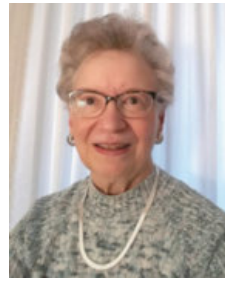
2024 CALENDAR RAFFLE

Congratulations Karen Krenek for winning the January Calendar Raffle!

We are down to the last 100 tickets. If you haven't gotten one or would like to purchase more, contact Fr. Robert or the parish office. You still have 5 chances to win \$1000. Tickets are \$50 each.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CORNER



Margaret Augustine is a life-long parishioner with a history of involvement in all aspects of parish life. She was in the second class to complete kindergarten through eighth grade at St. Anne's School.

Margaret taught at St. Anne's from 1970 until the school closed in 1986 and then continued teaching at St. Michael's in Cranford.

At present, her service at St. Anne's includes lector, Eucharistic minister, altar server, visitor to the homebound and prayer network coordinator. She is also a Rosarian.

As a Pastoral Council member, she hopes to encourage more participation in liturgical services and events.

SPANISH MINISTRY

Spanish Mass - January 28 at 6 pm

Spanish Charismatic Group - every Saturday at 6 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

PARISH REGISTRATION

In order to be considered a registered parishioner, an adult, (21 years of age or older) must submit a completed registration form. Completed registration forms must be brought to the parish office in person. Please remind young adults (21 and older) who live with their parents that they must be registered separately with the parish.

Ordinarily for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation or Matrimony, or to receive a sponsorship eligibility certificate from this parish, a person must be registered and an active member of St. Anne's.



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