

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
- Music Ministry
- 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

One of my favorite saints is St. Augustine.

He was a highly intelligent man who even tried to fathom the depth of the mystery of the Trinity of God.

One day, while meditating, he saw a child playing in the beach sands, trying to fill a hole with seawater. He told the child that what he wants to do is impossible. The child, who was actually an angel replied that if what he is doing is impossible, it is even less possible for him to try to understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

The story of St. Augustine reminded me of a boy whom I would like to call as Little John. His young mind wanted to understand the mystery of the love of God. He had a very simple question about God. Answering it, however was really difficult, even for me as a priest.

He asked “Why God must suffer to save the world when He is almighty and very powerful? With a snap of his fingers, without dropping a sweat, he can totally delete the sins of the world.”

I was put in a silent mode for a while and prayed to the Holy Spirit.

The only answer I can think of was John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his on Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

I had to admit that I had to paraphrase to better explain God’s saving love. God so loved the world that God sent the Son to be born into the world, to suffer and die so as to atone our sins once and for all and to be raised up so that all may have eternal life.

In the same way, God is also teaching us what true love is by example. True and real love is always willing to suffer and die for the beloved. God is inviting us to love the way He loved, and to participate or give our share in His sacrificial love.

This 4th Sunday of Lent is “Laetare” Sunday. We are told to “Rejoice” because though we cannot fathom how deep God’s love for us, I am sure we believe that because of His love, He suffered, died and rose back to life to bring us eternal life.

I pray that this Season of Lent may more and more souls will find solace in the unparalleled love and mercy of God.

Fr. Robert

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

March 3, 2024

Weekend in-pew..... \$4,397
Maintenance.....\$5,584

Total Offering\$9,981
Weekly ordinary Expenses\$7,224

Saturday March 9
4:00 PM +Nick Spata

Sunday March 10
8:00 AM +Gianna Bambaci
10:00 AM +Rita Monaco
12:00 Noon +Georgina, Tomas and Luz Maria Martinez

Monday March 11
8:00 AM +Jenny & Lina Guzzo

Tuesday March 12
8:00 AM +Marilyn Jane MacWhirter

Wednesday March 13
8:00 AM +Leo Schultz

Thursday March 14
8:00 AM +Angela Cairolì

Friday March 15
8:00 AM Fred Riccio
(for Good Health)

Saturday March 16
4:00 PM +Margaret McMahon

Sunday March 17
8:00 AM +Dolores Benoit
10:00 AM +Maureen Toth
12:00 Noon John Stotz

Special Prayer Intentions:
Blessed Mother Lamp: Jon Baker
(Health Blessings)
Sanctuary Lamp: Sonia Mate-Babinsky
(Birthday Blessings)

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 Candle
- 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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Family Based Religious Ed (FBRE) Schedule:

March 3	Family Religious Ed (10 am -12 noon)
March 10	7th Grade, First Communion and Confirmation Candidates (10 am- 12 noon)
March 15	Family Fun Night (6:30 pm - 8 pm)
March 17	Grades 1,3,4, 5 & 6 (10 am - 12 noon)

5 LOAVES PANTRY

Breads and assorted pastries are available everyday at the parish office. Feel free to grab a bag for you or someone whom you think will be blessed by it. We always receive a generous donation so help spread the word.

If you would like to volunteer or knows a family who can be helped by our pantry, please send an email to office.stannegarwood@gmail.com or call the parish office.

BINGO NIGHT

March 23, 2024, Saturday 5:30 pm at the Bethlehem Room.

\$30 per person includes 3 Bingo Cards good for 5 Bingo games each and Dinner (chicken & rice, baked ziti, rice pudding and more).

Registration forms are available at the Church entrance and the parish office.

Event is sponsored by the Hispanic Apostolate of St. Anne

2025 Mass Book

will open on March 11, 2024.

You can come to the Bethlehem Room between 9:30 am and 12 noon to reserve your dates for mass intentions.

\$15 for Saturday and Sunday mass

\$10 for weekday mass

Cash or Checks (payable to Church of St. Anne) only

The Church of St. Anne needs you!

Did you know that you can always share your time, talents and skills here at St. Anne's? Just send us an email at stannegarwood@gmail.com with your availability and what you would like to do.

FROM THE BEAUTIFICATION TEAM

Help make St. Anne's Spring and Easter Ready!

We are accepting donations of plants or money to purchase annual or perennial flowering bulbs to brighten up the Church grounds for Easter Sunday.

If you questions or want to drop off donations, please contact Rochie at the parish office.

PARISH LENTEN REFLECTION

On March 23, 2024, Saturday, Fr. Bill Morris will facilitate our annual Lenten Reflection from 8:30 am to 12 noon at the Bethlehem Room.

After the Reflection will be our Parish Confession. Guests priests will be available to hear confessions that day.

While there is no fee to join, we ask that you contact the parish office to register so that we will have an idea of the number of participants.

EASTER EGG HUNT WITH A TWIST

March 20, 2024, 1 pm in the Bethlehem Room.

While the event is free, pre-registration is required to help us prepare.

Please respond to GPYouth@comcast.net with the Parent's name and phone number, number of children participating and their ages by March 18.

The Girl Scouts will be selling their highly coveted cookies after each mass this Sunday, March 10.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Follow the rainbow and come to St. Anne's on March 15, 6:30 pm to 8 pm at the Bethlehem Room.

There will be games, crafts, refreshments, Irish music and dances. Don't forget to wear Green.

Event is free but requires registration. Send an email to GPYOUTH@COMCAST.NET to save a spot. Open to both kids and their parents.

The next Baptism Preparation Class is on March 7, 6pm at the Bethlehem room. Parents who wished to have their child baptized must attend a class before they can schedule a date for baptism.

For more info, please email office.stannegarwood@gmail.com



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