Church of Saint Anne
325 Second Avenue • Garwood, NJ 07027
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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 a 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.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
Saturday Evening - 4:30 p.m. • Sunday - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. & 12 noon
Monday thru Friday - 8:00 a.m. National Holidays - 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days - As announced

SERVED BY :
Rev. Msgr. Ronald J. Marczewski, *Pastor*

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Rev. Anthony Korir, SMA

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptisms are arranged by appointment. To arrange a meeting with the Pastor and to schedule a Baptism Preparation Class, please call the Parish Office 908-789-0280, ext. 10.
Parents are the first & best teachers of their children in Faith.

MARRIAGE
Arrangements must be made with the Pastor one year in advance to ensure proper time and adequate preparation 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays: 4:00PM

EUCAHRISTIC ADORATION & INTERCESSORY ROSARY
First Wednesday each month. 7:00 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
Religious Education classes for children are conducted on Sunday after the 10:00 AM Mass.
Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 908-789-0280, ext. 27

PARISH REGISTRATION
It is easy to register. Just call the Parish Office: 908-789-0280 ext. 10.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.
— 1 Peter 2:24a

IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart.

Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers.

The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators.

Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

COUNTING SHEEP
When at night you cannot sleep,
talk to the Shepherd and
stop counting sheep.
—Anonymous

Mothers' Day is Next Sunday: May 10

Register your Mother to be remembered in all the Masses on that day.
Use the envelope you received in your package.
Extra envelopes in the Rectory Office entrance.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	**May 2, 2020**
4:30 PM	+Josephine Fisher
Sunday,	**May 3, 2020**
8:00 AM	+Simon & Lidia Karpa
10:00 AM	+ Julia & Vincenzo D'Onofrio
12:00 PM	People of the Parish
Monday	**May 4, 2020**
8:00 AM	+John Hughes
Tuesday	**May 5, 2020**
8:00 AM	+Jenny & Lena Guzzo
Wednesday	**May 6, 2020**
8:00 AM	+My Sisters, Mary & Louise
Thursday	**May 7, 2020**
8:00 AM	+Marie Sonnentag
Friday	**May 8, 2020**
8:00 AM	+Ed McMahon Family
Saturday,	**May 9, 2020**
4: 30 PM	Mother's Day Intentions
Sunday	**May 10, 2020**
ALL MASSES	Mother's Day Intentions

Mass Intentions & Memorials can be booked by calling the Parish Office.

Weekly Offering (April 19, 2020)
Regular Collection: $ 1,290.00
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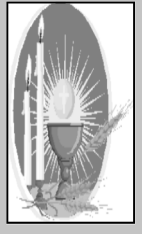
$ 17,195.00
Thank you to all who have sent in their weekly offerings! You have been "Great!" and St. Anne's will be eternally grateful!



MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Lamp
+Vincent Carrea

Blessed Mother Lamp
Jon M. Baker, Sr.

May is the Month of Blessed Mother!

And do we need her now!

I have been daily moved by the amount of people who stop by the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine to pray.
People come at all hours. (The Outside Shrine is open 24 hours a day!)
Joggers, bicycle riders, parents with children. Some sit to pray the Rosary. Some weep and intercede for whatever is in their hearts.
Some just make the sign of the cross.

Blessed Mother is there for all!

I thought of the People of Ireland. From the 1500's into the 20th century the Catholic Church and Catholics were severely persecuted by England. Churches were closed and destroyed.
Priests were forbidden to celebrate the Sacraments.
It was an attempt to stamp out the Faith.
But the Faith survived! Fed by the great devotion of the Rosary!
Certainly, these are difficult times. Our churches are closed.
The Sacraments are not being celebrated.

We need to turn to deeper personal Spiritual lives.

Cardinal Tobin has released a pastoral letter about the need of Mary in our lives at this time. He has given 5 reasons and a Prayer Intention for each. Over the next few weeks, I will share the Cardinal's comments and prayers with you. Here is part of the Cardinal's Letter:

As I reflect on our current crisis, and the serious challenges it presents to individuals, families, communities and nations in all regions of the world, I see five major reasons (among many more) why we should turn to Mary our mother for her intercession and help.

Here are my five reasons.

1. People are sick and dying. Throughout the Church's history, Christians have sought Mary's intercession in times of serious illness including pestilence and plagues. As a loving mother, Mary always responds with comfort and the healing grace of her Son.

Prayer:

Most Holy Mother, Health of the Sick, please stay close to all who are suffering from the effects of this deadly virus.
Comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones.
Encourage caregivers, first responders and all who provide essential services often at great risk to themselves.

Perhaps we could offer a decade of our Rosary this week for this intention?!

By the way? Some of us might have forgotten how to Pray the Rosary. It is easy. For information, "Google" on your phone or computer: How to Pray **the Rosary** - dummies. **Yes!** The Rosary for "Dummies!" It is really quite good and will give you an easy explanation of how to Pray the Rosary!

Another suggestion: ***Why not pray the Rosary with others at St. Anne's (virtually) ! !***
My suggestion: **We chose to Pray the Rosary at 10:00 AM, or 2:00 PM, or 6:00 PM.**
That way, we know others are praying the Rosary with us during that time!! I will be praying the Rosary at 2:00 PM each day. Why not pray with me?

We continue to pray for each other!

Msgr. Ron

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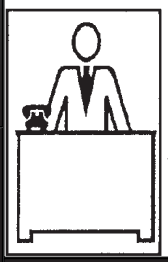
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