

Founded 1926

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.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

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



Reflections

by the Pastoral Associate

Saturday May 4

- 8:00 AM Memorial Mass
- 11:00 AM Confirmation Mass
- 4:00 PM +Palma Lipis

Sunday May 5

- 8:00 AM +Simion Karpa
- 10:00 AM +Julia & Vincent D’Onofrio
- 12:00 Noon Ryan Green

Monday May 6

- 8:00 AM +Jenny & Lina Guzzo

Tuesday May 7

- 8:00 AM +Fernando Romano

Wednesday May 8

- 8:00 AM +Dolores & Stanley Sawicki

Thursday May 9

- 8:00 AM +

Friday May 10

- 8:00 AM +Ron La Bella Jr.

Saturday May 11

- 11:00 AM First Communion Mass
- 4:00 PM Mother’s Day Intention

Sunday May 12

- 8:00 AM Mother’s Day Intentions
- 10:00 AM Mother’s Day Intentions
- 12:00 Noon Mother’s Day Intentions

Special Prayer Intentions

Blessed Mother Lamp:

Jon & Patricia Baker (*Health Blessings*)

Sanctuary Lamp:

Mary E. Perfilio (*17th Anniversary*)

Back when I was in grade school, there was a song that was often sang during the masses and chorus goes *“And they know we are Christians by our love.... by our love. Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.”*

Today’s Gospel not only reminded me of this song but it also made me think. *“How do we show our love?”*

Jesus showed it loud and clear. He laid down his life for us -- his friends (even if they accepted him or not). While that was the ultimate expression of love, many of us may not have the chance or the heart to do as he did Seriously, I personally cannot readily give my life to a stranger because I will be thinking about my children.

How do we do it then?

Since I’m having difficulties finding the *“right way”*, I switched the question to *“What makes me feel loved?”*

Words started to flow. I feel loved when *“I feel safe, special, taken cared of, at peace, thought of...”* Words that boil down to the feeling of *“belongingness”*.

Over the years, through stories of friends and relatives, I learned more about different religions. That’s when I realized that our Catholic church is one or perhaps the most lenient one. I mean, we are not checked if we’re actually giving 10% tithe or if we really went to confession before receiving the eucharist or did we really observe fasting during Ash Wednesday?

For us Catholics, everyone is welcome to join us. Yet, many baptized Catholics no longer practice our faith. Some even left because they felt out of place, lonely, rejected, judged... Sad but real.

Have we truly provided a place where everyone belongs?

Have we truly loved one another?

Have we?

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ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

Thank you to all who sent their contribution to the 2024 Annual Appeal. As of now, we have **\$17,441 from 94 donors.**

If we reach our goal of **\$32,331** and paid by **June 30th**, we will receive a 2% reduction in our Monthly Archdiocesan Assessment.

If you haven’t given your pledge yet, please prayerfully consider contributing to this cause.

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

April 21, 2024

Weekend in-pew.....	\$4,367
Maintenance.....	\$ 140

Total Offering	\$4,507
Weekly ordinary Expenses	\$5,657

Catholic Home collection.....	\$284
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Congratulations to the following Confirmandi who received the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation officiated by Bishop James Massa last May 4th.

- Dimitry Boris Arce
- Adriana Chevez
- Emily Sofia Cruz
- Andrew Keil Demetrick
- Oliver Francis Ficarra
- Charles Jacob Gosda
- Favian Hernandez-Ventura (Also 1st Communion)
- Collin James Maloney
- Aedan Payumo
- Jaxon Payumo
- Lily Ann Sosinski
- Gabriel Robie Wood

Please continue to pray for them and for the following children who will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on May 11th.

- Eleanor Ebarido Dearing
- Annabella Michelle dos Santos
- Claire Theresa Folcik
- Jane Sharon Folcik
- Alice Elizabeth Folcik
- Carlos William Galvez
- Nicolas Wilson Goni
- Scarlett Mae Heyder
- Meredith Joan LaFever
- Ryan Joseph Lyszczar
- Brayden Albert Merdo
- Sadie Elizabeth Nicastr
- Bridget Hannah Salmon
- Giselle Cecilia Sousa
- Chiara Stacey Sumba
- Mei-Ling Tong
- Janelle Williams
- Emma Rose Anwander
- Arthur Richard Anwander
- Andrea Hernandez

CATECHISTS AND TEACHER AIDES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

We are in need of volunteer catechists and teacher aides for next school year's Religious Ed program.

Please contact the parish office for more information.

ROSARY SOCIETY UPDATE

The next meeting is on May 9th, 7:00 pm at the Bethlehem Room.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

On May 11, Saturday, starting at 9:00 AM, the Beautification Ministry will do their next outdoor gardening and landscaping event. Everyone, both young and the young at heart who likes to garden are welcome to help.

We are also asking for donations of perennial plants such as lavender, rosemary etc.

FEAST OF ST ANNE'S RAFFLE

Starting this weekend, raffle tickets will be sold after each mass and also at the parish office during office hours.

The proceeds of this fundraiser will go to our Religious Education program and fund other activities specially meant for the youth in our parish.

\$10 donation for each ticket and the drawing will July 26, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

AN EVENING WITH MARY

You are invited to watch a documentary that features the remains of Mary's house in Nazareth and shines of Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Join us in St. Anne's Hall on Tuesday, May 14 at 7 pm.

100 YEARS COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

Did you know that the Church of St. Anne will be celebrating her 100th anniversary in 2026?

In order for our church to be enjoyed by future generations, we initiated the **St. Anne's Heritage Fund Campaign**. As mentioned a few months ago, this fund will be used for big maintenance projects such as the roof, walkway to the Grotto and more.

As part of our efforts to raise funds for the Heritage Fund Campaign, we will be selling 100 bricks that will line the borders of the walkway to the Grotto. **Each brick which costs \$150 each will be engraved with a name of your choice.** What a great way to remember or honor your mom this Mother's Day.

Forms are available in church. Please return the forms with payment as soon as possible. For more information, contact the parish office.

STORYTIME AT ST ANNE'S

This summer we will have a biweekly one hour story time event for children ages 4-9 years old at the Bethlehem room. Every session, the kids will get a chance to know a "Hero" from the Bible.

Registration information and other details to follow.



Check our official Facebook Page for updates
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