

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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Church of Saint Anne

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

RECONCILIATION & SIMPLE ADORATION

Saturdays: 2:30 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
Holy Days of Obligation
8:00 AM and 7PM

BAPTISM

Baptisms are scheduled every 1st and 3rd 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

HOLY ANOINTING

Call the Office to schedule a visit.

ADORATION & ROSARY

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

RELIGIOUS ED & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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



Saturday December 20

4:00 PM +Maria Monico
7:00 PM Simbang Gabi Intentions

Sunday December 21

8:00 AM +Regina Ulaky
10:00 AM +Nettie Lupo
12:00 Noon +Georgina, Tomas & Luz Maria

Monday December 22

8:00 AM +Elizabeth & Edward Conlin

Tuesday December 23

8:00 AM +Judy Keiper

Wednesday December 24

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Anne
4:00 PM Parishioners of St. Anne
10:00 PM Parishioners of St. Anne

Thursday December 25

8:00 AM Christmas Intentions
10:00 AM Christmas Intentions
12:00 Noon Christmas Intentions

Friday December 26

8:00 AM +Patrick Callaghan

Saturday December 27

4:00 PM +Nick & Tillie Spata
5:30 PM Spanish Mass Intentions

Sunday December 28

8:00 AM Gordon Bramwell
10:00 AM Peter A. Lima
12:00 Noon +Eleanora Quaglia

Blessed Mother Lamp:

Dolores & Stanley Sawicki

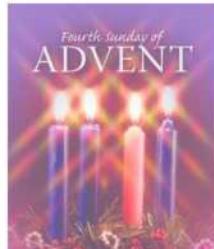
Sanctuary Lamp:

Ann & Kenneth Jordan

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

Information is not available as of printing. Please check next week's bulletin.

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"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel"

Pastor's Notes

"God calls us to the unknown."

Today's Gospel focused on Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, the Messiah. A simple carpenter yet a righteous man, Joseph still tried to protect Mary even though he found out that she was with child and clearly not his own. I'm sure he was seeking a "logical" answer about the pregnancy. He also wants a way out of the difficult situation.

Take note, during those times, when an unwed woman was found pregnant, the law says that she will be stoned to death - a very humiliating and painful situation to be in.

In spite of all the confusion, heartache and uncertainty, Joseph, poured out his concerns to God and completely trusted God's plan. He said "Yes" even though everything was unclear.

Many times in our lives, just like Joseph, we, too are placed in situations where our hearts are broken, our values get tested and we are asked to make tough choices. During those times of uncertainty, one thing is certain - God is with us and His plan is perfect.

As we go through the last days of Advent, let us be reminded that Christmas is more than decorations, parties and presents. It is saying "Yes" to God's call, stepping to the unknown and trusting God's process.

When our hearts are at peace, we can joyfully welcome the real reason for the season.

Fr. Robert





Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 (Wednesday)

Christmas Carols 3:15 pm

Christmas Reflection 9:30 pm

Christmas Vigil Mass 4 pm & 10 pm

Christmas Day December 25 (Thursday)

Mass 8 am, 10 am & 12 noon

December 31 (Wednesday)

Mass 8:00 am

January 1, 2024 (Thursday)

Octave Day of Christmas: Mary, the Holy

Mother of God 10 am & 12 noon



HISPANIC APOSTOLATE UPDATE

There will be a Las Posadas Celebration on December 28, Sunday. The festivities will start with a Mass at 7 pm. Followed by a procession and then fellowship at the Bethlehem room.

All is invited to experience this rich tradition from Latin America. If you have images of the Infant Jesus, please bring them to be blessed.

St. Anne's is happy to house IRON, the new free community program that gives young men in Garwood a safe place to talk, build confidence, develop resilience and learn real life skills to navigate stress, relationship, identity and social pressures. Meetings will be every Thursdays 6-8 pm at the Bethlehem room starting January 8. For more information, contact irongarwood25@gmail.com or 732-762-6645



A peak of the beautiful display of our Lady of Guadalupe.

Special thanks to Ping Panlilio for lending us the antique image of our Lady.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY CORNER

St. Anne's Centennial Anniversary Launching

January 11, 2026, Sunday at the 12 noon mass. Bishop James Massa, who grew up in the Westfield, Garwood and Cranford area will be the main celebrant. *Everyone is invited to attend!*

Special Blessing Mass for Couples who were Married at St. Anne's Church

February 22, 2026, Sunday at the 12 noon Mass. Refreshments to follow at the Bethlehem room. Please RSVP before February 15 by calling the parish office or email office.stannegarwood@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed!

The Centennial celebration is fast approaching and we need volunteers to help with the monthly activities, memorabilia sorting, fundraising and more. Sign up sheets are available at the back of the church and the parish office.

A Big Thank You to:

- Nick & Lina Delmonaco and Jacqueline Karmol who organized the fresh wreath and blanket sale fundraiser.
- The Boy Scouts who donated the fresh trees located at the Grotto.
- To our holiday decorators who worked together to make our church look beautiful and ready for the Christmas celebration
- The Knights of Columbus for gathering donations for the 5 Loaves Pantry and helping with the deliveries to our adopted families
- To the volunteers of the 5 Loaves Pantry who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure our adopted families will have something on their tables this holiday season.

Come join The Body of Christ Club!

The next meeting is on January 8, 2026, 7 pm at the St. Anne's Hall. The BOC is a new service ministry here at St. Anne's and we need people who want to help others in our parish by providing rides to grocery store/doctor's appointments, companionship and meal preparations. For more information, check www.thebodyofchristclub.com or contact Rita Doggett at 908-403-3204.



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