

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, *In Residence*
- Evelyn Archibald, *Youth Faith Formation*
- Imperio Mormile, *Safety Officer*
- Edwin Abano, *Office Assistant*
- Ramon Mariazeta, *Finance*
- Marie Markovich, *Office Volunteer*
- Lina Delmonaco, *Office Volunteer*
- Jacqueline Karmol, *Office Volunteer*

MINISTRIES:

- Altar Servers
- Beautification
- Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers
- Garwood Knights of Columbus
- Lectors/Readers
- Hospitality
- Hispanic Apostolate
- Line Dancing
- Music Ministry
- Prayer Network
- Spanish Charismatic
- 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
Holy Days of Obligation
8:00 AM and 7PM

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

RECONCILIATION & SIMPLE ADORATION

Saturdays: 2:30 PM

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 ANNOINTING

Call the Office

Saturday February 22

4:00 PM +Giovina Santarelli

Sunday February 23

8:00 AM +Lisa Duffy

10:00 AM +Genowefa Walus

12:00 Noon +Davide Giannobile

Monday February 24

8:00 AM +Deceased Members
of our Parish

Tuesday February 25

8:00 AM For our Religious Ed students who
are preparing for Sacrament of
Confession for the first time

Wednesday February 26

8:00 AM +Anne & Kenneth Jordan

Thursday February 27

8:00 AM +Maria, Rita & Giovanni Monico

Friday February 28

8:00 AM For the Sick Parishioners

Saturday March 1

8:00 AM Memorial Mass Intentions

4:00 PM +H. John Byrne
(*Silver Anniversary*)

Sunday March 2

8:00 AM +Margaret DiCara

10:00 AM Giovanni Camillo

12:00 Noon +Frank P. Malvasi

Blessed Mother Lamp:

Homebound Parishioners

Sanctuary Lamp:

Unborn Babies

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

February 16, 2025

Weekend offering.....\$4,207

Maintenance\$ 60

Total Offering\$4,267

Weekly ordinary Expenses\$5,657

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to set up.*

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them..."

This teaching from today's Gospel is simple and direct yet very difficult to put into practice. More so, to preach. Reality check, this concept goes against our natural instinct as human beings wherein survival of the fittest is the norm.

As a priest and pastor, there are instances where I personally struggle to confidently say this to an individual seeking guidance. How can I look at a woman directly and preach this when I know that she's in an abusive relationship and is repeatedly being hurt by her husband? How can I ask a parent to practice this when I know that he is burying his child whose life was ended by a drunk driver? How can I talk about this to a family while they are in court trying to get justice for their brother's demise?

For most of us, especially those who experienced deep pain, living out this view may seem impossible. Yet Jesus showed us that it could be done. As a human, he too was mocked, betrayed and hurt. Instead of revenge, he chose to love more. He showed us how to treat others how we wanted to be treated, even if they did not return it back to us.

God sees everything. He knows our pain, our struggles. What was not given to us, he will fill up. He will make sure that what we gave will be gifted back to us.

Yes, it is not easy. But let us be reminded that each good thing we do, each act of kindness we've shown, will eventually find its way to us.

Fr. Robert

RELIGIOUS ED UPDATES

February 23 - Sacramental Classes

February 27 - First Reconciliation

HISPANIC APOSTOLATE UPDATE

March 8 - Mass in Spanish at 5:30 PM
(Saturday)

Save the Date!

*Our yearly parish lenten recollection will be on
April 6, 2025, Sunday from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm.*

*Event is free but you must register at the parish
office. Dinner will be served.*

AN AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION & MUSIC

As part of our Lenten Journey, we will have the first organ recital on our new organ in Church. Our guest organist Joseph Hill, a member of the American Guild of Organists will perform an hour long program interspersed with Lenten Scripture. Mark your calendar, Sunday, March 23 at 3 pm.

There is no fee but we welcome a free will donation toward the 2026 Centennial Celebration.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

The next St. Anne's Youth Group meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, at 6 p.m. in the Bethlehem room.

All 7th graders to high school seniors are welcome to join a place where we can build our own community and have some food and a good time while having a place where your questions are the most important.

No RSVP is necessary, but please contact Jim and Gabriell at ygstanne1926@gmail.com with any questions. We're always looking for more volunteers!

Special Thank You to Vincent Fumero and his staff at On-site Industries LLC for volunteering their time and expertise to make sure that our parking lot and walkways are always clear of snow this winter season and last year.

Another Thank You to Eduardo of Panahoya Landscaping LLC for volunteering to shovel the snow on our property sidewalk along North Ave.

Their generosity has helped our parish so much this winter season.

Centennial Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for the 100 years of faith, love and community here at the Church of St. Anne. As we celebrate our Centennial Year, we would like to honor the past, cherish the present and look forward to the future with HOPE.

Please guide us as we continue to grow in faith and service. Bless all who have been part of our Parish Family and inspire us to live out Your Message with joy and dedication. We ask this through the intercession of St. Anne and the Blessed Virgin Mary. In Jesus name. AMEN.

CORNERSTONE 35 - MEN'S RETREAT

Join us for a transformative weekend of faith, fellowship and reflection. This is an opportunity for men to deepen their relationship with Jesus and to connect with other men in our own parish and nearby parishes.

April 4 (Friday) - April 5 (Saturday)

St. Helen Parish

1600 Rahway Ave. Westfield, NJ

For more information or to register, visit sthelen.org/ministries/cornerstone

Ash Wednesday is on March 5, 2025

Schedule:

8:00 AM - Mass & Distribution of Ashes

12 Noon - Service & Distribution of Ashes

5:00 PM - Service & Distribution of Ashes

7:00 PM - Mass & Distribution of Ashes



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

The project is almost finished. There are still room for more Bricks to be dedicated.

If you would like to get a Brick (\$150 each), please contact the parish office.



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