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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 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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St. Anne's Rosary Society
5 Loaves Pantry



Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

December 14, 2025

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 ANOINTING

Call the Office to schedule a visit.

"Are we there yet?"

I once saw a video of a family inside a car who were going on a long trip. The three children were all excited, eyes lit up and they kept on saying "Are we there yet?" every few minutes. The parents on the other hand, looked tired and trying their best not to yell at the kids because they were already annoyed with the constant questions. Of course, I found this scene really funny.

As I reflect on this Sunday's readings, the images from this video kept on coming. Today, the third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" in Latin translates to "rejoice". This celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy. That is also the reason why the candle on the Advent wreath is pink and the priests wear a pink chasuble.

For many of us, just like the parents in the video, waiting is not something we enjoy. We would rather pay extra in shipping than wait in line at the stores. We would rather avoid doctor's appointments because of the long wait.

This week, I encourage each one of us to be more like the children. Eagerly waiting and rejoicing for the coming of our Lord. Here at St. Anne's we have many events lined up so we can joyfully prepare for the birthday of Jesus.

We just had the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe last Dec. 12. It was a beautiful celebration of faith and community. For those who attended or missed it, I hope you will take some time to attend the Filipino tradition of Simbang Gabi on Dec. 20, Christmas Vigil on Dec. 24, Las Posadas on Dec. 28. The 5 Loaves Pantry will also give out the Christmas food bags to our adopted families on Dec. 21.

Together, let's make an extra effort to experience the joy of this Advent season.

Fr. Robert

Saturday December 13

4:00 PM +Mary & Frank Krawczyk

5:30 PM Spanish Mass Intentions

Sunday December 14

8:00 AM +Msgr. Walsh

10:00 AM +Bill Toth

12:00 Noon +Bridget Wilson

Monday December 15

8:00 AM +Gerry DiFabio

Tuesday December 16

8:00 AM +Karl De Voe Sr.

Wednesday December 17

8:00 AM +Margaret H. Jarnagin

Thursday December 18

8:00 AM Mary Lou Maley

Friday December 19

8:00 AM +John Ciccone

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

Blessed Mother Lamp:

Bryn Markovich

(Good health)

Sanctuary Lamp:

Souls in Purgatory

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

December 7, 2025

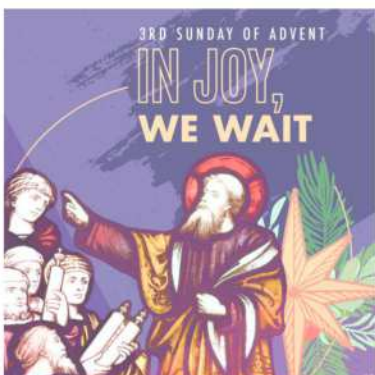
Weekend offering.....\$4,555

Maintenance\$2,476

Immaculate Conception.....\$ 630

Total Offering\$7,661

Thank you for your generosity!



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 (Wednesday)

3:15 PM - Christmas Carols

4:00 PM - Mass

9:30 PM - Christmas Reflection

10:00 PM - Midnight Mass

December 25 (Thursday)

8:00 AM, 10 AM & 12 NOON

December 31 (Wednesday)

8:00 AM

January 1 (Thursday)

8:00 AM, 10 AM, 12 NOON

SIMBANG GABI (Novena Mass)

Come and experience the rich Filipino tradition of Simbang Gabi here at St. Anne's. The Mass (which is in English) will be on December 20, Saturday at 7pm. Fr. Dave Sison is the main celebrant and preacher.

Immediately after the mass will be a fellowship with light refreshments that feature Filipino delicacies at the Bethlehem room. **ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

For more information or to sponsor the event, email office.stannegarwood@gmail.com

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



*"Be patient,
brother and sisters,
until the coming
of the Lord."*

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.



*St. Anne Christmas Tree lighting
on December 20, Saturday,
right after the 4 pm Mass.*

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.



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