

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.*

#### SERVED BY:

Rev. Robert Lamirez, *Pastor*  
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Music Ministry  
Prayer Network  
Spanish Worship Group  
St. Anne's Rosary Society  
5 Loaves Pantry



Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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.



## Pastor's Notes

St. Bernard of Clairvaux once said "The three most important virtues are: humility, humility and humility." This season of Advent, we are reminded that indeed God loves a humble heart.

Jesus was the perfect example. Though a God and King, He came to us not just in a form of a baby but was even born in a manger. All His life, He lived simply - no fancy home, clothes or servants.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist called us to humble ourselves in preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He showed humility by letting people know that he is not even worthy to carry the Lord's sandals.

How do we show our humility to God this season?

By examining our conscience, reflecting on how we lived this year and yes, repenting for the sins we have committed against God and our neighbors.

This is where the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation comes in. While some of us has made confession an important part of our spiritual journey, I know many have not received this sacrament for months, even years. That is why I am encouraging each and everyone to include this beautiful practice in your Christmas To Do list.

On December 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, I invited a few Priests to come to our Advent Reconciliation Day and hear confessions from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. I pray that you would take advantage of this opportunity to receive this wonderful gift. I also pray that you will bring your children and encourage them to receive the Sacrament of Penance as well.

If you cannot make it that day, please reach out to me or any priest. We're more than happy to accommodate you.

*Fr. Robert*

### Saturday December 6

8:00 AM Memorial Mass Intentions  
4:00 PM +Richard & Bridget Wilson

### Sunday December 7

8:00 AM +Glen A. Evans  
10:00 AM +Gregory & Anthony Lombardo  
12:00 Noon +Grace Angela Folgar

### Monday December 8

8:00 AM +Geraldine Byrne  
7:00 PM Parishioners of St. Anne

### Tuesday December 9

8:00 AM Gerry DiFabio

### Wednesday December 10

8:00 AM Diana Hall

### Thursday December 11

8:00 AM +Jekelis & Hollenbeck Family

### Friday December 12

8:00 AM +Dombrowski, Dangeleit & Patch Families  
6:00 PM Spanish Mass Intentions

### 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

### Blessed Mother Lamp:

*William Petix*

### Sanctuary Lamp:

*Souls in Purgatory*

### PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

November 30, 2025

Weekend offering.....	\$2,930
Maintenance .....	\$ 23
Total Offering .....	\$2,953

Online Contribution month of November Offering.....	\$3,139.92
Maintenance.....	\$ 603.58
Total Offering.....	\$3,743.50



### 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

St. Anne's is happy to once again host the Filipino Apostolate of Newark Simbang Gabi. The Mass (which is in English) will be on December 20, Saturday at 7pm.

Immediately after the mass will be a fellowship with light refreshments that feature Filipino delicacies at the Bethlehem room. Everyone is invited to come.

For more information or to sponsor the event, email [office.stannegarwood@gmail.com](mailto:office.stannegarwood@gmail.com)

### HISPANIC APOSTOLATE UPDATE

December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:30 PM Rosary in Spanish

6:00 PM Mass in Spanish

There will be a procession and fellowship after the mass at St. Anne's Hall

December 13 - Mass in Spanish at 5:30PM  
Saturday

December 26 - Posada



*Thank you to these organizations who generously donated to the 5 Loaves Pantry:*

*Westfield Girl Scouts, Westfield Food Pantry*



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Church of St. Anne Garwood, New Jersey



*"Prepare the way  
of the Lord.  
Make straight  
His paths."*

*Parish Advent Reconciliation is on December 13,  
Saturday. There will be priests available for  
confession from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm*

### Get Ready for the Holidays!

We will be selling Wreath (\$37), Blanket (\$45), Pillow (\$37) after each mass this weekend, Dec. 6-7 at the Church parking lot (in front of the garage).



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

### 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](http://www.thebodyofchristclub.com) or contact Rita Doggett at 908-403-3204.

### THE GIVING TREE

Thank you to all who supported this collection. Your gifts will be picked up by the volunteers from St. Joseph Social Service Center.

### CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY CORNER

#### Volunteers Needed!

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





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