

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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Feast of the Holy Family

December 29, 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  
Holy Days of Obligation  
8:00 AM and 7PM

#### 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

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 December 28

4:00 PM +Battista Zuena  
5:30 PM Spanish Mass Intentions

### Sunday December 29

8:00 AM +Mary & Anna Enz  
10:00 AM +Walter Zamanski  
12:00 Noon +Maria Luisa Franco

### Monday December 30

8:00 AM +Deceased Priests of the  
Archdiocese of Newark

### Tuesday December 31

8:00 AM +Leon & Rose DeVoe

### Wednesday January 1

10:00 AM +Roger M. Marks Sr.  
12:00 Noon Homebound Parishioners

### Thursday January 2

8:00 AM +Sandra Venezia

### Friday January 3

8:00 AM +John E. Conlin

### Saturday January 4

8:00 AM Memorial Mass Intentions  
4:00 PM +Nick & Tillie Spata

### Sunday January 5

8:00 AM +Ronald LaBella Sr.  
10:00 AM +Joseph Lupo  
12:00 Noon +Evelyn Hamilton

*Special Prayer Intentions for:*

**Blessed Mother Lamp:**

+Franco Origliato

### PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

December 22, 2024

Weekend offering.....\$6,444  
Maintenance .....\$ 430  
Christmas Flowers .....\$ 360

Total Offering .....\$7,234

**Weekly ordinary Expenses .....\$5,657**

Retired Religious.....\$ 100

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**January 1st, Wednesday is the Feast of the  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of Christ and is  
a Holy Day of Obligation**

**There will be a Mass at 10 am and 12 noon.**

The Holiday season from Thanksgiving to Christmas day to even the start of the New Year can be an emotional time to many. As families gather, memories, both good and not so good come back too.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. While we see all the flaws of our own family members and family dynamics, I pray that we all not despair. After all there is no such thing as a perfect family. I mean if we look at Jesus' own family, he actually came from a lineage filled with not so ideal people - thief, murderer, adulterer...

In society's standards, people can easily look down on his immediate family. Imagine, his mother was found with child before marriage and he was raised by Joseph, who is not his biological father!

In spite of that, his family became an example for us. Mary, Joseph, Anne, Joachim, Elizabeth and Zachariah all focused on Jesus and said "Yes" to God's calling. Individually, each became great men and women in their own right. Together, a family of faith and love.

Each of us is imperfect but together with Jesus, we are made perfect.

With Fr. Bill, Fr. Michael, staff and volunteers here at St. Anne's, I wish you a blessed Christmas season and a New Year filled with renewed faith and love.

*Fr. Robert*





## RELIGIOUS ED UPDATES

### Sunday School Classes:

- January 5 - Religious Ed Classes
- Parent Meeting
- January 12 - Sacramental Classes
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- January 19 - Religious Ed Classes
- January 26 - Sacramental Classes

## HISPANIC APOSTOLATE UPDATE

December 28 - Mass in Spanish at 5:30 PM  
(Saturday)



*The Hispanic Apostolate of St. Anne hosted "Las Posadas" last Dec. 26 at the Bethlehem room.*

## EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Starting January 6, Fr. Robert will be available to visit and bless homes for the New Year. If you are interested to have your home blessed, please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment.

## OPENING MASS FOR THE HOLY YEAR 2025

Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church, an event that takes place once every 25 years. Cardinal Tobin will open the Jubilee Year of Hope in our Cathedral on Dec. 29th at the noon Mass. All are welcome!

The Cardinal has also designated one church in each of the four counties as a jubilee church. For Union County, it will be St. Helen's Parish in Westfield. On Dec. 29th, Bishop Lorenzo will open the jubilee year at St. Helen's at the 6:00 PM Mass. All are welcome too!

## *When do we take down our Christmas decorations?*

The process of taking down Christmas decorations is an important part of the liturgical year.

In many Catholic churches, the Christmas season officially concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which usually falls on the Sunday after January 6th, known as the Epiphany. This feast commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. It marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of ordinary time in the liturgical calendar.

Some churches may choose to keep their decorations up until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd, also known as Candlemas. This feast celebrates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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*The holiday season can be very stressful especially if one experiences food insecurity. If you know someone or a family who needs help with their groceries, please send an email to [office.stannegarwood@gmail.com](mailto:office.stannegarwood@gmail.com) so that we can include them in our list of adopted families.*

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### "Prayer to the Holy Family"

*Lord Jesus Christ, Who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, didst consecrate domestic life by Thine ineffable virtues, grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Thy Holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship Who lives and reigns forever. Amen.*



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