

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.

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Feast of the Epiphany

January 5, 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
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 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

Monday January 6

8:00 AM +Mary, Louise & Elizabeth

Tuesday January 7

8:00 AM +Jenny & Lina Guzzo

Wednesday January 8

8:00 AM +Costantino Renna

Thursday January 9

8:00 AM +Stanley Dombrowski

Friday January 10

8:00 AM +Frank Malvasi

Saturday January 11

4:00 PM +Nick & Tillie Spata

5:30 PM Spanish Mass Intentions

Sunday January 12

8:00 AM +Laura Luadack

10:00 AM +Daniel Bender

12:00 Noon +John A. Serpico

Special Prayer Intentions for:

Blessed Mother Lamp:

+Ann Ferguson

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

December 29, 2024

Numbers are not available at the time of printing

Thank you for your generosity!



Dear Mother of God,

In the labyrinth of life's choices, I turn to you as my guiding light. Your wisdom, like a radiant star, has the power to dispel the shadows of confusion that cloud my path. Embrace me with your motherly compassion, helping me navigate the complexities that lie ahead. Your presence illuminates the way, and with your guidance, I find clarity and purpose. Thank you for leading me with unwavering love. Amen.

'Where is the infant king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' Matthew 2:2

Now that we are in the first days of 2025, I am sure that you are all excited to plan what you and your family will do this New Year. Some probably are starting to look for deals for the family summer trip. While others are busy finding a new job, new home or new hobby.

Whatever plans and goals you have set, I'm just wondering if Jesus is also a part of it?

The wise men travelled far and faced so many challenges to look for Jesus. Have we made an effort to make Him a part of our lives?

I have been asked several times about the "Star" Christmas decoration hanging by the Divine Mercy. It is called a Parol, A colorful star-shaped lantern that Filipinos hang outside of their homes. The lantern is made out of bamboo sticks and covered with colorful cellophane or rice paper. Traditionally, the Parol is used to guide people to attend the Simbang Gabi, a pre-dawn mass which is a significant part of the Filipino Christmas tradition.

The Parol symbolizes the Star of Bethlehem that guided the wise men to the birthplace of Jesus Christ. It is also a symbol of unity, hope, and resilience.

As we welcome 2025, I'm also excited to start the countdown for the 100th year anniversary of our beloved parish - The Church of St. Anne in July 2026. I'm so blessed to be part of this huge milestone. I encourage you all to participate in the activities planned by our Centennial Committee.

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

January 11 - Live Jesus, Share Jesus Seminar
(Saturday) 9 am - 5 pm at Bethlehem Room
- Mass in Spanish at 5:30 PM

January 25 - Mass in Spanish at 5:30 PM
(Saturday)

On January 11, Saturday, the Hispanic Apostolate will host a seminar in Spanish "Vive Cristo, Comparte A Cristo at the Bethlehem Room from 9 am to 5pm. A mass in Spanish will follow at 5:30 pm. The event is free but registration is requested so we can prepare the materials. Please contact the parish office to register.

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.

Pizza with Fr. Robert

*Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (Saul)
Saturday, January 25, 2025
5:30 PM at the Bethlehem Room
Fun, food, friends and faith
All Youth are welcome.*

One Solitary Life

by: Rev. James Allan Francis

"He was born in an obscure village,
a child of a peasant woman.
He grew up in another obscure village
where he worked in a carpenter shop
until he was thirty.
Then for three years
he was an itinerant preacher.
He never had a family.
Or owned a home.
He never set foot inside a big city.
He never traveled two hundred miles
from the place he was born.
He never wrote a book
or held an office.
He did none of the things
that usually accompany greatness.
While he was still a young man,
the tide of popular opinion
turned against him.
His friends deserted him.
He was turned over to his enemies.
He went through the mockery of a trial.
He was nailed to a cross
between two thieves.
While he was dying
his executioners gambled
for the only piece of property he had,
his coat.
When he was dead,
he was taken down
and laid in a borrowed grave.
"Nineteen centuries have come and gone
and today he is still the central figure
for much of the human race.
All the armies that ever marched,
All the navies that ever sailed
And all the parliaments that ever sat
And all the kings that ever reigned
Put together
have not affect the life of man
Upon this earth
As powerfully as this
One Solitary Life.



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