

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*
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- Lina Delmonaco, *Office Volunteer*
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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 8

4:00 PM +Christine Materia
5:30 PM Spanish Mass Intentions

Sunday February 9

8:00 AM +Doris McCarthy
10:00 AM +Mary & Joseph Lombardo Sr.
12:00 Noon +Guiseppe Tolimiero

Monday February 10

8:00 AM +Mary Jane Bergen

Tuesday February 11

8:00 AM +David & Kathy Dangeleit

Wednesday February 12

8:00 AM +Grace Piselli

Thursday February 13

8:00 AM Lauren Marotta

Friday February 14

8:00 AM +Jacinto, Rogelio & Raphael
De Sagun

Saturday February 15

4:00 PM +Elaine Norkunas

Sunday February 16

8:00 AM +Geraldine Billerman
10:00 AM +Shirley K. Culineri
12:00 Noon +Betty Bonczek

Blessed Mother Lamp:

For all the Unborn Babies

Sanctuary Lamp:

+Keith Jeans

How many times have we passed an opportunity to serve just because we feel that we are not qualified to do so?

In today's Gospel, Jesus called Simon (Peter), James and John to gather people and bring them to God. Three ordinary fishermen without formal education to become "fishers of men".

Common sense tells us that those men were the least qualified for the "job" that Jesus wanted them to do. However, they still said Yes to the call. The same is true in our first reading about Isaiah, the youngest prophet in the Old Testament. Though he was inexperienced, he willingly accepted God's calling.

You see, God does not only call the qualified. He qualifies those who are called and wholeheartedly accepts his invitation. As long as we have a willing heart, he will provide us with the skills and tools we need to complete the mission he entrusted to us.

Every day, all of us are being called by God. Some tasks are life changing while others are menial. Whatever that is, God only needs our "Yes" and he will provide the means.

The question now is "Are we ready to accept or are we going to refuse?"



The preparations for the 100th year anniversary of our church are in full swing. I'm sure you already noticed the repairs done on the Grotto and the commemorative brick walkway. There are still many things needed to be done - the souvenir book, fundraising for the church roof and tower (yes, it's still the original), Gala night and Feast of St. Anne day (food truck festival) etc. and we need your support. Yes, there are many opportunities to get involved and serve in our parish. Just ask.

Fr. Robert

PARISH WEEKLY OFFERING

February 2, 2025

Weekend offering.....\$3,118
Maintenance\$9,483

Total Offering\$12,601
Weekly ordinary Expenses\$5,657

Other Collections

Communicating God's Word.....\$ 65
California Fires.....\$223

Thank you for your generosity!

*February 11 is the
Feast of our Lady of Lourdes
The Rosary will be prayed
after the 8:00 am mass.*

*If you can't attend, you are encouraged
to pray it at home.*

*Make your life a bit sweeter on Valentine's Day.
The Altar Rosary Society is selling
Valentine Chocolates after each mass
this weekend February 8-9.
Remember, "Chocolate is good for the heart."*

RELIGIOUS ED UPDATES

February 9 - Sacramental Classes
Parent Meeting
February 16 - No Classes
February 23 - Sacramental Classes
February 27 - First Reconciliation

The Religious Ed Valentine project is underway. The children are busy preparing our gifts. Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Valentine project.

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.

Did you know?

The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes between the Church and Rectory was donated by one of the parish families, the Fontanelli who obtained the stone for it from the mountain streams of Pennsylvania, where the waters rushing over the stones year after year smoothed their edges to a fine artistic finish. A close inspection reveals veins of coal, a reminder of their origin in the coal region of the area that once known as Penn's Woods.

A further tribute to Our Lady of Lourdes and her miraculous powers is evidenced in a relic of a stone visible in one of the rocks directly below the statue of the Blessed Mother. This was given to Fr. McHale at the Shrine in Lourdes, France by a convert who had been cured there of cancer of the throat.

This Grotto has become a landmark here in Garwood where some residents bring their visitors from out of town. People attest that they find peace when they visit the Grotto.

Jubilee Year 2025 Trivia

Participating in a Jubilee Year includes several spiritual practices:

- Visiting designated holy sites, such as the four major basilicas in Rome or local churches in your dioceses, symbolizes a journey of faith and conversion.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confession is encouraged to receive God's forgiveness and grace, as emphasized in John 20:21-23; and—along with receiving the Eucharist—this sacrament is necessary to obtain an indulgence.
- By fulfilling certain conditions, including prayers, a pilgrimage, or acts of charity, Catholics can receive indulgences, which reduce or eliminate temporal punishment for sins.
- Acts of Mercy: Engaging in corporal and spiritual works of mercy, like feeding the hungry or comforting the sorrowful, reflects Christ's love.
- Prayer and Reflection: Deepening one's prayer life and reflecting on Scripture strengthens one's relationship with God.

HISPANIC APOSTOLATE UPDATE

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

February 22 - Mass in Spanish at 5:30 PM
(Saturday)



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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