

Sainte Anne Parish

Salem, MA



1st Sunday of Lent

"It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4

Sainte Anne Parish

Sainte Anne Parish is a faith community in the Roman Catholic tradition. We strive to live up to the motto: "We Are Family". We see ourselves as a local expression of the universal Church, the People of God, the Body of Christ. Through God's grace we seek to be welcoming and loving. Our life centers on the week-end celebration of the Eucharist. We meet Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and are then challenged to bring His love to others.

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WEEKEND MASSES:Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 AM
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HOLY DAY MASSES:As Announced
EUCARISTIC ADORATION:..... Thursday 9:30 AM—6:30 PM
ROSARY GROUPThursday 6:30 PM
CONFESSIONS:Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM or by appointment
CHAPEL.....8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
ON SATURDAYS THE CHAPEL WILL CLOSE AFTER THE 4:00 P.M. VIGIL MASS.

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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS: Please introduce yourself to us after Mass. To register contact the Parish Office or online at Stannesalem.org.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:15. A preparation for parents and godparents will take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the rectory. Please contact the rectory to arrange a baptism.

MATRIMONY: Please contact the rectory at least six months in advance to arrange for the celebration of your wedding.

HOME VISITATION: We are happy to visit for confession, holy communion, anointing of the sick etc., anyone who is unable to come to church. Please contact the rectory.

ANointing OF THE SICK: This sacrament is for anyone who is seriously ill, in a weakened condition, facing surgery, entering hospice care, or near death etc. Please contact the rectory for this sacrament to be celebrated.



O glorious St. Ann, you are filled with compassion for those who invoke you and with love for those who suffer! Heavily burdened with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at your feet and humbly beg of you to take the present intention which I recommend to you in your special care.

Please recommend it to your daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and place it before the throne of Jesus, so that He may bring it to a happy issue. Continue to intercede for me until my request is granted. But, above all, obtain for me the grace one day to see my God face to face, and with you and Mary and all the saints to praise and bless Him for all eternity. Amen.

PARISH STAFF:

Fr. Maurice Agbaw - Ebai, Administrator
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The Purpose of Lent: The Life of the Beatitude/Happiness

Dear Holy People of God, here are we with another season of Lent, this time, 2020. Yes, we all have celebrated Lents before. On Ash Wednesday, the Church's liturgy ushered us into the holy season of Lent with the antiphon: **"Remember Man that you are dust, and unto dust, you shall return."** And, **"Turn away from your sins and believe in the gospel."** These are the words that accompany the Rite of the Imposition of Ashes that follows the sermon after the reading of the gospel.

"Remember Man that you are dust, and unto dust, you shall return." With these words, the Church's liturgy presents us with two truths about our human condition: Firstly, humans are transitory creatures. We are here today, and will be gone tomorrow. Someday the Lord will call us into eternity. As the Letter to the Hebrews tells us, "we have here no permanent city, but we look for the one to come" (Hebrews 13:14). The transitory nature of our lives calls for wisdom, a gift of the Holy Spirit, wisdom in the choices we make as we live this life. The reminder that Lent brings about our human nature as "dust" is a summons to live with the discernment that comes with getting our values right, and our preferences in the right order. The fact that we are "dust" is a reminder that we should not become enslaved by the things of this world. It means you and I are called to live this life with an inner freedom that comes from God. Yes, we must not be passive in the world. Life is a gift that God has bestowed on us. We must live life happily and celebrate the blessings of life. We must work hard to transform the world into a place of God's love, a garden of Eden. But at the same time, we must remember that we are pilgrims, and that at some point, we will make a transition, and the fact of that transition should help us to avoid being enslaved by material things, important as these things are.

That we are "dust" is also a reminder of our common origin as human beings. All humans of whatever race, are a product of "dust," of the earth. We have a common origin in lowliness, from dust, and a common destiny in lowliness, to dust. That means as human beings, we are meant to support each other along life's path. There is no room for racial divides and racial tensions. We have a common origin and a common destiny. And I hasten to add, we also have a great destiny beyond "dust," namely, to be with God forever, because all humans are created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). And how will this destiny with God look like? St Paul gives us a clue of what to expect: "However, as it is written: 'What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived' - the things God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). The one thing we can sure of is that the life with God, the life of glory, will be a good, beautiful and happy experience: "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

"Turn away from your sins and believe in the gospel." With these words, the Church's liturgy seeks to remind us that though created and called by God to a life of blessedness with him at the end of our earthly lives, we are broken creatures susceptible to sin. To sin, as Thomas Aquinas following Augustine of Hippo understood it, is to turn away from the Creator to the creature, that is, to turn away from God and become enslaved by any created thing. In other words, to sin is to become self-absorbed, to be taken over by the ego, to live for the self alone,

turning a blind eye to God and the neighbor. Lent therefore reminds us that sin has its consequences, and you and I are called to make amends by turning back to God. The good news is that God "is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love" (Psalm 145:8). And that is the God that we are invited to encounter during this holy season of Lent, a God who calls us as prodigal sons and daughters to return to the Father's house. May Lent 2020 be a time of great return for us all, a time in which we grow in wisdom in the choices of our lives, and in which we accept God's offer of forgiveness in a spirit of hope and repentance. Only in this spirit can we be assured that Lent is a preparation for happiness, for the life of beatitude with God forever. Dear Holy People of God, I wish you all a blessed and holy season of Lent 2020 (Fr Maurice).



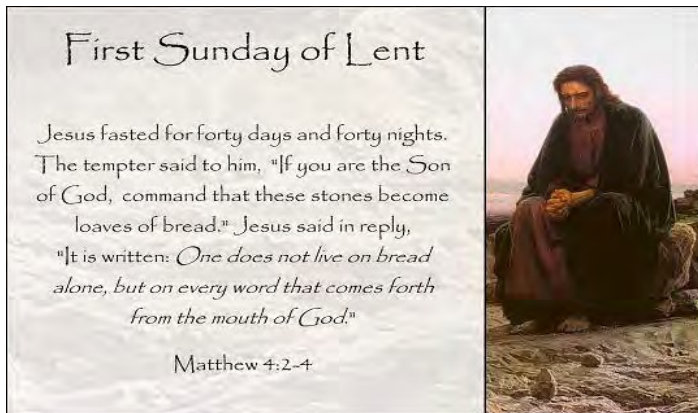
1st Sunday of Lent

In the Little League World Series, Georgia played Japan. After extra innings, Georgia won on a home run. The Japanese team was devastated after coming so close to winning. The remarkable thing to watch was the Georgia team, after high-fiving and hugging each other, ran onto the field and embraced and comforted their opponents. Language barriers pushed aside, their gestures, smiles and assurances showed true sportsmanship and friendship.

Lent is our time to be renewed in our practice of the faith. We must strive to go beyond the dictates of the politically correct and reach past our own comfort zone. It is not about enduring a penance for Lent, but allowing others to experience the goodness of God that we carry in our hearts. So, if you want to live in a better community, be a better neighbor. If you want a better world, be more peaceful. If you want to eliminate hunger and poverty and want, share your treasure and your table. Then you can be the light and the salt that makes the world not only a better place, but also a place for God.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." If the devil tempted Jesus, who was God, how much more will he tempt us into sin. Bring the Father, Son and Holy Spirit into your marriage to help you resist temptations by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 18-19, 2020 in BREWSTER, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwwmema.org/>.



Prayers for Priests and Seminarians: Please pray each day for our Boston priests and Boston seminarians.
 Saturday Fr. Edward Malone and Paul Borne;
 Sunday – Msgr. Michael Foster and William Foley;
 Monday – Fr. Timothy Kearney and Javier Padilla;
 Tuesday – Fr. R. Michael Guarino and Andre John Rondelli;
 Wednesday Fr. Leonard Tighe and Peter Schirripa;
 Thursday – Fr. David White and Jeremy Wagner;
 Friday – Fr. Eugene Sullivan and Desmond Conway;
 Saturday – Fr. Walter Woods and Marcelo Ferrari.



Please Pray for the Sick

Jason Alexander
 Dorothy Sherry
 Caroline Ouellette
 Armen Sarafian
 Pat John
 Steve L.
 Kathleen Levy
 Mary Brien
 Ron Budka

Denise Wells
 Kayla Campagna
 Jay P.
 Madeline St Pierre
 Joan Driscoll Bick
 Napolina Thompson
 Pat Jalbert
 Steven Conner (newborn)
 Rita Pelletier
 Raymond Thompson
 Larry Blanchard

Chris Hall
 Laurie Babbin
 Rob Holloran
 Karen Friedrich
 Peter and Ben
 Marion Blanchette
 Carol Whynott
 Barbara Newman
 Lila LaMalfa

Please Pray for the Military

Jason Boyle
 Nicholas Budka
 Sean Patrick Mautone
 Keith Lovely
 David Irwin
 K. Ryan McKinley



Mass Intentions

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| SAT FEB 4:00 P.M. | 22 <i>Vigil: First Sunday in Lent</i> ANTHONY J. GIOIOSO JACQUELINE KELLEY FRED JUDEN By Janet & Peter Nadeau |
| SUN MAR 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. | 1 <i>First Sunday in Lent</i> PARISH FAMILY RICHARD MARTINEAU THERESE LAMONTAGNE By the Family By the Family |
| MON MAR 9:00 A.M. | 2 HEENRY & ANNETTE L. GAGNON & FAMILY |
| TUE MAR 9:00 A.M. | 3 PATRICIA J. LEVASSEUR |
| WED MAR 9:00 A.M. | 4 THOMAS J.. KIRBY, <i>BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE</i> By the Family |
| THU MAR 9:00 A.M. | 5 GLORIA . JEAN |
| FRI MAR 9:00 A.M. | 6 CLYDE L. FULLER |
| SAT MAR 4:00 P.M. | 7 <i>Vigil: Second Sunday in Lent</i> PARISH FAMILY |
| SUN MAR 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. | 8 <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> WILL MATTON By the Kirby Family CATALINO DINGLASAN, YNES TAGUIAN, FLAVIANO & ADALAIDA DINGLASAN OLIVO & CIRIACA NAJJITY By the Family |

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LENTEN RETREAT



Lenten Parish Retreat

(Lent, the Season of God's Forgiveness and Human Repentance)

Dear Holy People of God, Lent is already around the corner. I wish to communicate to you our Lenten parish retreat program:

Retreat Day One: Sunday, March 1, 2020: 7-8pm; Venue: Ste Anne's Parish Church

Retreat Day Two: Sunday, March 8, 2020: 7 – 8pm; Venue: Ste Anne's Parish Church;

Retreat Day Three: Sunday, March 15, 2020: 7 – 8pm; Venue: Ste Anne's Parish Church;

Kindly save the dates! (Fr Maurice)



February 29/March 1

Next weekend, we will officially launch the 2020 Catholic Appeal in our parish. Each year, we are called to make a gift to the Appeal so that we can support the Archdiocese and the many Central

Ministries that make our parishes, schools, and communities stronger. This is our Church and every gift to the Appeal makes an important difference in the lives of so many. If you would like more information, or to make an early gift online, please visit the new and improved Catholic Appeal website at bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS have seriously prepared themselves with the help of Fr. Maurice, teachers and parents for the reception of the sacrament of confirmation.

Bishop Mark will be at Ste Anne Parish on March 7th 4pm for this special Mass. All are welcome.

Brianna Berube
Joshua Berube
Anna Cantone
Cassandra Caulfield
Sean Caulfield
Patrick Chasse, Jr.
Benjamin Louf
Francesca Lupis

Renee Matarazzo
Cassadi O'Leary
Alex Reid
Edward Rowley
Colin Scarpola
Ryker Taguiam
Natalie Wessell

Sacrament of the Sick: One of the gifts of the Second Vatican Council was the renewal of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This beautiful sacrament is no longer reserved for a person in danger of death, but should be celebrated by anyone with a serious illness, a person facing serious surgery, or a person in a weakened condition. **The next celebration of this sacrament will be following the 4:00 pm Mass on March 21st.** The sacrament is also available for people in their homes by calling the rectory at 978-744-1930. Anyone terminally ill or beginning Hospice Care should receive this sacrament as soon as possible.



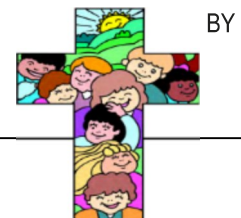
POWERFUL PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Remember Ste. Anne Parish in Your Will: Have you ever considered remembering Ste. Anne Parish in your will? Also at the time of the death of a loved one, memorial donations can be earmarked for the parish. **Include this request in the obituary notice.** Many parish communities have benefited greatly from such memorial gifts. This is a wonderful way to make sure Ste. Anne Parish is on a secure financial footing now and able to continue to serve the community effectively in the future. Think about it and Thank You!

ONCE AGAIN A REMINDER,
FR. MAURICE ENCOURAGES
PARENTS TO ACCOMPANY THEIR
CHILDREN TO THE 8:30 SUNDAY
MASS.
THANK YOU. ANY CHANGES TO THE
SCHEDULE
WILL BE DONE
EMAIL.



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Announcements

Spiritual Corner: Growing in our faith

"Come to Me all you who Labor and are overburdened, and you will find rest" (Mathew 11:28)

Eucharistic Adoration, The Space of Rest

Eucharistic Adoration began on Thursday, February 6, 2020 in the Chapel. The Blessed Sacrament will be displayed after the 9:00 a.m. Mass through 7:00 p.m. **The Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m.** Please consider spending an hour with the Lord in quiet, prayerful time. We invite a minimum of two (2) people commit per hour to ensure that someone is always present with the Lord (Could you not watch with me one hour? Mathew 26:40). Sign-up sheets will be available each week in the Chapel on Monday through Friday and in the Main Church on Saturday & Sunday.

This is an opportunity to take time from our busy lives and spend quality time with the Lord.

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will begin on **Friday, March 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.** Devotions will begin with the Way of the Cross, during that time there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A Healing Mass will be offered at 7:00 p.m.

Time Change Notice: The Altar Server Rehearsal for Confirmation will be held on Friday, March 6th, beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Pre-Easter Sale for Parish (back of Church)
SUNDAY – March 8th after 8:30, 11:00 and 1:00 p.m. Masses

SATURDAY – March 14 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass

Decorations, Easter bunnies and eggs galore; stuffed animals, egg decorating kits, Spring/Easter Annalees, Easter Baskets, Easter dishes/mugs, table runners and so much more!

Next Community Grandma's Attic Sale

Saturday, March 28th – 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

30 Volunteers are needed for day of sale. Your participation is critical for our success. Sign up after Masses on March 14th & 15th and 21st & 22nd.

Donations

Grandma will be accepting DONATIONS for 2 weeks ONLY. Tuesday, March 3rd through March 17th.

Drop off donations at Grandma's Attic Tuesday a.m. 9:30-12:30; Thursday evening 7-9 p.m.

(Please note: Spring/Summer clothing & shoes wanted. No winter clothing please)

Think Spring/Summer outdoor items.



Volunteer Leader Needed:

Funeral Collations

I will be moving out of the area. Therefore, I will no longer be able to work with the wonderful volunteer ladies of the parish. We all know how the families have appreciated the service we have provided in their time of sorrow. I would like this ministry to continue. A new leader is needed.

If this is something that you might be interested in, please call me for details.

Claudette DeDonato
978-745-3190

In the event Salem schools are cancelled due to bad weather Mass at Sainte Anne's will also be cancelled. Opening of the chapel during a storm will depend upon the severity of the weather and the availability of staff to maintain a safe walking environment. All closings will be listed on Boston Channels 4, 5, and 7, and each of their websites, as well as our own website and our Facebook page.



Financial Update

Merci and Thank You

Your financial support of the parish pays for utilities, staff and clergy salaries, property maintenance, supplies, and supports our parish ministries. Everything we do as a parish relies on the offertory collections and other donations.

| Period | Actual |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Offertory week ended 02/23 | \$ 4,322 |
| Maintenance | \$ 60 |
| Other Donations | \$ 200 |
| Fr. B Memorial Fund | \$ 36 |
| | \$ 4,618 |

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