

# Sainte Anne Parish

Salem, MA



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me.

Isaiah 45:5



*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 weekend 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  
**DAILY MASSES:** ..... Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM  
**HOLY DAY MASSES:** .....As Announced  
**CAMEROON MASS:** .....2nd and 4th Sunday of Month, 1:00 PM  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** ..... Thursday, 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM  
**ROSARY GROUP:** .....Thursday, 6:00 PM  
**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** .....Tuesday, 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
**CONFESSIONS:** .....Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM or By Appointment  
**CHAPEL:** .....Closed Until Further Notice  
**CHURCH:** .....Will Remain Open After 9 AM Mass Until 7 PM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; Saturday 9 AM-5 PM; Sunday Open for Mass Only

**Welcome to New Parishioners:** Please introduce yourself to us after Mass. To register, contact the Parish Office or online at [stannesalem.org](http://stannesalem.org).

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:15 pm. 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 Parish Office to arrange a baptism.

**Matrimony:** Please contact the Parish Office 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, or with anyone who is unable to come to church. Please contact the Parish Office.

**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. Please contact the Parish Office for this sacrament to be celebrated.

## PARISH STAFF:

Fr. Maurice Agbaw-Ebai, Administrator  
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Year of the Bible Series  
*Ignorance of the Scriptures is Ignorance of Christ (St. Jerome)*

Series III: The Book of Deuteronomy

Dear Holy People of God,

Last week, we treated the book of Leviticus with its primary focus on the cultic life (that is, the life of worship, which addresses the life and the ministry of the priests of the Old Testament), and likewise, the concept of holiness as understood in the early history of Israel. We likewise studied the book of Numbers, which showed us the rebellious nature of Israel in the desert following the departure from slavery in Egypt. It became clear that what kept Israel going was God's faithfulness to God's promises: we might be unfaithful, but God is always faithful. Hence, the source of our hope as Christians today is the conviction that even in my sinfulness and infidelities, God is always willing to give me a second chance whenever I turn to him in repentance. The book of Numbers is really about God's patience and forgiveness in the face of human obstinacy.

This week, I will like us to conclude with the last book of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible), the **book of Deuteronomy**. The name "Deuteronomy" is derived from the Greek word *deuteronomion* which means "second law" (Greek *deuteros* + *nomos*). The book is called Second Law because Deuteronomy repeats the Ten Commandments (Deut 5: 6-21). It likewise presents another covenant law in addition to Sinai covenant (Deut 29:1). Deuteronomy records the farewell speech of Moses to Israel on the plains of Moab (Deut 1:1-2). Besides the book of Genesis, the Psalms and the book of Isaiah, the book of Deuteronomy is the most significant book in the Old Testament, from a theological perspective. It is the book that links the first five books of the Bible (the Pentateuch) with the Historical books, most of the books of the Prophets and the books of Wisdom Literature. Hence, the Old Testament as a whole is made up of FOUR groups of books: the Pentateuch (that is, the first five books); the Historical books (for example, the book of Judges and Kings); the Prophetic books (for example, Isaiah, Jeremiah); and Wisdom Literature (for example, the book of Proverbs). So, when reading the Old Testament, it is always important to ask the question: what genre (or kind of book) am I reading?

Returning to the book of Deuteronomy, we find the foundation of what is today known as the **Catholic Social Teaching**, namely, the care for the poor, widows, the stranger, the orphan, the payment of just wages, et. cetera. In other words, Deuteronomy provides us with the rules for social interaction. Deuteronomy was one of the most popular books of the Jewish Scriptures in Jesus's day: Jesus himself cites Deuteronomy in his refutation of Satan during the Temptation in the Wilderness (Mt 4:4, 7; see Deut 6:13; 18:8:3). For us Christians and likewise Israel, Deuteronomy makes charity towards the poor obligatory, for the simple reason that the poor will always be with us: "For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore, I command you, you shall open wide your hand to your brother and sister, to the needy and to the poor, in the land" (Deut 15:11). Hence, because of the overwhelming nature of the human condition, the believer must always do something to ameliorate the situation. Deuteronomy also teaches the "circumcision of the heart," that is, that we are to observe the laws of God not simply because of an exterior conformity, but out of an interior love for God. In other words, my relationship with God should be guided by a genuine love for God that lies deep within me.

A text in Deuteronomy that is very important today is its teaching on the permission for divorce as given by Moses (Deut 24:1-4). The Pharisees bring this up in an argument with Jesus: "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" (Matthew 19:7-8). Jesus's answer points out three aspects worth keeping in mind, especially given the phenomenon of the rapid break up of marriages today: Firstly, Jesus points out that the permission to divorce given by Moses was an accommodation or a compromise. It was not from God: "For I hate divorce" (Malachi 2:16). Secondly, Jesus points out the reason why Moses made this accommodation: because of the hardness of heart (Matthew 19:8). Human obstinacy counteracts God's will. And finally, Jesus points to the original will of God before the divorce accommodation by Moses: "but from the beginning it was not so" (Matthew 19:8). Reading the book of Deuteronomy therefore, gives us the opportunity to stop and think about the state of Christian marriages, especially in the light of the frequency of the breakdown of Christian marriages. But above all, reading Deuteronomy should cause us to pray for Christian marriages, for healing of marriages going through trials, for the stability of Christian marriages, to be renewed in love, unity and hope. Our world today needs the witness of the gospel of the indissolubility of Christian marriages, and we need to pray for this witness, for the grace of couples to persevere as husband and wife. (Fr. Maurice).



### Re: Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

Dear Holy People of God, as you know, our parish has Adoration of the Eucharist every Thursday. I understand these are very difficult times. But from my limited experience of life, I firmly believe that prayer before the Eucharistic Lord really brings with it much courage and strength. If we feel overwhelmed and crushed by the present circumstances, then the right place to be is with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please kindly consider signing up for an Hour with the Lord. We need more Adorers to stay with the Lord, for the good of our parish, our families, and our world (Fr. Maurice).



Today, on **World Mission Sunday**, we respond, "Here I Am, Send Me," to our baptismal call to mission, and we offer, at the Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to be a witness to the missions through our prayers and sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As little as...

- \$25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America
- \$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa
- \$100 assists families in sending their children to schools in Asia

As always, your prayers are your most treasured gifts to the Missions. Your prayers and donations, offered today, **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace. Please make your checks payable to **The Propagation of the Faith** and drop them in the parish collection containers or go online: [www.propfaithboston.org](http://www.propfaithboston.org) and click on Donate Now!

### Re: Catholic Appeal

Warm greetings in Christ Jesus. I hope you are well. I am writing to you on behalf of the annual Catholic Appeal. I know we are living in very difficult times. COVID-19 has completely affected the normal workings of life. As a faith community, we continue to draw strength from the Lord, from whom all our help comes (Psalm 121:2). I am very reluctant to ask this of you, but I am left with no choice. I really want to plead with you to consider making an extra donation for the Catholic Appeal 2020. If we do not meet up with our goal, the deficit will be placed on our parish, which will greatly affect the operational budget of our parish. I am therefore appealing to you to kindly consider making an extra sacrifice by donating to the Catholic Appeal 2020. I take this opportunity to thank Marion Blanchette for coordinating this effort thus far. May the Lord reward her. And may the Lord bless and reward you for being generous to this appeal. (Fr. Maurice)

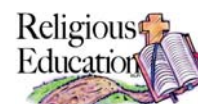
Ste. Anne's Goal -	<b>\$20,437</b>
Amount Received to date -	<b>\$11,290 (55%)</b>
Shortfall -	<b>\$ 9,147</b>



**FOR WHERE  
TWO OR THREE  
ARE GATHERED IN  
MY NAME, THERE I  
AM AMONG THEM.**

MATTHEW 18:20

All parents of children attending our religious education program should have been notified of the schedule for religious education for the 2020-2021 year. Here is a brief overview of the present status of the religious education program at Ste. Anne's. Grades 2, 9, and 10 will begin classes on **October 18th** (schedules have been sent). Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will begin in January 2021. A schedule will be sent via email in November. There will be a monthly Mass for the 10th graders followed by catechesis with Fr. Maurice. The first Mass is scheduled for **October 25th at 5:30 pm**. All are welcome to attend this Mass, however those attending not connected to the religious education program should leave immediately after Mass. Class for the 10th graders will be held in the church (this is recommended by the Archdiocese). Please contact Charlene Carrier with any questions at [faithformation@stannesalem.org](mailto:faithformation@stannesalem.org).





<b><u>Saturday, October 17</u></b>	<b><u>Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr</u></b>
4:00 pm	Jason Martineau, 2nd Anniversary, by the Family Will Matton, by the Kirby Family
<b><u>Sunday, October 18</u></b>	<b><u>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Mission Sunday</u></b>
8:30 am	Gloria D. Jean, 12th Anniversary
11:00 am	Parish Family
<b><u>Monday, October 19</u></b>	
9:00 am	Doris Fournier, by the PPC
<b><u>Tuesday, October 20</u></b>	
9:00 am	Doris Fournier, by the PPC
<b><u>Wednesday, October 21</u></b>	
9:00 am	
<b><u>Thursday, October 22</u></b>	
9:00 am	Rev. Laurier Martineau, by the PPC
<b><u>Friday, October 23</u></b>	
9:00 am	Doris Fournier, by the PPC
<b><u>Saturday, October 24</u></b>	<b><u>Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>
4:00 pm	Michael Jarmusik, by Brendan Walsh
<b><u>Sunday, October 25</u></b>	<b><u>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>
8:30 am	Parish Family
11:00 am	Reginald Thibodeau, 32nd Anniversary, by Susan & Bob Quinn
5:30 pm	Confirmation Class

### A Word of Gratitude to all Volunteers

On behalf of all parishioners at Ste. Anne's Parish, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) would like to express its profound gratitude to all the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to keep the parishioners and visitors safe, while they are attending Mass or spending time with the Lord in silent prayer, since June 6th when we were able to return to church amidst the pandemic. Their dedication, on a weekly basis, to greet parishioners/visitors, document attendance, usher them to their seats, maintain order before, during, and after Mass, and sanitize the church after each Mass is greatly appreciated. They arrive early and stay late after Mass to ensure that our church remains a very safe place for everyone. We could not have reopened safely and successfully without your help. May God bless you and your families as you continue to assist those who come to our church.



### Parish Pastoral Council News



The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) met on Saturday, October 10th in the Parish Pastoral Centre for the first time since March of this year. Recent meetings have been held via conference call. It was wonderful to see each other again, despite mask requirements and social distancing. Topics discussed at the meeting were as follows: **Annual**

**Financial Report:** Ben Anderson, Chairman of the Parish Finance Committee presented an overview of the parish financial report as of the end of the past fiscal year, ending on June 30, 2020. Ben also discussed recent repairs made to the heating system in the Parish Pastoral Centre as well as preventative maintenance to the tree outside of the church on Story Street and trees in the rectory yard. Additional necessary repairs are being evaluated. **Safety & Security Committee:** Hilary Aroke, Chairman of the PPC, gave a summary of the initial meeting of the Safety & Security Committee, held via ZOOM on Wednesday, October 7th. The Safety and Security sub-committee was formed to prepare a Safety & Security Plan for the parish in accordance with guidance provided by the Archdiocese. More information will follow as the plan is developed. **Audio/Visual Capability:** Fr. Maurice asked Jay Ocio to review the existing audio/visual systems at church and report back to the PPC with a recommendation for necessary upgrades and acquisition at the next PPC meeting. **Bible Study:** Since we have not been able to meet in person, Fr. Maurice is writing a piece for the bulletin each week. **Retreats:** The scheduled dates for retreats for various ministries/committees, as well as a retreat for parishioners, had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. Once conditions permit, they will be rescheduled. **Religious Education:** Charlene Carrier reported that religious education will begin on October 18th. Any family who has not received an email should contact the Religious Education Office at 978-745-8915. There will be a monthly Mass held at 5:30 pm on Sunday for those students in the 10th grade. Going forward, meeting agendas and updates resulting from PPC meetings will be posted on the parish website under the Parish Pastoral Council page. You may contact the PPC with comments, questions, suggestions, and concerns via email at **PPC@stannesalem.org**. Future PPC meetings will be held on the second Saturday of each month. The next PPC meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Ware, Secretary

## FINANCIAL UPDATE - SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

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. Your continuing generous and sacrificial giving will assist your parish to provide for your spiritual needs and to serve the wider community.

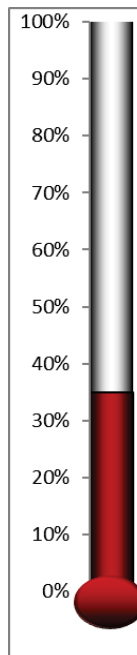
**Merci and Thank You!**

Week ending 10/11	Collection	Online Giving
Offertory	\$2,183	\$615
Gifts & Bequests*	\$1,650	
Sacramentals	\$20	
Maintenance & Repairs	\$135	\$5
St. Vincent DePaul**	\$512	
World Mission Sunday	\$300	
Holy Father & Missionary Effort	\$705	
Grandma's Attic	\$1,000	
Totals	\$6,505	\$620

\*Monstrance

\*\*2 separate checks payable to SVdP (\$70)

GRAND ANNUAL Goal - \$45,000  
Current Total - \$15,737 (35%)



## Scripture Readings

Sunday	October 18
Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21	
Monday	October 19
Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21	
Tuesday	October 20
Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38	
Wednesday	October 21
Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48	
Thursday	October 22
Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53	
Friday	October 23
Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59	
Saturday	October 24
Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9	
Sunday	October 25
Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40	



*"The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness Itself."*

- St. Pius X

THERE IS *Nothing* TOO GREAT OR TOO SMALL FOR PRAYER

**For the Sick:** Jason Alexander, Dorothy Sherry, Armen Sarafian, Pat John, Steve L., Kathleen Levy, Ron Budka, Denise Wells, Kayla Campagna, Jay P., Madeline St. Pierre, Joan Driscoll Bick, Pat Jalbert, Steven Conner, Raymond Thompson, Larry Blanchard, Chris Hall, Laurie Babbins, Rob Holloran, Karen Friedrich, Peter and Ben, Carol Whynott, Barbara Newman, Lila LaMalfa, Dina Russo, Carson Borden, Terry Walters, Frank Popielski

**For the Military:** Jason Boyle, Nicholas Budka, Sean Patrick Mautone, Keith Lovely, David Irwin, K. Ryan McKinley, Michael Angers

**For all victims of the Coronavirus, for all front line workers, and for all medical researchers that they may find an effective prevention.**

**For Priests and Seminarians:** Please pray each day for our Boston priests and seminarians:

Saturday - Fr. George Carrigg and Joseph Thuy Van Nguyen	Wednesday - Fr. Gerald Souza and Leonardo Moreira
Sunday - Fr. Joseph Mozer and Hung Viet Tran	Thursday - Fr. Richard DeVeer and Kevin Pleitez
Monday - Fr. Richard Cornell and Alphonsus Hien Quang Vu	Friday - Fr. John J. Connolly and Erick Gonzalez
Tuesday - All Passionists	Saturday - All Claretians



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