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Salem, MA



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OF JESUS,
MARY & JOSEPH

THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

"For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Luke 2:30-32



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 daily celebration of the Eucharist. We meet Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and are then challenged to bring His love to others.

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
EUCHARISTIC 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.
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 and Religious Education Offices:

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Mon-Thurs 9am- 12 Noon
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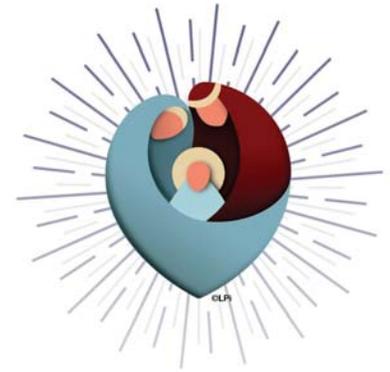
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Dear Holy People of God,

Merry Christmas to you all. I especially greet the old and the sick at home, that cannot come to Church for Christmas.

It clearly has been a very challenging year, with the COVID pandemic. And perhaps we might not feel merry about this Christmas, with all that is going on in our lives. How can we talk about the good news of Christmas with so many challenging situations all around us? This brings me to the question about the real point of Christmas: In the form of a helpless baby, God has entered the world! I bring you news of great joy, the angels proclaimed to the shepherds. Today, a Savior has been born for us. He is Christ the Lord.



The real point of Christmas is therefore, that God exists. Christmas is the story that tells us that there is a God who cares about the sufferings, difficulties and challenges caused by COVID-19. In the baby Jesus, God has entered into the messiness, the uncertainties and the anxieties of human history. And because God has entered history, we are not facing the challenges of life alone.

The central message of Christmas is therefore this: God exists. **But there is also a vital implication that follows this central point of Christmas, and that is, in the baby Jesus, God is not distant.** God has entered your history and my history, to help us live through life. That is the good news: I am not facing the struggles of life alone. I do not have to. I can get help from outside myself, from God who has come into the world. And that is the difference between the believer and the non-believer: the believer is opened to the help that comes from outside, from God. The believer knows that God has come into history to help me, that God is not an enemy, an opposition, but is a loving person that seeks my good and wants me to live a beautiful life.

This explains why **FAITH is the door to experiencing the meaning of Christmas:** faith, to see in the form of the baby, the Second Person of the Trinity, God the Son. Faith, in seeing that I do not have to have lived 2000 years ago in order for me to know the fact of Christmas, for faith makes the believer a contemporary of the Christmas event. In faith, I am able to make the historical event of Christmas present to me today. And because of faith, there is no advantage in terms of those who lived 2000 years ago over me living today, for faith makes history present. Faith makes me a contemporary of Jesus Christ. And that is why the message of the angels 2000 years ago is addressed to me today: I bring you news of great joy, today, a savior has been born for us, Christ the Lord.

On behalf of Fr. Jim Morris, Fr. Edmund, Fr. Denis, Sr. Pauline, and Seminarian John, and all the Parish Staff and Volunteers of Ste. Anne's, I wish all of you a very merry Christmas and God's abundant blessings for 2021. With profound love and joy, Fr. Maurice.



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Our True Home: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Feast of the Holy Family

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church (see 2 Corinthians 6:16–18). In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it. The family advice we hear in today's readings—for mothers, fathers, and children—is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth. Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called "his parents" and are referred to separately as his "mother" and "father." The emphasis is all on their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God. In what Jesus calls "My Father's house," every family finds its true meaning and purpose (see Ephesians 3:15). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God's house, His dwelling (see Luke 19:46). But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church (see Ephesians 2:19–22; Hebrews 3:3–6; 10:21). In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God. Until He reveals His new dwelling among us and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be My son" (see Revelation 21:3, 7).



Masses for New Year's

New Year's Eve: 4 pm

New Year's Day: 10 am

You MUST register to attend one of the Masses for New Year's. Please visit our website to sign up (www.stannesalem.org) or call the Parish Office at 978.744.1930.



In the event of a snowstorm, daily Mass will **NOT** be held at 9AM, but will be held instead at **4:30PM** to allow time for snow removal. All closings will be posted on our website and on our Facebook page.

"He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two tunics should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." - Luke 3:11

MEN'S CLOTHING DONATIONS

Grandma's Attic is in desperate need of all types of MEN's quality clothing (no stains, no rips). We tend to receive many women's donations, men's "not so much." We recently have been providing clothing to individuals in need: clothing is very expensive and we have unbeatable low prices. Parishioners have sponsored some of the individuals and recently a local nurse sponsored many others. We have assisted less fortunate people having difficulties making ends meet in the current economy/pandemic, on the verge of or homeless. A NEW local need has been identified in the psychiatric population who do not have sufficient nor warm clothing to wear while receiving inpatient treatment (they would not wear hospital gowns (johnnies) unless they do not have anything to wear, which unfortunately is the case sometimes and another unbearable stigma). Please look through your closets/drawers: We are accepting **MEN'S ONLY**: Coats, Hats, Gloves, Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, Sweaters (overhead & button down), Jeans/Dungarees, Dress Pants (black for interviews), Dress Shirts, and Socks. Please call, text or leave labeled bags in church and I will check daily to move to Grandma's Attic. Thank You, Alma Pelletier 977.314.7344.





Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Once again this year, we have been blessed with an anonymous donor who will match all donations made to the Salem St. Vincent de Paul Society during the month of December. This is an opportunity for members of the Salem community to double the value of a gift to help Christ and his poor. What better way to celebrate this Christmas season, especially in this year of the pandemic, than to help the needy in our own city? **All donations made in the month of December will qualify for the match.** You may place your donation in the collection box at Ste. Anne's any time during the month of December or you may also mail checks made out to St. Vincent de Paul and addressed to Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 158 Federal Street, Salem, MA 01970. For the last month, your donations helped to fund \$17,786 in assistance to the poor in Salem (the most we have ever spent in one month), including \$8,672 for overdue rent to avoid eviction; \$2,786 for past due electricity and fuel bills to avoid shut off of those utilities; \$4,009 for food vouchers; and \$1,173 for miscellaneous items such as beds and bedding, and adult diapers. Because we are a volunteer organization, our operating expenses were just \$147 for the month. We gratefully acknowledge your generous contributions which help the needy of Salem.



**Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family.
 Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event.
 In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest.
 The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night.**

- Catechism of the Catholic Church (no 525)

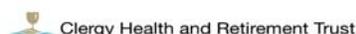




Saturday, Dec. 26 4:00 pm	Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr Rita Pelletier, in Remembrance, by Gloria Matton
Sunday, Dec. 27 8:30 am 11:00 am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Parish Family Will Matton, by his wife Rosie Lamarre, Loving Husband, by Grace Lamarre
Monday, Dec. 28 9:00 am	Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs Sisters of St. Chretienne & Associates, by Sr. Pauline
Tuesday, Dec. 29 9:00 am	Doris Fournier, by the Parish Pastoral Council
Wednesday, Dec. 30 9:00 am	Kathy Streaker, Recovery, by Claire White-Sullivan
Thursday, Dec. 31 4:00 pm	New Year's Eve Parish Family
Friday, January 1 10:00 am	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Doris Fournier, by the Parish Pastoral Council
Saturday, January 2 4:00 pm	Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church Rita Pelletier, in Remembrance, by Gloria Matton
Sunday, January 3 8:30 am 11:00 am	The Epiphany of the Lord Parish Family Rosie Lamarre, Loving Husband, by Grace Lamarre

Notes from the Parish Office

The Parish Office is working on updating and standardizing office procedures. As you know, a new voice mail system was recently installed (the phone number remains the same: 978.744.1930). In the near future, the office email address will be changing from stannesalem@aol.com to **info@stannesalem.org**. Please be sure to make note of the new email address, which should be used when contacting the Parish for Mass intentions, scheduling funerals, baptisms, etc., or for any general information. Additionally, the cost for Mass Intentions is now \$15 per Mass. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions at 978.744.1930.



SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS AT CHRISTMAS

On behalf of our priests in good standing, thank you for your support of the Christmas collection for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. If you missed the collection, you can still make your donation at clergytrust.org or **SCAN the QR Code** for Venmo, Google/Apple Pay, or PayPal via Givebuttr. Please remember these faithful priests in your prayers who have served at Ste. Anne's: Reverend Roger Cormier, Reverend John Kiley, and Reverend Lawrence Rondeau.



VOLUNTEER(S) WANTED

There is a project that will require the expertise of a carpenter. If you are blessed with carpentry skills and have some free time, please contact me to discuss the project. You can reach me through the Parish Office at 978.744.1930 or via email to agbawm@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration. God bless, Fr. Maurice



500 CLUB WINNERS FOR DECEMBER 2020

- \$500 - Georgette Ingemi #247
- \$300 - Peter Michaud #148
- \$100 - Marion Blanchette #069
- \$100 - Robert Ouellette #058
- \$50 - Pat O'Connor #182
- \$50 - Virginia Kieran #034
- \$25 - Nina Clay #241
- \$25 - Andy Bedard #037
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- \$25 - Delores LeBlanc #379
- \$25 - Kathleen Nordstrom #171
- ATT - Pat Pelletier #442634



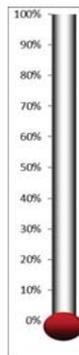
There will be **no Eucharistic Adoration** on Thursday, December 31st (New Year's Eve).



FINANCIAL UPDATE - SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Week ending 12/20	Collection	Online Giving
Offertory	\$2,722	\$1,145
Sacramentals	\$560	
Shrines/Candles/Flowers	\$235	
Maintenance/Repairs/Fuel	\$941	
Gifts/Bequests	\$100	
Grand Annual	\$100	\$100
St. Vincent de Paul	\$81	\$20
Grandma's Attic	\$1,500	
Solemnity of Mary	\$15	
Christmas	\$71	
Totals	\$6,325	\$1,265
Grand Total	\$7,590	

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!**



2020-2021 Grand Annual Campaign

Goal - \$30,000
Total to date: \$420

Scripture Readings

Sunday	December 27
Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40	
Monday	December 28
1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18	
Tuesday	December 29
1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35	
Wednesday	December 30
1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40	
Thursday	December 31
1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18	
Friday	January 1
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21	
Saturday	January 2
1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28	
Sunday	January 3
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12	



"Lord Jesus Christ, pierce my soul with your love so that I may always long for you alone, who are the bread of angels and the fulfillment of the soul's deepest desires. May my heart always hunger for you, so that soul may be filled with the sweetness of your presence" - Saint Bonaventure

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, Leona Budka, Denise Wells, Kayla Campagna, Jay P., Madeline St. Pierre, Joan Driscoll Bick, Pat Jalbert, Steven Conner, Raymond Thompson, Larry Blanchard, Chris Hall, Laurie Babbin, Rob Holloran, Karen Friedrich, Peter and Ben, Carol Whyntott, Barbara Newman, Lila LaMalfa, Dina Russo, Carson Borden, Terry Walters, Bill Walters, Frank Popielski, Jean Sacco, Pauline Bellomo

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 all the deceased members of our parish.

For the needs of our community, that during this Christmas season we would bring the light of Christ to everyone.

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

- Saturday - Fr. Mark Noonan and Fernando Ayala
- Sunday - Fr. John Prusaitis and David Campo
- Monday - Fr. Kevin Toomey and Gabriel Hanley
- Tuesday - Fr. Thomas Kopp and Robert LeBlanc
- Wednesday - Fr. Jacques McGuffie and Mateus Martin
- Thursday - Fr. Joseph Scorzello and Colin McNabb
- Friday - Pope Francis
- Saturday - Fr. James Darcy and John O'Dowd

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