

HE IS RISEN

Hallelujah!

Sainte Anne Parish

Salem, MA

*Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb
first, and he saw and believed.*

John 20:8 (NAB)



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.

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Easter, A Message for a Covid 19 World

Dear Holy People of God,

Happy Easter! We have gone through the 40 days of Lent, in which the Church invited us all to become more intensely aware of the redeeming work of Christ. We relive with Jesus the forty days that he spent in the desert, in prayer and fasting, before undertaking his public ministry which culminated with this crucifixion on the hill of Calvary outside Jerusalem. During these 40 days, we have listened to the Scriptures with open hearts; we have prayed the Stations of the Cross with devoted hearts; and as a parish family, we spent Sunday evenings in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord, meditating and reflecting on the Our Father prayer, the prayer that Jesus taught us as the pattern of all prayers. The last 40 days have also seen us reach out to the neighbor, in a spirit of charity, supporting, through the St. Vincent de Paul Society and through our parish Fund for the Poor, our needy sisters and brothers, especially during these very challenging socio-economic times in which many continue to struggle to get back to the normalcy of their lives.

Dear Holy People of God, as I pointed out last week, the central mystery of Easter is that God loves each and every one person so much that God in Christ enters history to help every human being, the good, the bad, the ugly. As St. Augustine says, God loves everyone as if each person was the only one that God created. Sometimes we might not feel this loving care of God. Oftentimes it appears as if talk about God's love is pious platitude. Easter is a demonstration of how far God is prepared to go to offer us help, out of his love for us. For many, God is distant. For too many, God does not even exist. And again, for many, even if God is there, we do not believe that God really intervenes in our lives. Many Christians have the notion of a Deist God, that is, a God who is there, but cannot do anything to help me, after all, as the saying goes, heaven helps those who help themselves.

Easter tells us that is not true. That God is not a weak, powerless God. That God is prepared to go the extra mile to help me. And where else does the human being feel most vulnerable than when faced with suffering, helplessness, rejection, pain, poverty, sickness, betrayal, abandonment, loneliness, frustration and despair? How would God help me if God does not know what these human realities concretely are? In the final analysis, Easter is an event - the Father raised the Son to new life, because death could not hold him captive. But Easter is more than an event. Easter is a message - God has broken the circle of human violence and evil, by denying evil, suffering, pain, betrayal, inhumanism, the last word. Easter is a message that says: God has not abandoned the world to itself. The human being, left alone, ends up building the world against each other. God is not a distant spectator. In Christ, God has entered the human condition, fully embracing everything human, and, in fidelity to the vision of love, did not shy away, but fully embraced the Cross as the price of love, of redemption.

Are we willing to give God a chance? In a world marked by the uncertainty of continuous existence and restricted existence imposed upon us by Covid, Easter is a forceful message: Do not despair. Do not allow fear to paralyze you. Just as God raised Jesus from death against all odds and in the face of all predictions of failure and doom, God is about to bring out a new springtime. I firmly believe that the best parts of our life as a parish family are yet to come. I firmly believe that Ste. Anne's has a crucial role to play in the re-evangelization of Salem and its environs. Let us continue to open our wills and hearts to the new life offered by the Father in his Son Jesus Christ, who is alive, and because Jesus is alive, you and I can face tomorrow. We can face the future. As the Saintly Pope, John Paul II often reminded us, do not be afraid! Open the doors of your plans to Christ. Do not be afraid of the future. Do not be afraid of tomorrow. God will never abandon you. With the Resurrection, Jesus is forever present to each and every one of us, in our joys and sorrows, in good and bad times. Do not be afraid of life. I firmly believe that life is worth living, and that the Christian life is a beautiful life.

I wish you and all your loved ones, a blessed and happy Easter season, in the name of Fr. Jim, Fr. Casmia, Fr. Denis, Seminarian John, Sr. Pauline, and all our parish staff and volunteers here at Ste. Anne's. Thank you for being a valued member of our parish family. [Fr. Maurice].

Ste. Anne's Grand Annual

Dear Holy People of God,

By now, you should have received a letter from me regarding our 2020/2021 Grand Annual Campaign. Our goal for this Campaign is **\$30,000**. To date, we have raised **\$1,445**, or **5%** of our goal. The proceeds of the Grand Annual are used to supplement the Offertory collection and help defray the cost of our operational budget. I sincerely thank all those who have given so generously to Ste. Anne's. I know that the times we are living in are unprecedented. Your contributions enable the parish to continue with the many maintenance and repair projects that are needed and for that I am truly thankful! For those who have yet to give, I ask that you think about your giving as a spiritual practice, a sacrifice to God that expresses your thanksgiving for the ways He's blessed you in the past and your trust in Him in the future. Please consider making a pledge to contribute, or make a contribution to the 2020/2021 Grand Annual Campaign. Thank you and God bless you, Fr. Maurice



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Today's collection will benefit the Clergy Trust, which provides programs and support to care for the health and well-being of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. By supporting this collection, you are helping to ensure that our active priests receive the care they need to continue their important work, and our senior priests have support and access to quality care. This collection is a critical source of funding for the Trust and your generosity is greatly appreciated. On behalf of all of our priests who benefit from the support of the Clergy Trust, thank you so much for your continued generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers.



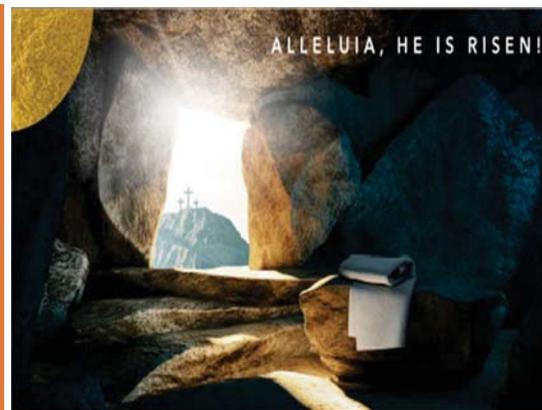
Society of St Vincent de Paul

What better way to celebrate this Easter season, especially in this year of the pandemic, than to help the needy in our own city? Due to national, state and city regulations that were implemented to control the spread of the corona virus, everyone has been impacted and those with limited financial resources are being hit especially hard. We are still receiving calls for assistance from first-time callers whose work hours have been reduced or cut altogether. People are understandably concerned and fearful about being able to pay rent and utilities with reduced or no income. Because of the continued restrictions to comply with state regulations, we can't be at the church doors for our regular monthly collections, but you may place your donation in one of the collection boxes 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 \$16,515 in assistance to the poor in Salem, including \$10,205 for overdue rent to avoid eviction; \$2,591 for past due electricity and fuel bills to avoid shut off of those utilities; \$2,662 for food vouchers; and \$960 for miscellaneous items such as beds and bedding, and storage charges to avoid auction of a client's entire belongings following loss of her job and apartment. Because we are a volunteer organization, our operating expenses were just \$97 for phones and postage. We gratefully acknowledge your generous contributions which help the needy of Salem.





Saturday, April 3	Easter Vigil - 7:30 PM
Sunday, April 4	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
8:30 am	Parish Family
11:00 am	Parish Family
1:00 pm	Cameroon Community
Monday, April 5	
9:00 am	Parish Family
Tuesday, April 6	
9:00 am	Parish Family
Wednesday, April 7	
9:00 am	Rev. Larry Martineau, In Loving Memory, by the Family
Thursday, April 8	
9:00 am	Parish Family
Friday, April 9	
9:00 am	Parish Family
Saturday, April 10	Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
4:00 pm	Rita Pelletier, by her Will
Sunday, April 11	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
8:30 am	Parish Family
11:00 am	My Loving Husband Rosie, by his Loving Wife, Grace



BREAK OPEN THE TOMB

Lord of Easter's Promise, I live in faith of the Resurrection, but such is the nature of my faith that so much of me remains entombed.

Break open the tomb.

- Where I've buried my compassion, break open the tomb.
- Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break open the tomb.
- Where I've buried my humility, break open the tomb.
- Where I've buried my humanity, break open the tomb.
- Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly Father, break open the tomb.
- Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open the tomb.
- Where I've buried my willingness to forgive, break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can withstand. Help me to roll away this stone and find the miracle of new life. That I may live more fully in your saving grace.

Amen

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To walk as ONE Easter Sunday



There does not seem to be much of a connection between Easter and rabbits, chocolate, egg hunts and parades. But as children, these things stood in stark contrast to the long and dark services of Holy Week, and the Lenten fast which we had to observe - especially in school when there was no dessert or candy sold in the cafeteria! It may not be a theological connection, but it certainly was one we experienced as the joy and happiness of Easter replaced the solemnity of Lent. Easter is a time of renewal and hope. Jesus did not die and rise for Himself. He did it for us so that we can share in His victory and in His life forever. One way we can celebrate is practice a little renewal in our own lives. Lent ends, but the results of our sacrifice and penance should remain. If we worked to be more patient, continue to practice patience. If our goal was to pray more often, set the time aside that you need. If the purpose of our Lenten practice was to make us healthier, holier, or happier, don't stop! We share in the Lord's victory over sin and death in small ways, conquering our own faults and failings with God's grace. Keep the momentum of Lent throughout Easter so that the pain and struggle of your sacrifice will bring you the joy of renewal.

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"O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, I would like to be filled with love for You; keep me closely united with You, may my heart be near to Yours. I want to be to You like the apostle John. O Mary of the Rosary, keep me recollected when I say these prayers of yours; bind me forever, with your rosary, to Jesus of the Blessed Sacrament. Blessed be Jesus, my love, blessed be the Immaculate Virgin Mary." - Pope John XXIII, *Journal of a Soul*



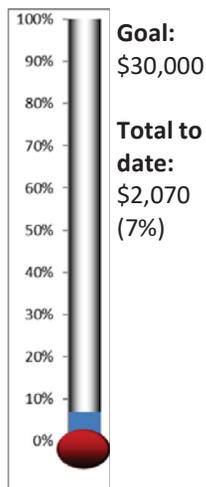
SCRIPTURE READINGS 2021

EASTER SUNDAY April 4	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Mk 16:1-7 (41) or, at an afternoon/evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35
MONDAY April 5	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
TUESDAY April 6	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
WEDNESDAY April 7	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
THURSDAY April 8	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
FRIDAY April 9	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
SATURDAY April 10	Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
SUNDAY April 11	Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

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!**

Collection for Weekend of 3/28/21	Collection	Online Giving
Offertory	\$2,941	\$605
Gifts/Bequests	\$118	
Grand Annual	\$500	
Maintenance/Repairs/Fuel	\$1,214	\$45
Sacramental	\$30	
Shrines/Candles/Flowers	\$200	
St. Vincent de Paul*	\$39	\$420
Religious Education		\$20
Holy Day Collection	\$60	
LOPH - CWA	\$2,090	
Totals	\$7,192	\$1,090
Grand Total	\$8,282	



2020-2021 Grand Annual Campaign

*Includes \$10 check payable to St. Vincent de Paul



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 Babbins, Rob Holloran, Karen Friedrich, Peter and Ben, Carol Whycott, Barbara Newman, Lila LaMalfa, Dina Russo, Carson Borden, Terry Walters, Bill Walters, Frank Popielski, Jean Sacco, Pauline Bellomo, J. Richard Julien, Henry Jalette, Jr.

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

For God's protection for all of God's children, for the health and safety of everyone during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For all the deceased members of our parish.

For our parish community and its needs, that we would open ourselves to the transforming message of the gospel and heed the call of Christ.

For all Christians, that the Holy Spirit will enliven their lives at this time of Resurrection, so that we may live the life of Christ with enthusiasm.

Emails and Text Messages



We have been informed that several of you are receiving emails that appear to be from Fr. Maurice. **Please note that Fr. Maurice, Fr. Casmia, Fr. Denis, or the Parish staff will never contact you via email or text message to ask that you provide them with gift cards or assist them financially in any crisis situation.** If you receive an email or text which is seemingly sent by a priest or staff member requesting assistance, please notify the parish office at 978.744.1930. **DO NOT FORWARD OR RESPOND TO THE MESSAGE.** Mark it as SPAM and delete it. Thank you for your cooperation!

For Priests and Seminarians:

- Saturday - Fr. Charles Madi Okin and Matthew Norwood
- Sunday - Pope Francis
- Monday - Fr. Robert Connors and Daniel Zinger
- Tuesday - Fr. Huy Nguyen and Giovanni Argote
- Wednesday - Fr. John Tackney and Fernando Ayala
- Thursday - Fr. Israel Rodriguez and David Campo
- Friday - Fr. Sean Maher and Gabriel Hanley
- Saturday - Fr. Paul Sullivan and Robert LeBlanc





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