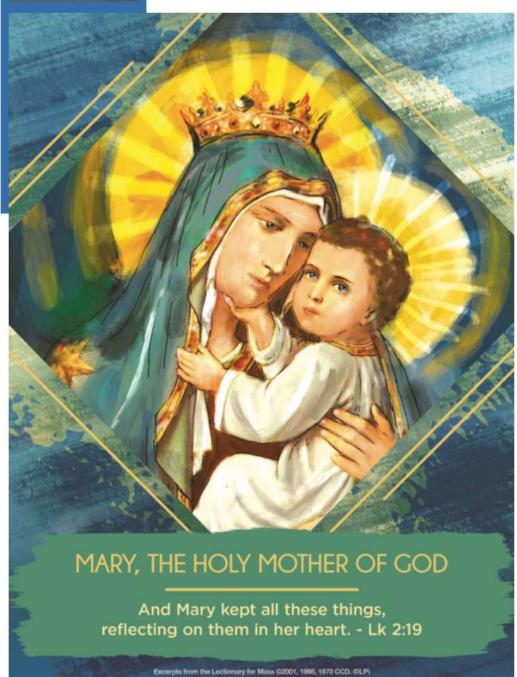


# **SAINTE ANNE PARISH**

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## Welcome!

#### PRAYER MOMENTS

#### **Daily Masses**

Monday-Friday | 9AM

Tuesday - Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus after the 9AM Mass

#### **Holy Day Masses**

As Announced

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday | 4PM Sunday | 8:30AM, 11AM Cameroon | 1PM (2nd/4th Sun) Congolese | 4PM (Sunday)

## First Saturday Devotion

7-9AM

#### Confession

Saturday | 3:15-3:45PM or by appointment

#### Adoration

Thursday | 9:30AM-6:45PM

#### Rosary

Weekdays | 8:30AM | Sat | 3:30PM Sunday | 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM

#### Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Tuesday | 6-8PM

#### Precious Blood of Jesus Prayer Group

Thursday | 8-11PM

#### **Church is Open**

9AM-5PM M, Tu, W, F | Sat & Sun, open for Mass only

## Parish Staff

#### **Administrator**

Fr. Augustin Vondou

### **Assisting Priests**

Fr. Michael Mbuwir (in residence) Fr. Jim Morris

## Administrative Coordinator

Lourdelyn Valsote lourdelyn.valsote@stannesalem.org

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## Director of Faith Formation

Ludger Veer ludger.veer@stannesalem.org

# **Director of Music Ministry**Joseph Stella

## Bulletin | Website | Social Media

Connie Kirby stannesbulletin@gmail.com Deadline for Submissions: Monday by 5PM

## **Parish Pastoral Council**

Dr. Hilary Aroke PPC@stannesalem.org

#### Office Hours

Monday - Friday | 9AM-1PM Phone: 978.744.1930 Email: info@stannesalem.org



## SAINTE ANNE PARISH, SALEM, MA

#### **Our Mission**

Sainte Anne Parish is a faith community in the Roman Catholic tradition. 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.

#### Welcome to New Parishioners

We pray that you find warmth, encouragement, and spiritual growth in our Parish. We're glad you're here and we look forward to getting to know you. Please introduce yourself to us after Mass. To register, contact the Parish Office at 978.744.1930 or send an email to: info@stannesalem.org.

## **Our Parish Story**

Sainte Anne Roman Catholic Church is located in the Castle Hill neighborhood of South Salem, Massachusetts. Ste. Anne's was established as a French parish in 1901 to serve the large French-Canadian population living in Salem at the time. An increasing number of families from the Cameroon, Congolese, and Filipino communities now call Ste. Anne's their spiritual home.

## **STAY CONNECTED**

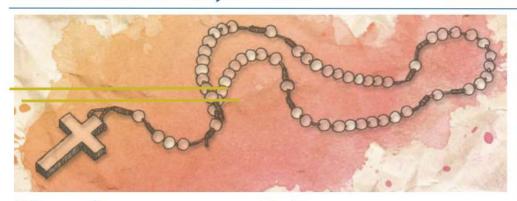


Sainte Anne Salem, MA



Sainte Anne's Parish, Salem, MA





## MASS INTENTIONS & OBSERVATIONS

### Saturday, December 31

The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

#### 4:00 pm

In Thanksgiving to God, by Jessie Pierre Louis

#### Sunday, January 1, 2023

The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

#### 8:30 am

Parish Family

#### 11:00 am

Parish Family

#### 4:00 pm

Congolese Community

#### Monday, January 2

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

#### 9:00 am

Parish Family

#### Tuesday, January 3

#### 9:00 am

Parish Family

## Wednesday, January 4

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

#### 9:00 am

Barbara Butler, 5th Anniversary, by Diane Keenan

#### Thursday, January 5

Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

#### 9:00 am

Parish Family

### Friday, January 6

### 9:00 am

Parish Family

#### Saturday, January 7

Vigil: Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

#### 4:00 pm

Parish Family

#### Sunday, January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

#### 8:30 am

Parish Family

#### 11:00 am

Parish Family

#### 1:00 pm

Cameroon Community

#### 4:00 pm

Congolese Community



## Weekly Readings

#### Sunday

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/ Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

#### Monday

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 1:19-28

#### Tuesday

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Jn 1:29-34

#### Wednesday

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

#### Thursday

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Jn 1:43-51

#### Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

#### Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

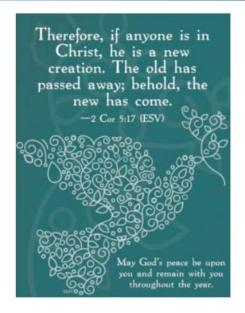
#### **Next Sunday**

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2- 3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



**PASTOR'S NOTE** 

#### **REFLECTION FOR JANUARY 1**



Getting to the end of a year and beginning a new one is a time of evaluation,

thanksgiving and setting new goals for the future. In Christian terms, it is a season not only to look retrospectively on the past year while asking God's forgiveness for our shortcomings, but also to thank God for all the graces received and to entrust to Him the new year. As we begin the new year 2023, perhaps the following wisdom saying of Blessed Fulton Sheen would help us set our priorities right: "Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast. The other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache." As Christians, the only way to a successful, thus happy life, is to be close to Christ and grow in holiness through the Cross. The Catechism of the Catholic Church sheds light on this as follows: "The way of perfection passes by way of the Cross. There is no holiness without renunciation and spiritual battle. Spiritual progress entails the ascesis [self-discipline] and mortification that gradually lead to living in the peace and joy of the Beatitudes." (CCC #2015).

On New Year's Day, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. She is also our mother and is ever close to us to lead us to her son and teach us to always say "yes" to God. Let us turn to her often throughout the new year and ask for her intercession; she never disappoints. May this ancient blessing from the Old Testament book of Numbers be upon each and every one of us throughout the new year, so that we become more united and loving as a community, ready to bring our spiritual and material contribution to build up the body of Christ that is at Ste. Anne parish:

"The Lord bless you and keep you!

The Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you!

The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"

Let me sum up this reflection by inviting us to make ours this prayer:

Lord, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen.

Welcome to 2023 and Happy New Year!

# Flease Fray for Those in Need

### For the Sick:

Maria Abramo John Akatyszewski Jason Alexander Laurie Babbin Pauline Bellomo Joan Driscoll Bick Larry Blanchard Marion Blanchette Carson Borden Ron & Leona Budka Kayla Campagna Steven Conner Patricia Davern Susan Engel

Karen Friedrich Rob Holloran Pat Jalbert Pat John Veronica Kelley Steve L. Lila LaMalfa Kathleen Levy Jay P. Peter and Ben **Donald Provost** Al Robidoux

Madeline St. Pierre

Armen Sarafian

**Dorothy Sherry** J. Sylvain Raymond Thompson Susana Topacio Denise Wells Stephen White

#### For the Military: Michael Angers

Nicholas Budka Jason Boyle Keith Lovely K. Ryan McKinley Sean Patrick Mautone For the ongoing war in the DRC, we pray for those seeking refuge and Submit your requests to for peace to return to the the parish office at Congo.

For the deceased members of our parish, especially Lorraine D. Belanger, whose funeral Mass was recently held, that the peace and happiness of heaven may be theirs forever.

#### **HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?**

info@stannesalem.org.

## Parish Financial Information

We wish to thank everyone who supports our parish financially. Your contributions pay 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. Mercí and Thank You! [Note: Due to publishing deadlines, we are unable to provide collection numbers for the December 25th weekend. We will publish them in the next bulletin.]

Offertory \$3,882.00 Online Giving \$583.00
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Sacramentals \$1,100.00
Maintenance & Repair \$1,009.00
Grand Annual (2022-23) \$653.00
Clergy Health & Retirement \$200.00 Trust
Christmas Flowers \$320.00
<b>Rental</b> \$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$23.00
Total Offertory: \$4,465.00
Total Deposit: \$8,270.00

#### 500 Club - December Winners



\$500 Denise Pasquarello #025 \$300 Diane Newton #043 \$100 Charles Thomaides #070 \$100 Maria Morello #327 \$50 Alyssa Clement #339 \$50 Rebekah Bedard #343 \$25 Joan Carnevale #299 \$25 Tami DeLorenzo #433 \$25 Carole Krech #424 \$25 Peter Michaud #148 \$25 Fr. Maurice Agbaw-Ebai #342 \$25 Dennis Murtagh #402

Attendance Prize: Don Raney #442911

Thank you to all for your many years of support of the 500 Club!

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS

Saturday: Fr. Walter Keymont and Hung Viet Tran

Sunday: Pope Francis

Monday: Fr. Steven Restrepo and Francis Trewin

Tuesday: Carmelites of Mary Immaculate

Fr. Ronald Gariboldi and Alphonsus Hien Wednesday:

Quang Vu

Thursday: All Bishops

Fr. Michael Doyle and Jeremy Wagner Friday: Fr. Raymond O'Sullivan and Aaron Arbizo Saturday:



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE January 1, 2023 Mary, The Holy Mother of God

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph at the moment they see the child in

the manger. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, "When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "Mangia? Mangia?" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "Mangia means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

Father John Muir©LPi

#### In Need of an Apartment

Sr. Yvette Beauregard needs to move. Her landlord is selling the building. She is looking for a 2 bedroom, first floor apartment in Salem, with a laundry hookup, basement is acceptable for the laundry hookup, cat friendly, with off street parking. If you know of an apartment that would be available, please contact Sr. Yvette at 978.745.5316. Thank you.



## January 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

This feast day is a celebration of the motherhood of Mary. her openness to God's plan and her role in the life of Christ. Our scriptures today shine a light on Mary's receptivity to what was proclaimed by the shepherds, that this newborn child is "the savior who has been born for you." All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. That same message is ours to believe and to share. A good New Year's resolution might be to take 10 minutes each day for prayer to ask for guidance on what you will say to make known the message of Jesus, in your circle of family and friends.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## Every Thursday ~ 9:30 AM to 6:45 PM

We encourage everyone to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord. A sign-up sheet is located at the Church entrance. Each time slot must be covered to ensure that the exposed Sacrament is never left alone. Visiting with Jesus is a great way to grow in friendship with Him.



Pregnancy
Care Center Staff and Volunteers,
Care Center I'm sending an update on my beautiful blessings Gabriel and Adriel, both are 6th grade honor

Dear Pregnancy Care Center staff and volunteers,

Gabriel and Adriel, both are 6th grade honor

students! I'm forever grateful for the love and support you gave me when I came to the center pregnant with my twins. My daughter was just one year old at the time. Even though I had the support of my fiancé, I was terrified, almost paralyzed, with fear. The emotional support and education you provided on caring for twins changed my outlook and gave me the strength I needed to persevere. I felt prepared emotionally and physically, receiving two of everything! Such beautiful clothing, hand knitted blankets, diapers and bouncy seats. It was such a relief for my fiancé, now husband, and I to know we had everything we needed. What a blessing and a treasure you are to the community. Please share this with all the wonderful volunteers and donors, so they know what an impact they make in the lives of real families.

With gratitude, Layla

As we enter the Christmas season, we are truly grateful for each of you, our donors, volunteers, staff, and board. Thank you for your incredible generosity of prayer, time, talent, and financial support. On behalf of the entire PCC ministry, we wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas!

Pregnancy Care Center Haverhill - Lawrence - Lowell 978.373.5700 PCCFriends.org Admin Office: 158 Mammoth Road, Lowell, MA 01854





St. John's Seminary Spring Registration Now Open!

On behalf of Dr. Anthony Coleman, Director of the MAM/MTS Degree Programs at Saint John's Seminary, please find the following welcome announcement to the Spring 2023 MAM/MTS Registration:

Dear friends of St. John's Seminary,

This Christmas season, I wanted to reach out not only to our active students, but also to parishes. It is an opportunity to nourish our faith this Spring by registering for, or auditing, one of our classes.

Faith & Reason (Dr. Angela Franks; Th 5-7 pm) New Testament (Fr. Peter Grover; Tu 7:30-9:30 pm) Church History (Dr. Michael Coughlin; Th 7:30-9:30 pm) The Trinity & Christology (Dr. Angela Franks; Sat 8:30 am - 12:30 pm) Ecclesiology (Fr. Chris O'Connor; Sat 8:30 am - 12:30 pm) The Liturgy & Sacraments (Fr. Brian Mahoney; Tu 5-7 pm)

Classes are held once per week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Our Lady Help of Christians in Newton Corner, and at St. John's Seminary every other Saturday. Information and registration for Spring courses can be found on our website at www.sjs.edu/register. If you have any questions, please contact me or the Assistant to the Director, Ms. Ellen Oesterle (Ellen.Oesterle@sjs.edu) or call 617.779.4104.



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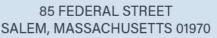
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