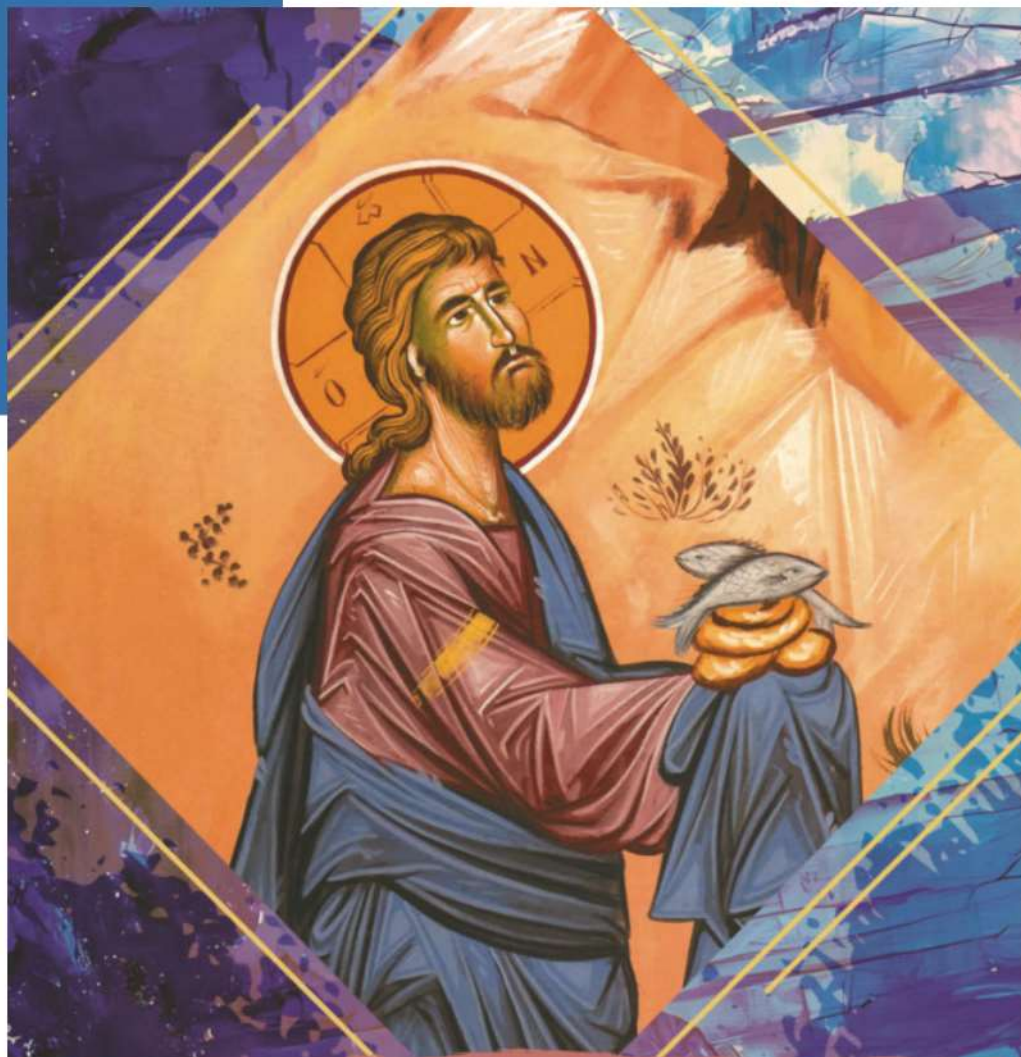




# SAINTE ANNE PARISH

CELEBRATING 121 YEARS



## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." - Mt 5:16

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1996, 1970 CCC, ©LPI

**290 JEFFERSON AVENUE  
SALEM, MA 01970  
978.744.1930 | [stannesalem.org](http://stannesalem.org)**

### 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 (with Rosary & Benediction @ 6PM)

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. Gabriel Afumbom (in residence)  
Fr. Jim Morris

### Administrative Coordinator

Lourdelyn Valsote  
[lourdelyn.valsote@stannesalem.org](mailto:lourdelyn.valsote@stannesalem.org)

### Business Manager

Divin Lereh

### Director of Faith Formation

Ludger Veer  
[ludger.veer@stannesalem.org](mailto:ludger.veer@stannesalem.org)

### Director of Music Ministry

Joseph Stella

### Bulletin | Website | Social Media

Connie Kirby  
[stannesbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:stannesbulletin@gmail.com)  
**Deadline for Submissions:**  
Monday by 5PM

### Parish Pastoral Council

Dr. Hilary Aroke  
[PPC@stannesalem.org](mailto:PPC@stannesalem.org)

### Office Hours

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



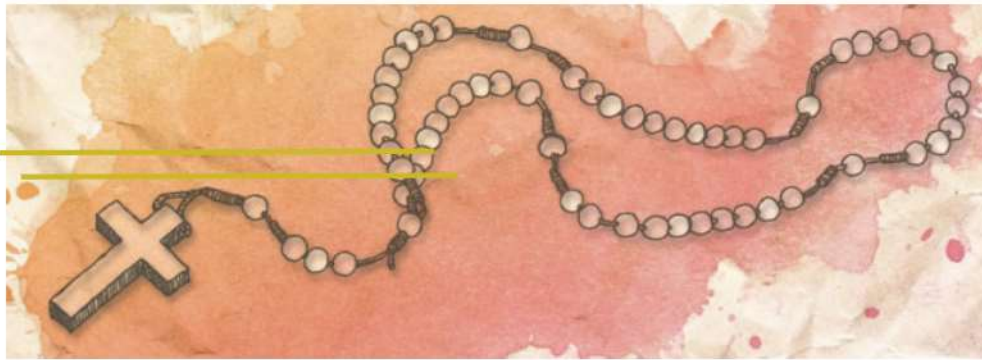
Sainte Anne Salem, MA



Sainte Anne's Parish, Salem, MA







## MASS INTENTIONS & OBSERVATIONS

**Saturday, February 4**

**Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 pm**

Parish Family

**Sunday, February 5**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 am**

Parish Family

**11:00 am**

Parish Family

**1:00 pm**

Cameroon Community

**4:00 pm**

Congolese Community

**Monday, February 6**

**Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

**9:00 am**

Parish Family

**Tuesday, February 7**

**9:00 am**

Parish Family

**Wednesday, February 8**

**St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**

**9:00 am**

Parish Family

**Thursday, February 9**

**9:00 am**

**Friday, February 10**

**Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

**9:00 am**

Parish Family

**Saturday, February 11**

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

**4:00 pm**

Rita Pelletier, 3rd Anniversary, by her niece, Gloria Matton

**Sunday, February 12**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day**

**8:30 am**

Parish Family

**11:00 am**

Parish Family

**4:00 pm**

Congolese Community

Let the light of Christ  
that we carry within us  
drive away the darkness  
of fear and sadness.



## Weekly Readings

**Sunday**

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7,  
8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt  
5:13-16

**Monday**

Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6,  
10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk  
6:53-56

**Tuesday**

Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7,  
8-9/Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday**

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1  
2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk  
7:14-23

**Thursday**

Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3,  
4-5/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday**

Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7  
Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday**

Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc,  
5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

**Next Sunday**

Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5,  
17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6  
10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,  
27-28, 33-34a, 37





## PASTOR'S NOTE

### REFLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 5

#### February 5 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The darkness and cold of winter still surround us making very relevant to our spiritual lives the theme of light and darkness in today's readings. In the first reading, Isaiah gives us the reminder that performing any work of mercy brings light into the darkness of our hearts and the world. Jesus, in speaking to the disciples and to us says, "You are the light of the world...your light must shine before others..." As baptized children of God, we carry the light of Christ within us. In what ways do your words and actions shine before others, and make Christ visible? If they are not, what will you do this week to make the Christ light in you shine for others to see and thus bring light into the darkness that exists around you?

Greetings on this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time!

The question of identity is one that is rich, widely lived and yet challenging. The philosopher Epictetus said: "Know, first, who you are and then adorn yourself accordingly." You definitely act the way you are, hence, the necessity of knowing who you are, that is, your identity is. It can be quite a challenge to not know and appreciate one's identity. In my earliest years on studies in Chicago, I was interested in knowing the last name of an African American classmate of mine. After asking for her last name, she paused a while and said: "Smith; unfortunately." I also paused for a while to ponder on why she added "unfortunately" after telling me her last name. It is then that it dawned onto me that Smith was a name inherited from colonial history and that she would have loved to bear an African name with which she would happily identify with.

But we, Christians, have an identity, a wonderful one and the challenge would be that of living up to our identity. In today's gospel, Christ of us: "you are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world." Since identity and responsibility go hand in hand, this new identity of ours automatically determines our mission: bringing flavor to the world and lighting up our society darkened by the structures of sin. Thus, joining the works of darkness is tantamount to living in contradiction to our Christian identity.

Our Christian identity of "salt of the earth" and "light of the world" is to be lived out not only at a personal level but also at community level. Our parish community which we purposely call "parish family" is to shine its light by portraying the virtues of love, hope, solidarity, unity, dynamism, spiritual, and material commitment. In concrete terms, we live out our Christian identity by being faithful to personal and community prayer, especially Holy Mass, the rosary, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the sacrament of confession, offering masses for every occasion, outreach, etc., and by charitable works such as any material support through the various collections in our parish. Perhaps the following 7 secrets of successful parishioners according to a Catholic diocese can help our parish community be more and more aware of its identity and mission:

- 1) Believe in the Adventure of Being Catholic
- 2) Believe in Other Parishioners
- 3) See the Parish as the Spiritual Epicenter of Their Life
- 4) Do Not Always Have to Win or Be Right
- 5) Are Proud Enough of the Parish to Represent It Well
- 6) Are Not Members, But Disciples
- 7) Believe in the Power of Prayer and the Eucharist

Beloved parishioners, let us be proud of who we are: "salt of the earth" and "light of the world" and live accordingly.

Fr. Augustin



## Please Pray for Those in Need

### For the Sick:

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

Debbie Erwin  
Karen Friedrich  
Rob Holloran  
Pat Jalbert  
Pat John  
Veronica Kelley  
Steve L.  
Lila LaMalfa  
Kathleen Levy  
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 for peace to return to the Congo.

**For the deceased members of our parish**, that the peace and happiness of heaven may be theirs forever.

### HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Submit your requests to the parish office at [info@stannesalem.org](mailto: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. Merci and Thank You!

COLLECTION	1/29/2023
Offertory	\$2,290.00
Online Giving	\$250.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$125.00
Gifts & Bequests	\$135.00
Religious Education	\$20.00
Grand Annual (2022-23)	\$125.00
Clergy Health & Retirement Trust	\$50.00
Churches in Latin America	\$58.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$36.00
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$2,665.00</b>
<b>Total Deposit:</b>	<b>\$3,089.00</b>
<b>Grand Annual Total:</b>	<b>\$5,095.00</b>



### Upcoming Second Collections:

Fr. B's Memorial Fund - Feb. 5th  
Fuel Collection - Feb. 12th

## Couple's Date Night ~ February 11th

National Marriage Week is February 7-14.

Join us for a fun and resourceful date night as we learn the tools to "Manage Daily Stress" and "Resolve Conflict" with clinical psychologist, Dr. Greg Kolodziejczak on **Saturday, February 11th from 7-9PM** in the formal dining room of the Pastoral Center in Braintree. Dinner, libations, and a few surprises served. Cost is \$30 per couple. For more information or to register, visit [bit.ly/Dateforcouples](http://bit.ly/Dateforcouples).



### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the Week

It's hard to shine the light of truth in a world that so often prefers darkness. But God has built his city on a hill, not a valley. His glory, by definition, exists to be proclaimed, as salt exists to give flavor.

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS

Saturday: Fr. Gerald Fraser and Mateus de Oliveira Martin  
Sunday: Fr. Michael Harkins and Rev. Mr. Rodrigo Martinez  
Monday: Fr. Paul Kilroy and Diego Mendoza Castillo  
Tuesday: Fr. Richard Crowley and Rafael Milla  
Wednesday: Fr. Shawn Allen and Barry Mongeon  
Thursday: Fr. Richard Bradford and Gustavo Neitzke  
Friday: Fr. Lawrence Rondeau and Joseph Thuy Van Nguyen  
Saturday: Fr. Nathaniel Sanders and Christian Orteiz



# (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

If ...

It's a surprising little word - if. For such a short word, it holds an abundance of excuses.

Personally, I could buy a new car if I had a dollar for every time I used the word "if" to explain away my own flaws. "If I wasn't so tired. If we had more money. If the kids weren't always on my last nerve. If I had more talent. If life wasn't so hard."

If, if, if.

I don't always feel like being the salt of the earth. Can't someone else season the dish? Sometimes it's more than I want to give, more than I want to do, more than I want to be. Sharing my bread, sheltering the oppressed, clothing the naked, and accompanying my neighbor - doing these things in the literal or figurative sense can be completely exhausting. Mediocrity is so easy. It's so comfortable. But *if*. It looms again, that short but powerful word.

"If" can be deep with excuses, but it can also be wide with possibility. If I bring it all to God. If I stop relying on my own abilities. If I prayed more than I talked. If I make my heart firm. If my faith does not rest on human wisdom.

If not me, who? If not now, when?

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden."* - Matthew 5:14

Colleen Jurkewicz Dorman  
©LPI

Pro-Life

The next meeting of the Pro-Life Committee will take place on **Friday, February 17th** in the Chapel. [Joann.gates@ymail.com](mailto:Joann.gates@ymail.com).

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is **February 22, 2023**. Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal. Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Every Thursday ~ 9:30 AM to 6:45 PM**  
**Rosary & Benediction begins at 6PM**

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.







Please join us this evening, **Sunday, February 5th at 6:30PM**, for the monthly Vespers Service with Benediction. The Vespers Service is held every first Sunday of each month at 6:30PM.

**"Let my prayer arise before you like incense, the raising of my hands like an evening oblation." (Psalm 141.2)**

Dear Parishioners,

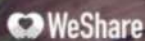
Fr. Casmia is back and we are grateful for that. We also got news that his bishop is requesting him to return to Cameroon to be reassigned in his diocese. As this was unexpected, Fr. Casmia and I are in communication with the Archdiocese to figure out the longer-term plan. For the time being both of us will remain at the parish while a transition plan is figured out. We will share any updates with you as soon as we have them. Thank you, Fr. Augustin

### First Saturday Devotion

The First Saturday Devotion focuses on the nucleus of our Catholic faith: Confession, Adoration, Rosary, and the Eucharist. Our Lady has given us this special message that will ultimately lead us closer to Jesus. Fatima begins with the Eucharist and ends with the Eucharist. Let us not delay in observing this devotion for it too gives us hope for eternal salvation. **Everyone is invited to the First Saturday devotion held at 7AM on the first Saturday of each month.**

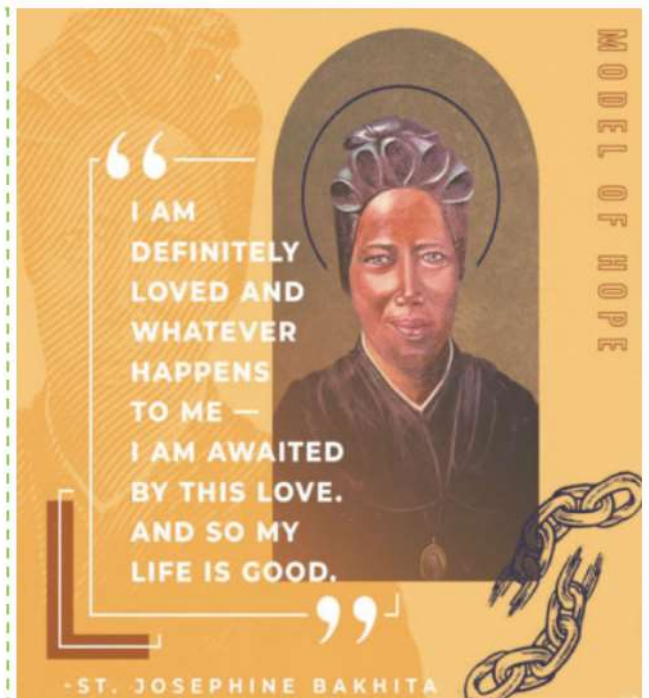


Your giving  
brings hope to  
the parish.



During Lent we are reminded to develop a more conscious spiritual life and share what we have with those in need. One practical way to achieve this goal is to make the change to eGiving for your parish support. You can use our parish's online giving platform, WeShare, to deepen your commitment to the church and the ministries you care about most. Your recurring gifts will sustain our mission month after month. You will also help our parish by cutting costs for

envelopes and paper, and allowing our staff to spend less time processing cash and checks and more time on ministries. It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up: visit **Ste. Anne's Parish - Ways to Give - Salem, MA** ([stannesalem.org](http://stannesalem.org)), call 978.744.1930, email [info@stannesalem.org](mailto:info@stannesalem.org), or scan the QR code on page 2 of the bulletin.







**\$1 Off Purchase of  
1 Dozen Donuts**

Good only at  
201 Canal Street, Salem  
Cannot be combined with any other  
offer or discount.

**Place Your Ad Here and  
Support our Parish!**

Instantly create and  
purchase an ad with

**AD  
CREATOR  
STUDIO**



[4lpi.com/adcreator](http://4lpi.com/adcreator)

*Murphy Funeral Home*

FRANCIS J. MURPHY

85 FEDERAL STREET  
SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS 01970

(781) 631-8885 • (978) 744-0497

[www.MurphyFuneralHome.com](http://www.MurphyFuneralHome.com)

**Harrison**  
OUTDOORS  
DBA Greenleaf Mowers

256-737-0735



**TRY US FROM  
BUMPER TO BUMPER**



**SALEM AUTO BODY**

*Through The Old Generation To The New*

**978-744-3927**

25 Boston St., Salem



**20%  
Discount  
for Senior  
Citizens**



**LEVESQUE  
FUNERAL HOME**  
**978-744-2270**

**LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS**

**Place Your Ad Here  
and Support Our Parish!**

**CONTACT ME  
Melissa Jones**

[mjones@4LPi.com](mailto:mjones@4LPi.com)

(800) 477-4574 x6570



**AXIS**  
MOTOR COMPANY

**SPECIALIZING IN  
FOREIGN CARS!  
WE BUY CARS!**

41 Boston Street, Salem

CELL 617-230-0473

OFFICE 978-594-1685

MON-SAT 10AM-7PM

SUNDAY BY  
APPOINTMENT



[www.axismotorcompany.com](http://www.axismotorcompany.com)



**FREE  
AD DESIGN**

with purchase  
of this space

**CALL  
800-477-4574**

**JOHN J. WALSH**  
INSURANCE

**Complete insurance protection for  
individuals and businesses**

Homeowners | Boat | Auto | Contractors Insurance  
Workers' Comp | Liability | Commercial | Property | Life | Health  
745-3300 | RILEY PLAZA, SALEM | AMPLE PARKING

**SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!**



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • [www.4lpi.com](http://www.4lpi.com)

St. Anne Church, Salem, MA

03-1355