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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 (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

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Deadline for Submissions:
Monday by 5PM

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Office Hours

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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.

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PASTOR'S LETTER

The Coming of the Spirit of Truth

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept...” John 14:15–17

On this, the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we begin to turn our eyes toward the coming of the Holy Spirit. In this passage above, Jesus speaks of asking the Father to send another Advocate to be with us always. This Advocate is the Holy Spirit.

Interestingly, Jesus uses the title, “Spirit of Truth” to refer to the Holy Spirit. He also points out that the world cannot accept the Holy Spirit.

We are currently living in what we may call the “Age of the Holy Spirit.” This is the age that Jesus spoke about with His Apostles. Therefore, it’s good to look at the coming of the Holy Spirit in the way Jesus revealed it.

First, regarding the title, “Spirit of Truth,” we should ponder whether we are able and willing to accept the full Truth that comes with receiving the Holy Spirit. If we are of the world, embracing worldly ideas and values, then we will not be able to accept the Holy Spirit. However, if we are able to see the errors of our world and the many false values within it, we will more easily be able to reject those values and embrace the Holy Spirit and the many truths that the Spirit reveals.

Furthermore, if we are open to the coming of the Holy Spirit, we will receive the greatest Advocate we can have in life. The Holy Spirit is THE Advocate, meaning, the only helper we need. Becoming consumed by the Holy Spirit provides us with every grace necessary in life.

Reflect, today, upon the fact that Jesus’ promise to His Apostles has been fulfilled and that you have the ability to receive that promise here and now in your life. Say a prayer to the Holy Spirit and anticipate celebrating Pentecost Sunday in two weeks.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Jesus, I trust in You.

~ Fr. Gabriel

Feast of the Ascension ~ Thursday, May 18th

The Feast of the Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9AM and at 6:30PM.



MASS INTENTIONS & OBSERVATIONS

Saturday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

4:00 pm

Sunday, May 14

Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

8:30 am

Parish Family

11:00 am

Rosario J. Lamarre, in Loving Memory, by his wife, Grace

Ramon & Agnes Taguam, 20th Wedding Anniversary, by Ramon & Agnes Taguam

4:00 pm

Congolese Community

Monday, May 15

St. Isadore

9:00 am

Tuesday, May 16

9:00 am

Sister Mary Ella Provencher SASV, by her friend

Wednesday, May 17

9:00 am

Thursday, May 18

The Ascension of the Lord; St. John I, Pope and Martyr

9:00 am

Friday, May 19

9:00 am

Saturday, May 20

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest;

Armed Forces Day

4:00 pm

Sunday, May 21

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 am

Parish Family

11:00 am

1:00 pm

Cameroon Community

4:00 pm

Congolese Community



Weekly Readings

Sunday

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20 - 23

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/ Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Please Pray 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
Apolinar Dinglasan
Susan Engel
Karen Friedrich
Rob Holloran
Pat John
Veronica Kelley

Steve L.
Lila LaMalfa
Kathleen Levy
Peter and Ben
Ann Michaud
Ronelia Najito
Leanne P.
Donald Provost
Al Robidoux
Madeline St. Pierre
Armen Sarafian
Dorothy Sherry
J. Sylvain
Vicente Taguiam
Raymond Thompson
Susana Topacio
Denise Wells
Shawn Welsh
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 all those caught up in violence, remembering especially the people of Ukraine; that in this time of fear

and conflict, they may know God's presence and peace.

For the deceased members of our parish, especially **Ronald Charest** and **Janet C. Lessard**, whose funeral Masses were held recently, that the peace and happiness of heaven may be theirs forever.

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.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Submit your requests to the parish office at 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	Collection 5/7/23	Online 4/30/23	Online 5/7/23
Offertory	\$2,076.00	\$500.00	\$651.00
Sacramentals			
Maintenance & Repair	\$784.00		\$15.00
Grand Annual		\$5.00	\$5.00
Holy Day Collections	\$10.00		
Pentecost	\$10.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$31.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Total Offertory:	\$2,860.00	\$500.00	\$651.00
Total Deposit:	\$2,911.00	\$510.00	\$676.00
Grand Annual Total:	\$7,417.00		

Upcoming Second Collections:
May 14th - St. Vincent de Paul



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2023 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Goal	\$19,071
Total to Date	\$15,314.00
% of Goal	80%
Total Number of Donors	58

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS

Saturday: Fr. Lambert Nieme and Steve Baruffi
Sunday: Fr. Karlo Hocurscak and Rev. Mr. Paul Born
Monday: Fr. Robert Doherty and Alden Bronson
Tuesday: Fr. Baldemar Garza and Vincenzo Caruso
Wednesday: Fr. Marc Bishop and Paulo Carvalho
Thursday: Fr. Eric Velasquez and Michael Castellon
Friday: Fr. Paul Flammia and Alex Charow
Saturday: Bishop Hennessey ordained 1978; 2023 Ordinandi

My Long Journey to the Priesthood

I was born into a large family in the small coastal town of Tiko in Anglophone Cameroon, Central Africa. I was raised in a traditional Catholic family, as my parents were devout Catholics. Papa was a headmaster in Catholic schools for close to fifty years. Mama was a laboratory technician. Attending Mass daily was a given. Mama woke us up at 5am for morning devotion. We would then walk forty-five minutes, praying the rosary, in the wee hours of the morning for Mass. We prayed together before going to bed and Mama never got tired of her mantra, “A family that prays together stays together.”

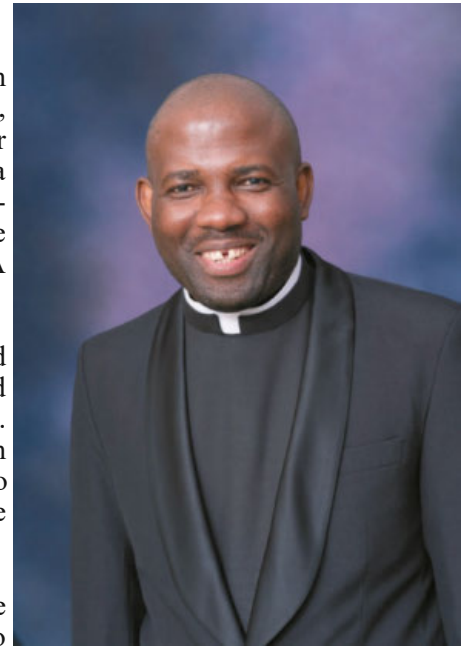
My family was my first seminary since the values and virtues I uphold today originated from that domestic Church. My early attraction to the priesthood stemmed from seeing priests in white and black cassocks in the parish and at school. Mama said at the age of seven, I said to her “One day you will call me Rev. John Tanyi.” Even though we weren’t rich, my parents made tremendous sacrifices to send me to St. Joseph’s College Sasse, one of the elite schools in Anglophone Cameroon, established by the Mill Hill Missionary Society in 1939.

In 2002, I joined the Mill Hill Missionary Society for formation to the missionary priesthood. After a year of basic formation in Cameroon, I was sent to Uganda for philosophical studies in 2003. In 2006, I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Uganda Martyrs University, Nkozi. After first cycle formation, I was sent to the coastal region of Kenya for a two-year Missionary Experience Program (MEP). I left the Mill Hill Missionary Society upon completion of the MEP in 2008. After years of studies, I taught politics, international relations, and peace studies at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa and Mount Kenya University, Nairobi (2013-2018). The academic interactions I had with students were priceless. For my sabbatical in 2018, I enrolled for a Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry in Boston College, USA. I graduated with an MA in Theology and Ministry in 2020.

For the last fifteen years, I have been writing and talking about the faith of the Catholic Church. I thought I would serve God through my writings and teaching. But God works in mysterious and strange ways. Since childhood, my desire of becoming a priest has never been quenched. In February 2020, I attended a vocation retreat at Pope Saint John XXIII Seminary. I was touched by Cardinal Seán O’Malley’s perceptive remark that Jesus Christ called second career men for apostles. It was at that point that I decided to return to the seminary. I was admitted into the seminary in 2020 for the Archdiocese of Boston. It wasn’t an entirely easy decision considering the fruitful time I had as a university lecturer.

It has been a wonderful time of formation at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary. The faculty, fellow seminarians, and people of God have made my desire for the priesthood grow even more. I am about to be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Boston. I remember with gratitude some great missionaries from the United States who evangelized us in Africa; Fr. Jim Kelly, C.S.C., Russell McDougall, C.S.C., Fr. Peter Major, MHM, and Fr. Robert White, SJ. The tide has seemingly turned, as the evangelizers are now becoming the evangelized. The sons and daughters from mission territories like Cameroon are now taking the Gospel to established Christian lands. It will be a great honor for me to serve as a priest of the historic See of Boston.

Pope Saint John Paul the Great has been one of the great influences in my discernment to the priesthood. He was a priest *par excellence* and my study and writing of him has motivated me to follow in his footsteps to the Lord’s altar. More personally, Fr. Maurice Agbaw-Ebai played a major role in my return to the seminary. His love of Christ and the Church has made a big impact on me. I also cannot overemphasize the impact of the great Irish missionary to Africa, Fr. Anthony Murphy, MHM, on my vocation life. Fr. Murphy served the Church in Africa for over forty years. He was the pastor of my former home parish in Cameroon. On the day I reported to the seminary in Boston in 2020, Fr. Murphy described my vocation story, “John, this is very good news indeed, and I’m delighted for you. You have been circling around your vocation for a long time. You remind me of Francis Thompson’s famous poem, ‘The Hound of Heaven’. Jesus is the ‘hound’: patiently following his chosen one till the latter finally surrenders. Please God all will go well for you now.” I am just about to surrender, in a couple of days, when I will prostrate myself on God’s altar.



Nquah Lebui John Tanyi

May 14th ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Easter readings make very clear our responsibility as disciples of Jesus Christ. We are to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ into every aspect of our lives: when we rise and go to bed, at mealtimes, in our conversations and in our work. The readings urge us to take our relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church, both seriously and joyfully! Consider in your prayer the words of St. Peter, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope. . . and do it with gentleness and reverence." In what ways does your relationship with Christ give you hope? Make every effort to pass that hope along to your children, your spouse, to someone in need. This week five men will be ordained to priesthood on Saturday, May 20th in the Archdiocese of Boston. Pray that God will give them a spirit of humility and generosity in passing along their hope in Jesus Christ.

**Symposium at Saint John Paul II Shrine of Divine Mercy,
28 St. Peter Street, Salem, MA ~ Saturday, May 20th, 5PM**

5PM ~ Holy Mass

6PM ~ Lecture by John P. Hittinger, Ph.D., Director of the Saint John Paul II Institute at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas. Dr. Hittinger holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from The Catholic University of America, and a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Hittinger shares a wealth of education and experience in John Paul II studies. As professor of philosophy, he has spoken to more than 100 audiences and published numerous articles on the thoughts of St. John Paul II. We hope you'll join us. Admission is \$20/per person. Tickets can be purchased at the Divine Mercy Shrine parish office or booked by phone at 978.744.1278. A reception will be held in the School Building - Cafeteria after the lecture.



**Baby Bottle Campaign to Support the
Pregnancy Care Center**

We are hosting a Baby Bottle Drive for The Pregnancy Care Center (PCC). Please consider taking a baby bottle envelope home to mail in your donation, please note our church on your donation. You can also give online at **PCCFriends.org**. The Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) offers loving confidential support to women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. In addition, they provide sexual integrity education, post abortion counseling and material assistance (baby items/food). The services are free, thanks to support from individuals and local churches. The PCC has locations in Haverhill, Lawrence and Lowell. Thank you!

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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS ~
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

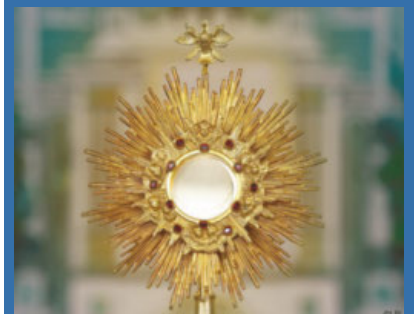
**PRAY FOR OUR FIRST
COMMUNICANTS**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered to the First Holy Communion Candidates on **Friday, June 9th at 5PM.**

Students will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Sunday, June 11th** at the **11AM** Mass.

FR. AUGUSTIN ~ VACATION

Fr. Augustin will be taking his vacation and retreat time from **April 25th to May 30th** in Cameroon. Fr. Gabriel, Fr. Michael, and Fr. Jim will be covering the masses. For any sacramental needs and urgent matters, please reach out to Fr. Gabriel at 978.483.1669 or to the parish secretary through the parish phone number and she will channel the message to Fr. Gabriel.





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