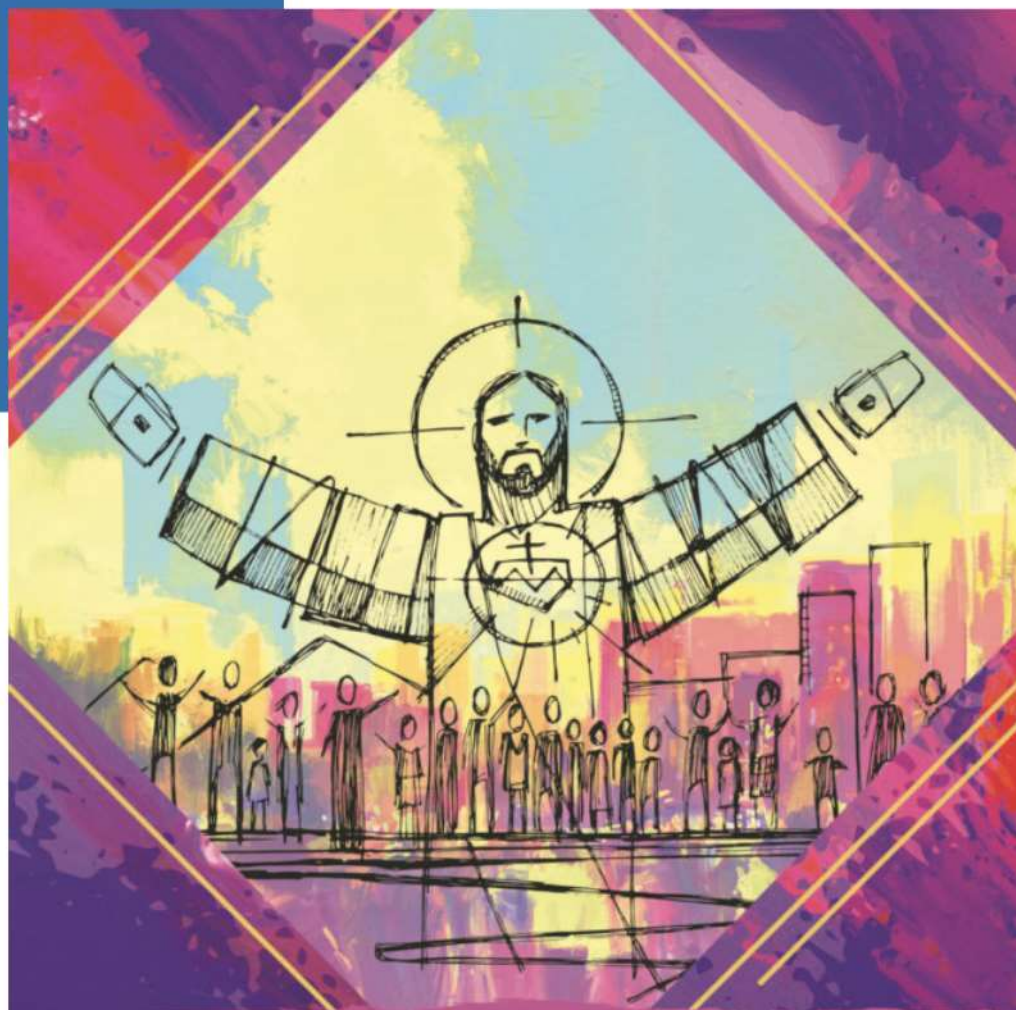




# SAINTE ANNE PARISH

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## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For where two or three are gathered together  
in my name, there am I in the midst of them."  
- Mt 18:19-20

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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 | 6:30-8:30PM

#### Church is Open

9AM-5PM M, Tu, W, F |

Sat & Sun, open for Mass only



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**Monday by 5PM**

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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](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



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Sainte Anne's Parish, Salem, MA







## PASTOR'S NOTE

### September 10 ~ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." These words are hope-filled words, but they are also challenging. We know Christ is present when we are gathered for Eucharist. It is easy to believe Christ is present when we are comfortable with loved ones and friends. But are we as aware of Christ's presence when we are with people who look different from us or hold opposing views to ours? Do we believe that Christ is just as present and makes a difference in those situations? Take time this week to consider these words of Jesus, ask for the grace to be aware of Christ "in the midst" of us in both the pleasant and unpleasant interactions and conversations.

Dear Parishioners,

Today's first reading and the gospel offer us an important yet difficult Christian practice: fraternal correction; important because we are called to be one another's keeper and difficult on account of the approach and manner of correction. In the first reading we heard: "If I tell the wicked, 'O wicked one, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself." The gospel passage carries the same message: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone."

In fraternal correction, the key is to avoid extremes, that is, not saying anything to an erring brother or sister, and arrogantly and judgmentally pointing out someone's fault. Not helping someone who is in a state of sin is to fail in our responsibility as Christians and doing so superciliously would be hurting them the more. St. Thomas Aquinas taught that all Christians are commanded to speak the truth when someone is in error (fraternal correction). Aquinas called it a "divine precept," which can also be called a "law of God." Aquinas wrote: "This is fraternal correction properly so called, which is directed to the amendment of the sinner. Now to do away with anyone's evil is the same as to procure his good: and to procure a person's good is an act of charity, whereby we wish and do our friend well."

Explaining down to earth question 33 of Aquinas' II-II of the *Summa Theologiae*, Bob Sullivan says: "Aquinas does not go so far as to say we must always correct every error immediately. He recognized that there are some situations when the time is just not right. If you immediately offered correction, it would only make matters worse. In that case, we are practicing charity in waiting for a better opportunity which may be a more effective time to talk about it. However, if we avoid offering correction because we fear being called judgmental, or because we do not want to experience the emotional discomfort which we often experience when offering correction, we are not acting with charity, but with our own self-preservation. This is devoid of love and in some cases, this could actually be very hateful."

The following are quotes from St. Jose Maria Escriva that could help us in our practice of fraternal correction:

1. "To practice fraternal correction, which is so deeply rooted in the Gospel, is a proof of supernatural trust and affection. Be thankful for it when you receive it, and don't neglect to practice it with those you live with."
2. "When you correct someone, because it has to be done and you want to do your duty, you must expect to hurt others and to get hurt yourself. But you should never let this fact be an excuse for holding back."
3. "Don't neglect the practice of fraternal correction, which is a clear sign of the supernatural virtue of charity. You may find it hard, for it's easier to be inhibited. It's easier to behave that way, but it's not supernatural. And you will have to render an account to God for such omissions."
4. "When you have to make a fraternal correction, do it with great kindness – great charity! – in what you say and in the way you say it, for at that moment you are God's instrument."

Fraternal correction, therefore, is a moral obligation, but is to be practiced in charity and humility, at the right place and at the right time.

Blessed Sunday to all!

Fr. Augustin





## MASS INTENTIONS & OBSERVATIONS

**Saturday, September 9**

**Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

**4:00 pm**

**Sunday, September 10**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day**

**8:30 am**

Parish Family

**11:00 am**

**1:00 pm**

Cameroon Community

**4:00 pm**

Congolese Community

**Monday, September 11**

**Patriot Day**

**9:00 am**

**Tuesday, September 12**

**The Most Holy Name of Mary**

**9:00 am**

**Wednesday, September 13**

**Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**9:00 am**

Henry & Annette L. Gagnon and Family

**Thursday, September 14**

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**9:00 am**

**Friday, September 15**

**Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**

**9:00 am**

**Saturday, September 16**

**Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

**11:00 am**

10th Anniversary Memorial Mass for Fr. George Dufour

**4:00 pm**

Roger Lavoie, by Lucille Lavoie Boulanger and Family

Alfred Bedard, by the Kolodziej Family

Paul LaMontagne, 22nd Anniversary, Carol LaMontagne, 11th Anniversary, Suzanne Matsubara, 11th Anniversary, Betty Csogi, 2nd Anniversary, John Dobrowski, 5th Anniversary, Theresa & Steve Stepenuck, 55th Wedding Anniversary, by the Family

**Sunday, September 17**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday**

**8:30 am**

Robert Bouchard, in Memory, by Robert St. Pierre & Family

**11:00 am**

Parish Family

**4:00 pm**

Congolese Community



## Weekly Readings

**Sunday**

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

**Monday**

Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday**

Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday**

Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday**

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Friday**

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Saturday**

1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

**Next Sunday**

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35





## 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  
Joe C.  
Kayla Campagna  
Steven Conner  
Patricia Davern  
Apolinar Dinglasan  
Susan Engel  
Karen Friedrich  
Nancy Gavenda  
Rob Holloran

Pat John  
Veronica Kelley  
Steve L.  
Lila LaMalfa  
Kathleen Levy  
Peter and Ben  
Ronelia Najito  
Leanne P.  
Donald J. Pelletier, Sr.  
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 people of Maui,** May those devastated by fires, loss, and grief be held in the love of Christ Jesus. May we help rebuild people's lives and work to sustain our beautiful and fruitful land.

**For the deceased members of our parish,** that the peace and

happiness of heaven may be theirs forever.

**For our parish family,** that we may be the light of Christ to all we encounter.

### HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Submit your requests to the parish office at [info@stannesaleam.org](mailto:info@stannesaleam.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 9/3/23
Offertory	\$2,756.00
Sacramentals	\$170.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$115.00
Clergy Health & Retirement Trust	\$20.00
Religious Education	\$75.00
Special Diocesan	\$51.50
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$2,871.00</b>
<b>Total Deposit:</b>	<b>\$4,764.50</b>

### GIVE ONLINE

Support us today using your debit or credit card or checking or savings account. Visit [www.stannesaleam.org/](http://www.stannesaleam.org/) and click Online Giving. Select the fund or event of your choice. Set up your donation or payment. Or scan the QR Code located on page 2 of the bulletin. It's that simple!



## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS

Saturday:	Fr. Peter Stamm and Aaron Sanz
Sunday:	Fr. Joseph Rossi and Rev. Mr. Peter Schirripa
Monday:	Fr. Charles Hughes and Henry Seuffert
Tuesday:	All Marists
Wednesday:	Fr. John Currie and Christopher Silebi
Thursday:	Fr. Patrick Armano and Rafael Stefano Rubio
Friday:	Fr. Bruce Flannagan and John Tanyi
Saturday:	Fr. Brian Flynn and Hung Viet Tran

## Patriot Day

Heavenly Father, Creator of All, You have created the human person as good. You have placed us in the world as one human family, as sisters and brothers.

We pray today for all victims of violence across the world, for the healing of their mind and body, for their mourning family members, for the repose of their souls.

Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies, and to pray for those who persecute us. Give us the strength and courage to forgive. Remove all lingering desire for revenge.

Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God. Give us the gift of Your peace that surpasses all understanding.

Amen.







**Memorial Mass to  
Remember and Honor  
Fr. George**

Please join us for a  
**Memorial Mass for Fr.  
George Dufour on  
Saturday, September 16,  
2023 at 11AM** in  
commemoration of the 10th  
Anniversary of his death

(August 28, 2013). There will be brief words of  
remembrance at the end of Mass, and light  
refreshments will be served in the courtyard (or the  
chapel, depending on the weather).

**Calling all Choir Members**

All former choir members of Ste.  
Anne's Choir, and all choir  
members from the Filipino,  
Congolese, and Cameroon  
communities, are invited to sing  
with us for the 10th Anniversary  
Memorial Mass to remember and honor Fr. George, which will be  
celebrated on **September 16th at 11AM**. ONE rehearsal remains!  
We will have our **final rehearsal on Wednesday, September 13th  
at 7PM**. If you can't make rehearsal, we'd love to have you sing  
with us anyway. Most of the music will be music you already  
know. We'd love to see a strong showing of voices raised up in  
song. What a wonderful way to honor Fr. George! Email  
[stannesbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:stannesbulletin@gmail.com) with any questions.



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**The Blessing of the Community**

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



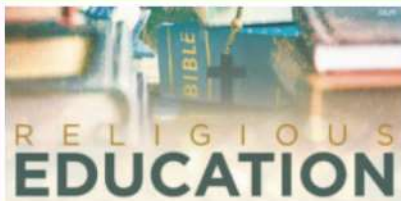
**VOLUNTEER AT GRANDMA'S ATTIC  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 9AM-2PM**

VOLUNTEER help is urgently needed from all communities for the day of the sale. Additional people are needed from 8:30AM - 12:30PM and are critical to holding this event. We encourage more youth and men to participate. Help is needed outside ensuring legal parking on the side streets around the church and in our parking lot behind the school building. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP THE SHOPPERS.**

Fr. Augustin has set the bar very high, hoping we can raise \$10,000 ... only possible with more volunteerism. Won't you please help? Please check your calendars, kindly commit yourself, sign up at the rear of the church and/or contact Alma Pelletier at 978.314.7344 (please leave a message).

*(Reminder: donations are not being accepted at this time.)*





**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

It's time to start a new year of faith and fun for parish children and young adults! Registration forms for CCD classes (grades 1 to 12) are available at the back of the church and on our website under Faith Formation

([www.stannesalem.org/faith-formation-registration](http://www.stannesalem.org/faith-formation-registration)). Classes will begin on **Sunday, September 24th at 9:30AM**. The week before on Sunday, September 17th, committed volunteer teachers will meet to prepare for the first class. Are you interested in sharing your faith with our precious children and young adults? Teaching is a great way to deepen your faith. We will teach you what to do. We have lesson plans to guide you and materials to use to engage students. We could use your help! Everyone interested is encouraged to contact me. Great thanks to Ludger Veer, the teachers and others for their work on the CCD program last year! With God's help, on that foundation we will work together to build a strong faith in our parish youth.

God bless, Louise Fredericksen, Director of Religious Education | [religioused@stannesalem.org](mailto:religioused@stannesalem.org) | 978-744-1930.

P.S. We also invite your children, ages 7 to 21, to join our ongoing Children's Choir!

**Donations of light**

**REFRESHMENTS** are needed the day of Fr. George's memorial Mass as we gather in a community of prayer, thankfulness, and to reminisce. Can you contribute? A variety of items is desired and welcome. Please contact Alma Pelletier at **978.314.7344** with what you could bring.



**LIVE THE LITURGY**

**Inspiration of the Week**

Our personal relationship with Christ is important, yes - but thank God, that is not all there is to being a Christian. We depend upon the support, the encouragement, and even the correction of the rest of the Body of Christ.

**Eucharistic Revival Retreat**

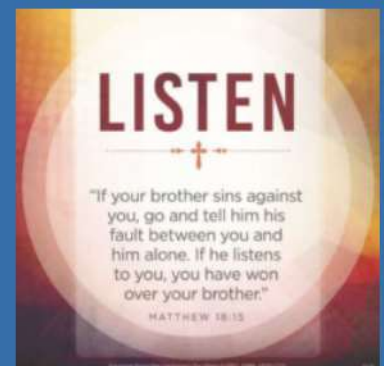
We invite you to visit Saint Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH on **September 16th** for a Eucharistic Revival Retreat led by the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love. The retreat begins at 8AM with the Rosary followed by Holy Mass; then, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with meditations, music, and Confession; talks on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic Faith; and small group discussions. Snacks and coffee will be provided, but please bring lunch. There is no fee to attend the retreat, but please register so that we may have a head count for planning purposes. For a printable schedule and registration form or to register online, please visit [stkathryns.org/pr](http://stkathryns.org/pr). You may also register by calling 603.882.7793.



**Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats ~ September 23 & November 11**

*"Project Rachel led me to a place of forgiveness and mercy. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself."*

The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a "Come to the Waters of Healing" one-day retreat. Upcoming dates are September 23rd and November 11th from 9AM to 5PM. Locations are confidential. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).



***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.







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