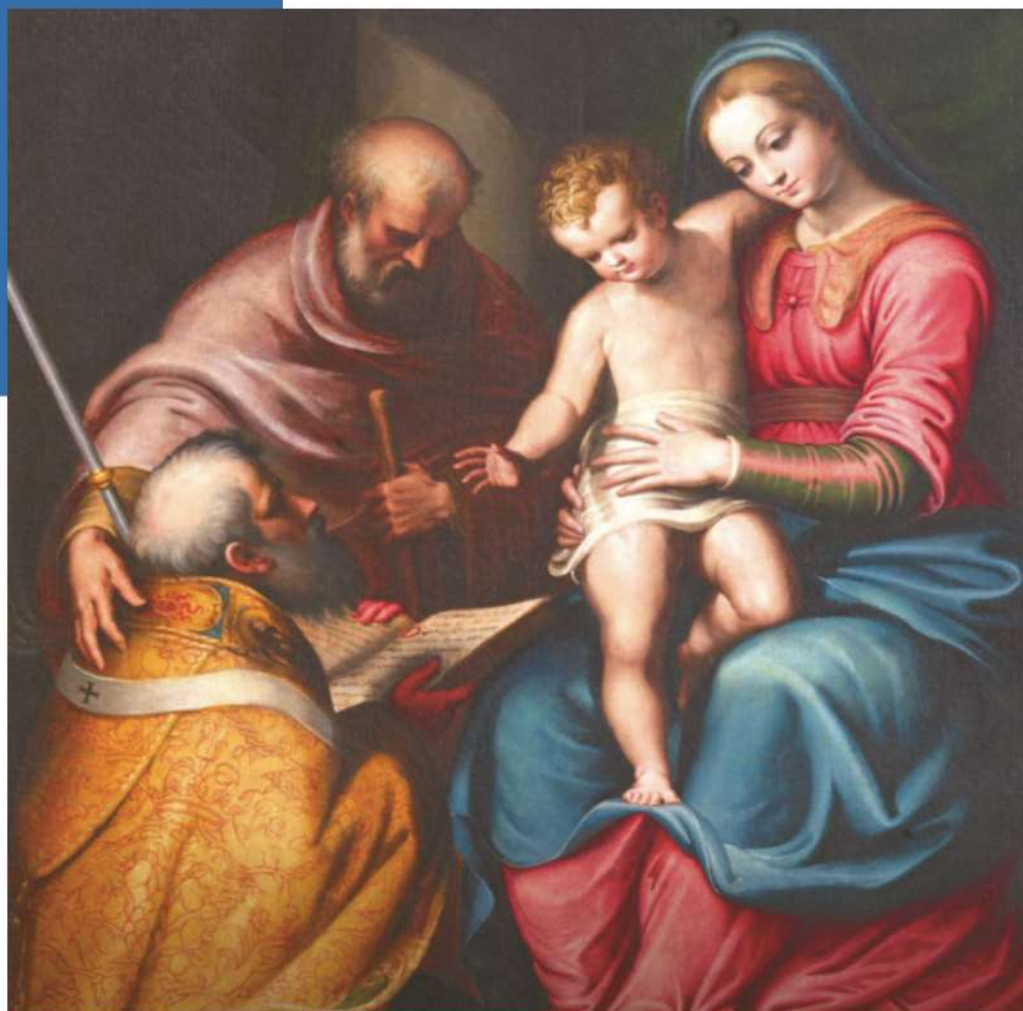




SAINTE ANNE PARISH

CELEBRATING 122 YEARS



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

OLPI

**290 JEFFERSON AVENUE
SALEM, MA 01970
978.744.1930 | 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 | 6:30-8:30PM

Church is Open

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

Sat & Sun, open for Mass only

Parish Staff

Administrator

Fr. Augustin Vondou
augustin.vondou@stannesalem.org

Assisting Priests

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

Administrative Coordinator

Lourdelyn Valsote
lourdelyn.valsote@stannesalem.org

Business Manager

Divin Lereh
business.manager@stannesalem.org

Director of Religious Education

Louise Frederickson
religioused@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

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





PASTOR'S NOTE

December 31 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

In today's Gospel, Simeon and Anna make a startling prediction about Jesus and the life that awaits him, a life that would hold both joy and suffering. Mary and Joseph held in their hearts all they heard and remained faithful to all that God asked of them as parents. St. Paul gives powerful recommendation for parents and children alike for how to imitate the Holy Family – "Put on kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Because Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived in this way, they are the model for our families. Pray for your family, that God will give you the grace to grow in these beautiful virtues.

Dear parishioners,

Today, the Church puts before us the Holy Family of Nazareth to both celebrate and emulate their example. They inspire us by their love, care, hard work, and trust in God. They are called "Holy" not because they did not have difficulties but because they trusted in God and did everything with Him. From Joseph we learn the value of silence, contemplation, obedience to God, hard work, honor, justice and the protection life. From Mary we learn to say YES to God, to his plan for us, meditation, purity, prayer and deep love and trust in God. From Jesus we learn being united to God in prayer, obedience to God, to parents and to authority, perseverance, sacrifice, love and faithfulness to God's will for us. These virtues of the Holy Family which are not exhaustive, can equally be lived out in our parish family/ community.

January 1 is new year's day and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Reflecting on this Solemnity, Pope Benedict XVI says: "Mary is the mother and model of the Church, who receives the divine Word in faith and offers herself to God as the "good soil" in which he can continue to accomplish his mystery of salvation. The Church also participates in the mystery of divine motherhood, through preaching, which sows the seed of the Gospel throughout the world, and through the sacraments, which communicate grace and divine life to men. The Church exercises her motherhood especially in the sacrament of Baptism, when she generates God's children from water and the Holy Spirit, who cries out in each of them: "Abba, Father!" (*Gal 4:6*). Like Mary, the Church is the mediator of God's blessing for the world: she receives it in receiving Jesus and she transmits it in bearing Jesus. He is the mercy and the peace that the world, of itself, cannot give, and which it needs always, at least as much as bread." (January 1, 2012)

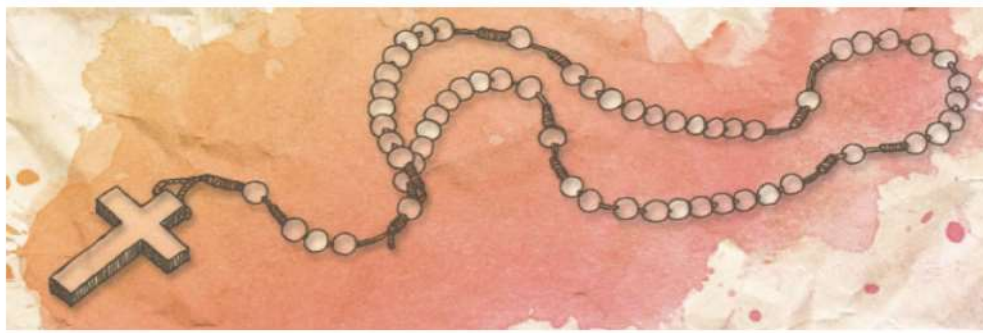
May the mother of God and our mother help us to bear Christ her son in our heart.

January 1 is also World Day of Peace. Let us pray for peace in the world, especially in war-torn countries. Let us pray for peace among nations, in our families and in our hearts. At the beginning of this new year, I wish you the Lord's blessing from the Book of Numbers:

"The LORD bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

Happy Feast of the Holy Family and Happy New Year!

Fr. Augustin



MASS INTENTIONS & OBSERVATIONS

Saturday, December 30

The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

4:00 pm

Deceased members of Guilmette, Matton & Pelletier families, by Gloria Matton

Salvatore Bordonaro, 1st Anniversary, by the Family

Sunday, December 31

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; New Year's Eve
8:30 am

Rev. Louis Warren, Birthday Remembrance, by Mary Warren

11:00 am

Parish Family

4:00 pm

Congolese Community

Monday, January 1

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
9:00 am

Tuesday, January 2

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
9:00 am

Wednesday, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus
9:00 am

Thursday, January 4

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

9:00 am

Barbara Butler, 6th Anniversary, by Diane Keenan

Friday, January 5

Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

9:00 am

Saturday, January 6

St. André Bessette, Religious
4:00 pm

Sunday, January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 am

Parish Family

11:00 am

For the Donors of Christmas Flowers & Altar Adornments & their Memorial Intentions, by the Parish

4:00 pm

Congolese Community

6:30 pm

Vespers Service



Weekly Readings

Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

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



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
Jackie Gaudreau
Nancy Gavenda

Rob Holloran
Rosalinda Ibanez
Pat John
Veronica Kelley
Steve L.
Lila LaMalfa
Kathleen Levy
Peter and Ben
Max Martelli
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 deceased members of our parish, especially **Arthur P. Poussard** and **Jason Dubois**, whose funeral Masses were celebrated

recently, that the peace and happiness of heaven may be theirs forever.

For our parish family, that through our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure we will continue to be channels of the living and loving presence of Christ in our world.

For our own community, that as the perfect gift of Christ dispels the darkness in our lives, we are moved to

share the light of God's love with all those around us.

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Submit your requests to the parish office at info@stannesale.org.

Parish Financial Information

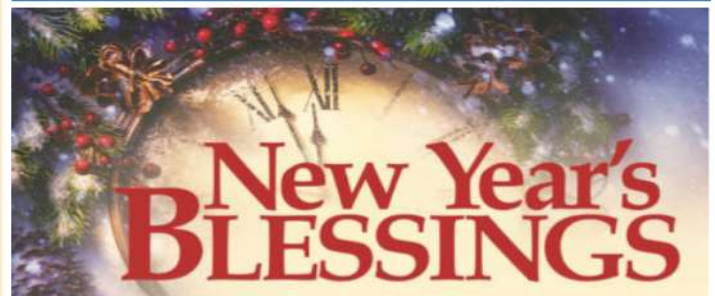
We wish to thank everyone who supports our parish financially. Your contributions pay for utilities, staff and clergy salaries, property maintenance, supplies, and supports our parish ministries. Everything we do as a parish relies on the offertory collections and other donations. Your continuing generous and sacrificial giving will assist your parish to provide for your spiritual needs and to serve the wider community. Merci and Thank You!

COLLECTION	12/17/23	Online 12/17/23
Offertory	\$2,784.00	\$465.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,333.00	\$20.00
Sacramentals	\$755.00	
Christmas Flowers	\$205.00	
Grandma's Attic	\$252.00	
Religious Education	\$205.00	\$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$81.00	\$50.00
Total Offertory:	\$4,117.00	\$485.00
Total Deposit:	\$5,615.00	\$555.00

Due to early publication deadlines for the bulletin, the parish financial information for December 24th and for Christmas was not available. It will be published in an upcoming bulletin.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS

Saturday:	Fr. Kevin Toomey and David Joanis
Sunday:	Fr. Dan Finn and Christopher Letizia
Monday:	Pope Francis
Tuesday:	Fr. Robert Poitras and Jake Livingstone
Wednesday:	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
Thursday:	Fr. Richard T. Conway and Mateus de Oliveira Martin
Friday:	All Bishops
Saturday:	Fr. Oliver Verrill and Rev. Mr. Rodrigo Martinez



Upcoming Second Collections

January 1, 2024	Solemnity of Mary
January 21st	Maintenance & Repair
January 28th	Church in Latin America
February 4th	Fr. B's Memorial Fund

****PLEASE NOTE: THE SECOND COLLECTION ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH IS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL****

GRANDMA'S ATTIC UPDATE

Thank You to the faithful Grandma's Attic volunteers for assisting in our 4th 2023 community-wide sales on November 25th (\$9,219.50), post Congolese Mass on November 26th (\$198) and the sales post Cameroon Mass/ Pre-Congolese Mass on December 10th, which was open to all parishioners (\$252). Thank You to the patrons who took the time to shop to get some great buys and to support this important work (taking care of our environment, keeping items out of landfills, and giving them new life; providing shopping for lower costs; providing a sense of Catholic community; and most importantly, the very much needed financial support of OUR parish.

Thank you ❤️

We are looking forward to more Ste. Anne's parishioners from all communities becoming involved as disciples of Christ in donating quality items, participating in preparation of the items for sales, as well as working the day of the sales and making Grandma's Attic your FIRST place to shop. It's really putting time, talent, and treasure into action, not just mere words. Please join your fellow parishioners, as disciples of Christ sharing our faith, giving lots of sacrificial time, God given skills and talents, as well as our own personal treasures/money and donations of quality items to improve sales. Our total fundraising proceeds in the first 6 months of this fiscal year (which began July 1, 2023) are \$23,150.50.

Grandma's volunteers are on a much needed hiatus. Watch the bulletin for news as to how you can help in the near future as we plan our next community-wide Winter Sale. "If not me? Who then" "If not now, when?" Working together we are better.

Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy 2024.

Thank You, Alma (Almazon) Pelletier for all of the Grandma's Attic volunteers. 978.314.7344

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

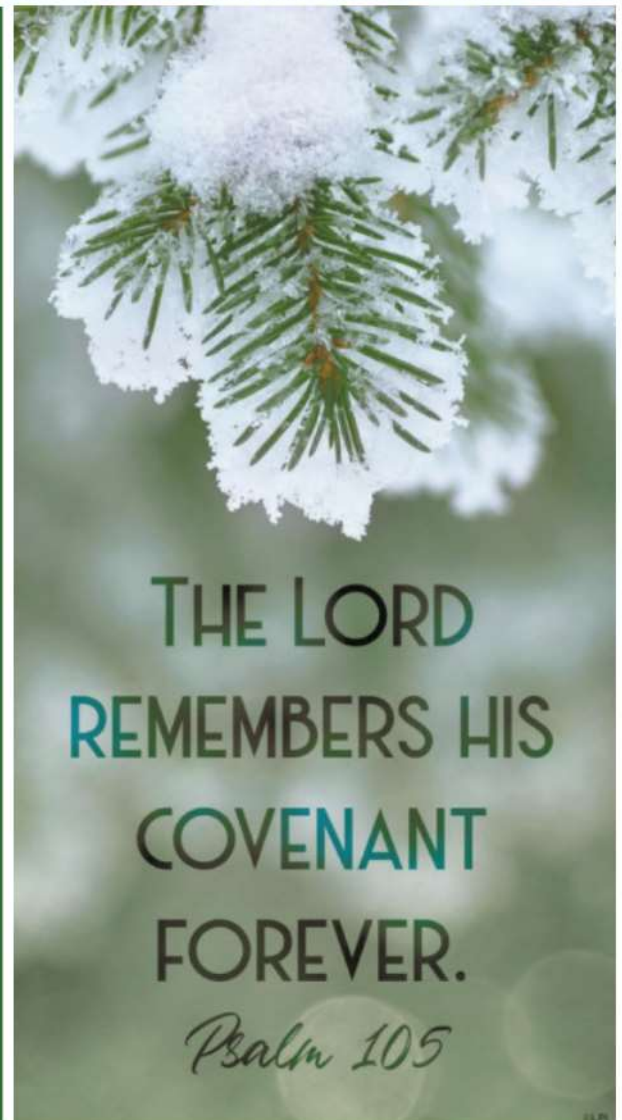
I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

~ Father John Muir

©LPi



THE LORD
REMEMBERS HIS
COVENANT
FOREVER.

Psalm 105

Christmas Flowers and Decorations

Thank you to these additional parishioners/families who made donations for Christmas flowers and decorations. Please pray for all of the donors and their families and friends listed in memoriam. There will be a mass for their intentions on **January 7th at 11AM**.

William & Ruth Boyd, Bronislaus & Sophie Rogalski, by Bob & Dot Boyd

Bryan Corriveau, Frank & Nunzia Balducci, by Dina Corriveau & Family

Fernande & George Labrecque, Jason Dubois, by the Labrecque Family

John & Rose Levasseur, Sandra Tremblay, by Dennis & Patty Levasseur

Rosario J. Lamarre, All Deceased Loved Ones, by Grace M. Lamarre



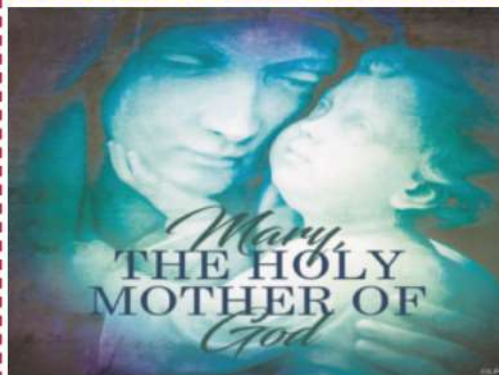
Consider a Priestly Call...Take a risk for God!

Enter the mission field where bold action meets lasting outcomes. Over 750 priest alumni discerned a sacred call later in life. Maturity with God's grace can move mountains. Can you leave it all to follow Christ? Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, is offering the latest in its "First Friday Visits" program on **January 12, 2024, at 5PM**. Holy Hour and Evening Prayer. Option to attend in person or virtually. In person includes dinner with the seminarians and a tour. Virtual includes a Zoom visit following Holy Hour. Make a resolution to be courageous. Consider a priestly call. Contact: msgf.fay@psjs.edu or 781.899.5500 ext. 134. www.psjs.edu



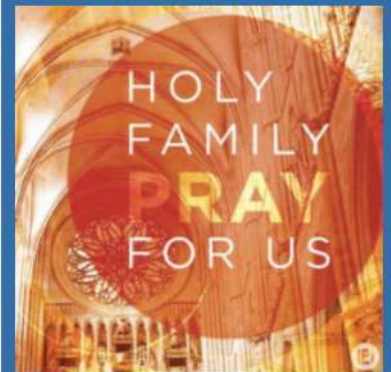
Walking with the Saints

Who doesn't love a good saint story? Join us every other week for "Walking with the Saints" - a video series where priests and religious from around the Archdiocese of Boston share about a saint they've come to know. Watch now on the Evangelize YouTube Channel - [YouTube.com/EvangelizeBoston](https://www.youtube.com/EvangelizeBoston).



Prayer for Christmas

Dear Lord, You came to us in humility and silence, setting aside your majesty so that we might approach with wonder. Allow us to grow ever closer to you this Christmas, and always. Amen.



LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair. Remember that God keeps His word.



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.

Harrison

OUTDOORS
DBA GreenCraft Mowers

256-737-0735



Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

Instantly create and purchase an ad with

AD
CREATOR
STUDIO



4lpi.com/adcreator

Murphy Funeral Home

FRANCIS J. MURPHY

85 FEDERAL STREET
SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS 01970

(781) 631-8885 • (978) 744-0497
www.MurphyFuneralHome.com

MASONRY



Steps Stoops Rebuilt or Repaired
Chimney Rebuilt or Repaired
House Foundation Leaks Repaired
Walk Ways Installed or Repaired
Chimney Inspection
Drainage, Waterproofing
Masonry Repairs • Retaining Walls

20% discount with this ad

617-955-5164

toughbuildmasonryandconstruction.com

toughbuildjohn@gmail.com

FREE ESTIMATE AND ADVICE

NEVER MISS OUR BULLETIN!

SUBSCRIBE

Have our bulletin
emailed to you
every week.



Visit www.parishesonline.com



LEVESQUE
FUNERAL HOME
978-744-2270

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

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Melissa Jones

mjones@4LPi.com
(800) 477-4574 x6570



FREE
AD DESIGN

with purchase
of this space

CALL
800-477-4574



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

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lpi.com

St. Anne Church, Salem, MA

03-1355