

# Ste. Anne's Catholic Church



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## **Dear New Parishioner,**

Welcome to Ste. Anne's Church! God is good, all the time! And all the time, our God is good!

We are delighted to have you join our parish family. Working together we seek to build a strong parish community where all feel welcome and inspired by the Gospel to live God's mission with faith, hope, and love.

Our hope is that newcomers to our faith community soon find a "home" here at Ste. Anne's by becoming registered parishioners. If there is anything we can do to help you in your journey with God, please do not hesitate to contact me, members of the Parish Pastoral Council, or ministry leaders. You can find many of our contacts on our website ([www.stannesalem.org](http://www.stannesalem.org)) or ask our Parish Office for assistance. If there is a personal or family need that arises, please know that our parish staff is always available to assist you in any way we can.

We communicate regularly with the parish community through mailings and by email to registered parishioners. We encourage you to visit our website to learn more about Ste. Anne's, connect with us through our Facebook page (Facebook.com/Sainte Anne Salem, MA) and subscribe to our YouTube channel (Sainte Anne's Parish, Salem, MA). Our website has a wealth of information and spiritual resources for you and your family, along with information on Mass times and the many ministries offered at our parish.

As you get to know your new community, we encourage you to prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to participate by taking an active role in one of our parish ministries. God has given each of us great gifts, gifts which He intends for us to use to help build His kingdom here on earth.

We pray that you may find warmth, encouragement, and spiritual growth in our parish. We are glad you're here and we look forward to getting to know you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Maurice Agbaw-Ebai  
Administrator, Ste. Anne's Parish

## Church Information

Administrator – Father Maurice Agbaw-Ebai

### Rectory

290 Jefferson Avenue  
Salem, MA 01970

### Mass Schedule

#### **Weekend Masses:**

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4PM

Sunday Masses: 8:30AM, 11AM

Sunday Cameroon Mass: 1PM (second and fourth Sundays)

Sunday Congolese Mass: 4PM

#### **Daily Mass:**

Monday-Friday at 9AM

#### **Rosary:**

Weekdays at 8:30AM

Saturdays at 3:30PM

Sundays at 8AM, 10:30AM, and 12:30PM

#### **Holy Day Masses:**

As Announced

#### **Church:**

The Church is open for quiet reflection and prayer Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9AM-5PM. The Church will close after the last Mass on Sunday.

### Parish and Faith Formation Offices

11 Cleveland Street

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**Office:** 978.744.1930

**Hours:** Monday-Friday 9AM-1PM

**Office Email:** [info@stannesalem.org](mailto:info@stannesalem.org)

**Faith Formation Email:** [frdenis@stannesalem.org](mailto:frdenis@stannesalem.org)

**Email for Bulletin submissions:** [stannesbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:stannesbulletin@gmail.com) (*deadline is Monday by 9AM for following week's Bulletin*)

**Website:** [www.stannesalem.org](http://www.stannesalem.org)

**Facebook:** Facebook.com/Sainte Anne Salem, MA

**YouTube Channel:** Sainte Anne's Parish, Salem, MA

## **Ste. Anne's Parish Staff**

### **Administrator**

Fr. Maurice Agbaw-Ebai

### **Director of Religious Education, Administrative Coordinator I**

Fr. Denis Tameh

### **Priests in Residence**

Fr. Casmia Bello, Fr. Kevin Sakwe

### **Assisting Priest**

Fr. Jim Morris

### **Staff (Paid and Volunteer)**

Operations Manager:

Michelle Kolodziej

Director of Music Ministry:

Joseph Stella

Projects Manager:

Paul L'heureux

Administrative Coordinator II:

Lourdelyn Valsote

Cameroon Choir:

Emmanuel Betek

Filipino Choir:

Jay Ocio

## **Ste. Anne's Mission Statement**

Sainte Anne Parish is a faith community in the Roman Catholic tradition. We strive to live up to the motto: "We Are Family." 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.

## 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. In recent years, an increasing number of families from Africa and the Philippines are calling Ste. Anne's their spiritual home.

### Timeline:

- 1901 – The Church was blessed in June 1901.
- 1902 – The Church was formally dedicated in January and becomes a canonically independent parish in October, with Fr. Joseph Peltier as the first resident pastor.
- 1908 – The Sisters of Sainte Chretienne began teaching the children of the parish.
- 1912 – Land was purchased and the present Rectory was built.
- 1915 – Cardinal O'Connell names Fr. Emile Dupont Ste. Anne's first curate.
- 1918 – Fr. Joseph Levesque becomes the new pastor.
- 1919 – A monument in honor of those men who served in World War I is erected.
- 1920-1921 – Fr. Rudolphe Fortier becomes the new pastor and builds the School Hall (now the Parish Pastoral Center) on Cleveland Street, along with a new convent for the Sisters.
- 1920-1926 – The parish is staffed by three priests.
- 1926 – Parish celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- 1927 – Fr. William Drapeau becomes administrator.
- 1932 – The Sainte Anne's Athletic Club was founded and continued until 1982.
- 1933 – Fr. Eugene Vincent becomes pastor.
- 1935 – Ste. Anne's becomes the charter organization for Boy Scout Troop 83 and Pack 83. That relationship continued until 2020.
- 1945 – The Holy Name Society is formed, which continued until 2016.
- 1951 – Parish celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- 1956 – A new school educating children from Kindergarten to Eighth Grade was built and remained open until June 1976.
- 1964 – Fr. Herbert Leger becomes pastor.
- 1976 – Parish celebrates Diamond Jubilee.
- 1981 – Fr. Louis Bourgeois becomes pastor.
- 1982 – February 3, 1982, the date that the nearly one-hundred-year old wooden church building was totally destroyed by fire.
- 1985 – Broke ground for the new church building.

- 1986 – New building dedicated on August 23, 1986, incorporating the stained glass windows from Sainte Chretienne's chapel.
- 1993 – Fr. George Dufour becomes pastor and remains until his retirement in 2013.
- 2001 – Parish celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- 2013 – Ste. Anne's becomes part of Phase I of the Archdiocese's Disciples in Mission program and collaborates with St. James, St. John the Baptist, and Immaculate Conception. Fr. Daniel Riley is appointed pastor.
- 2013 – The Cameroon Catholic Community is established at Ste. Anne's and the first Mass held on May 5, 2013.
- 2014 – -Ste. Anne's is removed from the Salem Catholic Collaborative.  
-Fr. Daniel Riley resigns as pastor.  
-Fr. John Kiley is appointed administrator effective October 1, 2014.
- 2019 – -Fr. Kiley retires and Fr. Maurice Agbaw-Ebai is appointed administrator effective June 1, 2019.  
-Parish celebrates Fr. Maurice's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination.  
-Cameroon Catholic Community celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sr. Agnes Njume.  
-A Parish Pastoral Council is established and a Five-Year Spiritual Plan announced with 2020 declared the Year of the Bible.
- 2020 – -A Memorial Fund is established in Fr. Louis Bourgeois's name and a Mass is celebrated on February 2, 2020 in his honor.  
-Parish celebrates Sr. Pauline Fortin's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Religious Life (August 15, 1955 – August 15, 2020).  
-Safety and Security Committee in place as of October 7, 2020.
- 2021 – The Congolese Catholic Community is established at Ste. Anne's. Bishop Mark O'Connell presides at the first Mass on July 11, 2021.

# Sacraments

## **Baptism**

Baptisms are celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:15PM or by appointment. A preparation for parents and godparents will take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 7PM in the Rectory. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a baptism.

## **Reconciliation**

Confession is available from 3:15PM-3:45PM in the Chapel or at other times by appointment or request.

## **First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion**

Children prepare for their First Holy Communion in faith formation classes during their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade year. Children must have at least one year of Faith Formation prior to enrolling in the First Communion Preparation Program.

## **Confirmation**

Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is a 2 year program, which usually begins in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Mass attendance is a required part of the program.

## **Matrimony**

Weddings are celebrated throughout the year. In order to ensure proper sacramental preparation, please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

## **Anointing of the Sick**

This sacrament is for anyone who is seriously ill, in a weakened condition, facing surgery, entering hospice care, or near death. Please contact the Parish Office for this sacrament to be celebrated.

## **Home Visitation**

We are happy to visit for confession, holy communion, anointing of the sick, or with anyone who is unable to come to church. Upon request, an Extraordinary Minister will provide the Eucharist for parishioners unable to attend Mass. Please contact the Parish Office.

## **Funeral**

Please contact the Parish Office and the funeral home of your choice to make funeral arrangements. The funeral home will work with you to select a date and time for the funeral and vigil service, and will assist you in choosing scripture readings and appropriate music.



## **Devotional Activities**

### **Catholic Women's Association (CWA)**

Catholic Women's Association (CWA) is a lay association of Christ's Faithful governed by the Code of Canon Law created in Cameroon in 1964. The goal of the CWA is to "achieve a true renewal of the spirituality of its members...translate this spirituality into action... and enable members to model their lives after the lifestyle of the Blessed Virgin Mary," its Patron Saint, under the title of "Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception," whose Solemnity falls on December 8th. The CWA was launched in Boston in 2014 and currently has two branches, both based in Ste. Anne's Parish: Queen of Peace and Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The motto of CWA is "to serve and not to be served" (Mt 20:28).

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Thursday in the Main Church. The Blessed Sacrament will be displayed after the 9AM Mass through 6PM, when the Rosary will be prayed. We invite a minimum of two (2) people commit per hour to ensure that someone is always present with the Lord (Could you not watch with me one hour? Matthew 26:40). This is an opportunity to take time from our busy lives and spend quality time with the Lord.

### **'Jesus is Lord' Charismatic Renewal Group**

This is a Cameroon Catholic community-based devotional group created in 2018 and was recognized by Ste. Anne's Parish in 2020. The Charismatic experience is a grace experience which touches every dimension of the Church's life: worship, preaching, teaching, ministry, evangelism, prayer and spirituality, service and community. The group consists of Ministries; Visitation, Evangelization, Prayer/Intercessory, and Healing. The group meets every Tuesday at 6PM and celebrates Pentecost Day as their primary feast day in remembrance of when Christians received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit; his gifts and charisms.

### **Precious Blood of Jesus Prayer Group**

Thursdays from 8PM-11PM

### **Rosary**

The Rosary is prayed every day at Ste. Anne's for the special intentions of our church, community, and the world. The Rosary is prayed weekdays at 8:30AM, Saturdays at 3:30PM and Sundays at 8AM, 10:30AM, and 12:30PM.

## **Faith Formation**

### **Adult Faith Formation**

Throughout the year, faith-based programs, such as our recent Year of the Bible Series, are offered for adults ages 18 and above. Structured course material is used to enhance spiritual development for every walk of life at whatever place an individual may be on their faith journey.

### **Faith Formation – Children**

We communicate the doctrines of the church to our parish children in a way that is relevant to their lives. We strive to help children establish a personal, loving relationship with Jesus. Sacramental programs are offered for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Catechists volunteer to share their faith and teacher training is provided.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or RCIA, is a communal process for formal initiation of new members into the Catholic Church. Sunday Scriptures are discussed, and basic instruction in the sacraments and the Catholic faith is shared and discussed. Contact the Parish Office for further information.

### **Youths for Christ**

Youth from the different communities of our Parish meet with other youth once or twice a month to engage with one another, support each other, examine their place in the Church and how they can be of greater service in the Church, and above all, deepen their relationship with Christ.

## **Parish Ministries**

### **Altar Servers**

Altar Servers offer service to God and the community by assisting the Priest with the preparation and execution of the Mass. Altar Servers are called upon to serve on Saturdays and Sundays, Holy Days, and special liturgical celebrations throughout the year. The ministry is open to all youth of the parish who have made their First Communion and whose parents believe they are ready and responsible enough to be trained. Adult Altar Servers are also welcomed. Adult Altar Servers assist at Mass and/or at funeral Masses to enhance the worship of our faith community. Training is provided by Fr. Maurice and Sr. Pauline.

### **Arts & Environment**

The Arts & Environment ministry assists with the vital “behind the scenes” work of transforming our worship environment for the different liturgical seasons of the year: Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent, the Triduum, Easter and Feast Days. The ministry of liturgical environment goes far beyond decorating. Ministers of art and environment, through prayerful and informed use of signs and symbols, enable the assembly to enter more fully into worship.

### **Greeters**

The adult men and women who make up the Greeters, in many cases, are the first people a member or guest may interact with when arriving for Mass, which provides an opportunity for the Greeter to help set the tone for that person’s Mass experience. They perform that important function by personally welcoming each person in a warm and friendly manner before the beginning of Mass and answering any questions that may arise.

The Greeter passes out worship aids at the beginning of Mass when greeting members and guests and is available at the end of Mass to hand out the weekly bulletin.

A pleasant, outgoing personality is important for the Ste. Anne's Greeters, who may also assist with and double as Ushers at any given Sunday Mass or special occasion.

### **Ushers/Collectors**

Ushers assist at each Sunday Mass, Holy Day Mass, and other special occasions as needed. The ushering staff is made up of adult men and women, who are capable of directing crowd flow and movement, take up the collection, assist those with special needs, and assist in distributing the weekly bulletin. Ushers may double as Greeters.

## **Collection Counters**

Our team of parishioners gather after the final Mass on Sunday to count the funds collected at Mass each week. Each group volunteers about once a month.

## **Lectors**

As a Lector, you have the task of making God present in the liturgy of the Word for our community. Lectors proclaim the Word and, when there is no Deacon present, the General Intercessions. A Lector must have a passion for scripture; an ability to interpret and understand scripture; and sufficient public speaking skills to proclaim the Word to the assembly. Training in the specifics of the ministry is provided throughout the year and Lectors are provided with a Lector Handbook with the weekly readings to assist in their proclamation and pronunciation.

## **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

### **Role and Responsibilities**

During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) assist the pastor in distributing Holy Communion. It is a blessing to serve each member of the parish family through the Eucharist. These ministers also bring the sacrament to those who are sick and homebound. In this way, those who are unable to participate in Sunday Mass with the entire assembly can still share in the communion of sacrament and friendship. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are called to assist at daily Mass, weekend Masses, and special occasion Masses such as First Communion, Confirmation, and Holy Days.

To be eligible to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion one must be a baptized Catholic, confirmed and under no canonical penalty. You must also be an active practicing Catholic and at least 18 years of age or a senior in high school. If you are married, your marriage must have taken place in the Catholic Church or have been blessed in the Catholic Church. Training is offered by Fr. Maurice and Sr. Pauline.

## **Music Ministry**

Liturgical music is an integral part of our worship celebrations. We are dedicated to providing the assembly with music that enables our congregation to lift up their voices in praise. We strive to lead the congregation in sung prayer and to glorify God through the music we produce. The Music Ministry at Ste. Anne's includes the Ste. Anne's Adult Choir, the Cameroon Choir, the Congolese Choir, the Filipino Choir, and the Children's Choir. The Choirs join together for special liturgical events such as Christmas and Easter. Cantors lead the congregation in song for those Masses when the Choir(s) is/are not present. In addition, Cantors are

scheduled for funerals, weddings, and also on various Holy Days and holidays whose dates may happen to fall within the week.

**Ste. Anne's Children's Choir**

The Ste. Anne's Children's Choir sings at the 8:30AM Mass on the first Sundays of the month, and the 11AM Mass on the last Sundays of the month. Practice sessions are held in church on Saturday evenings before the Sunday that they are to sing in church.

## **Parish Groups**

### **500 Club**

We sponsor a drawing on the third Sunday of each month after the 8:30AM Mass. The proceeds are used to help defray parish expenses.

### **Grandma's Attic**

Grandma's Attic volunteers work tirelessly year round in order to run approximately 2-4 sales per year that are open to parishioners and the surrounding community. Volunteers are always needed to help clean, prepare, and price items for upcoming sales, along with working during the day of the sale. Volunteers generally gather on Tuesday mornings from 9:30AM-12:30PM and on Wednesday evenings from 5:30PM-8:30PM to prepare for upcoming sales.

### **The Cameroon Catholic Community**

The Cameroon Catholic Community (CCC) is one of the ethnic apostolates of the Archdiocese of Boston. The group was created in 2008 and Ste. Anne's Parish became its permanent home in 2013. The CCC offers mutual support and encouragements to advance the spiritual wellbeing of its members. Mass is celebrated in the spiritual traditions of the Cameroon Catholic Christian culture bi-monthly at Ste. Anne's Parish every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 1PM.

### **The Congolese Catholic Community**

Mass is celebrated in the spiritual traditions of the Congolese Catholic Christian culture Sundays at 4PM.

## Pastoral Committees

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council's responsibility is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating and reviewing the evangelization, worship, faith formation, and service activities within the parish. Its objectives are the following:

- To assess adequately the needs of the whole parish and its members, and to develop and implement a pastoral plan which will promote the common good of the parish.
- To foster unity and a sense of community in the parish and to coordinate all parish activities in a manner that will best serve the interests of the parish.
- To promote programs and activities recommended by the Archbishop, Archdiocesan offices and agencies as well as the pastoral council itself.

Membership includes the pastor, parochial vicars, assigned permanent deacons and pastoral associates, elected, and appointed members.

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council can be reached at the following email: [PPC@stannesalem.org](mailto:PPC@stannesalem.org) with any comments, questions, suggestions, or concerns you may have.

### **Parish Finance Council:**

The Parish Finance Council advises the pastor on financial matters of the parish. They are responsible for monitoring all income and expenses, and approving the annual budget.

## **Prayer to St. Ann**

*O glorious St. Ann, you are filled with compassion for those who invoke you and with love for those who suffer! Heavily burdened with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at your feet and humbly beg of you to take the present intention which I recommend to you in your special care. Please recommend it to your daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and place it before the throne of Jesus, so that He may bring it to a happy issue. Continue to intercede for me until my request is granted. But, above all obtain for me the grace one day to see my God face to face, and with you and Mary and all the saints to praise and bless Him for all eternity. Amen.*



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