

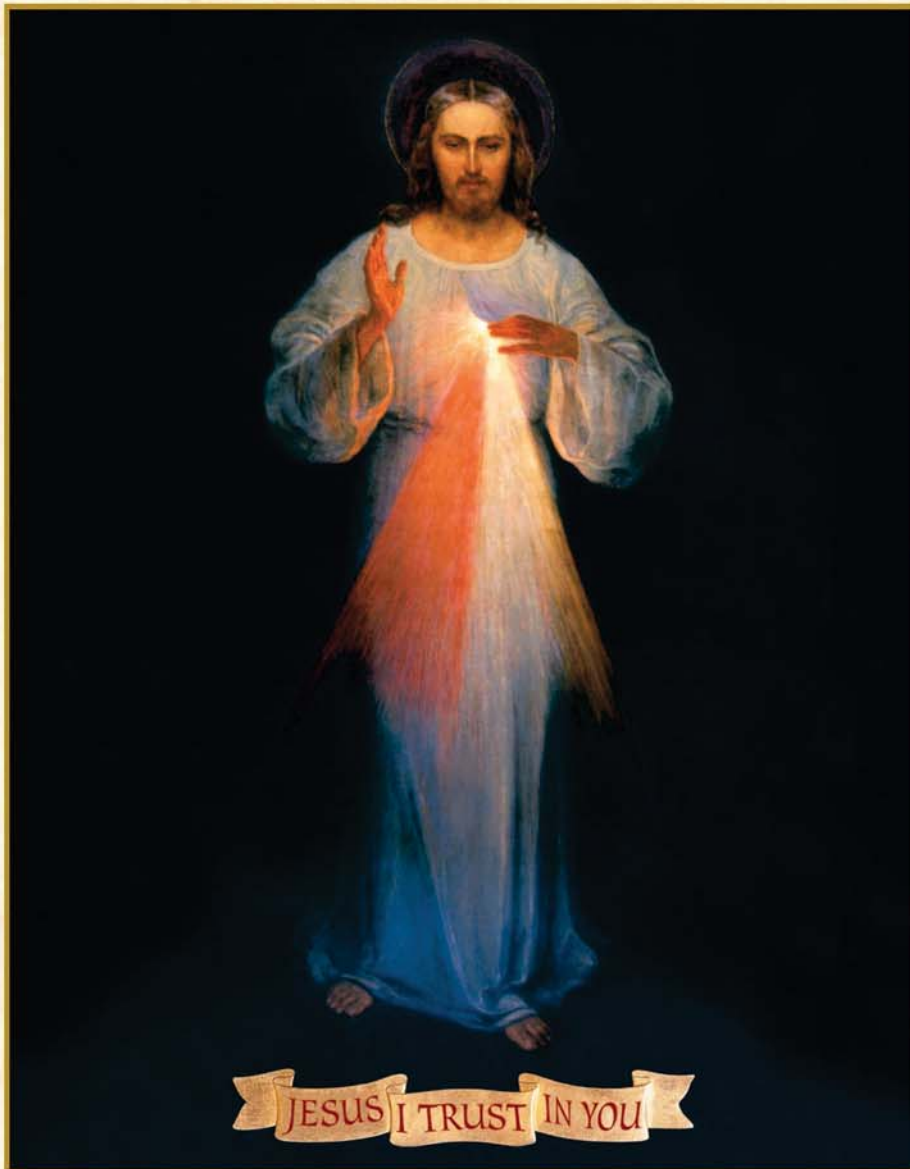
# St. André Bessette Parish

Star of the Sea Church  
Salisbury



St. Joseph Church  
Amesbury

April 7, 2024



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ,  
not by water alone, but by water and blood. *1 John 5:6*



# St. André Bessette Parish

Parish Office Address: 11 Sparhawk Street, Amesbury, MA 01913

Hours: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, Monday - Thursday **Closed:** Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

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## Let Us Celebrate

**W**elcome! We are glad you are here to join us in worship in the celebration of the Eucharist (Mass). At the Eucharist, the Church comes together to hear the Word of the Lord, to pray for the world's needs, to offer the sacrifice of the Cross in praise and thanks to God, to receive Christ Jesus in communion, and then to be sent forth in the Spirit as disciples of the Gospel. If you are not familiar with the Mass, the Order of the Mass can be found on pages 3-29 of the Breaking Bread hymnal. We call particular attention to the text of the Gloria and the Nicene Creed located on the inside cover. The scripture (Bible) readings for today's Mass can be found on **page 144 and 145.**

### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

#### WEEKEND MASSES

##### Saturday

4:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Church  
6:00 p.m. - Star of the Sea Church (Town Church)

##### Sunday

8:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea Church (Town Church)  
9:30 a.m. - St. Joseph Church

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

##### Monday

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Church

##### Tuesday

5:30 p.m. - Star of the Sea Church (Town Church)

##### Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Church

### SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

**Reconciliation - Wednesdays,** 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Parish Office, 11 Sparhawk St., Amesbury

**Baptism:** Call parish office for scheduling

**Sacrament of the Sick:** For home emergency or when entering the hospital, please call the office.

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made by calling the parish office at least one (1) year in advance for marriage preparations and desired date.



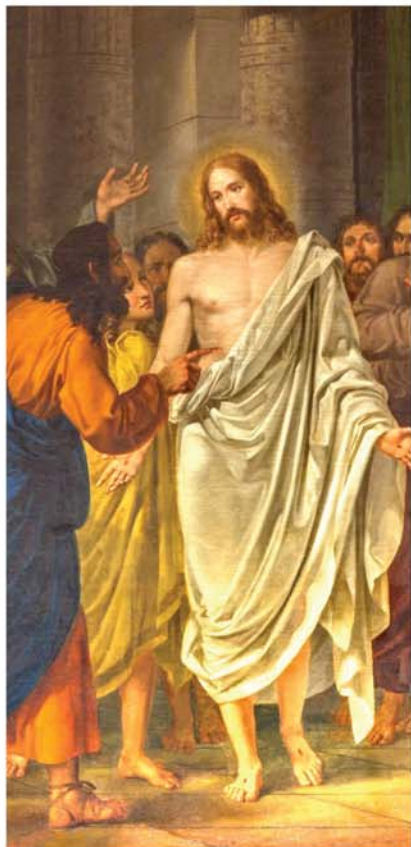
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When we were learning how to swim, the instructor would show us different things to try, such as ducking our heads under water, and blowing bubbles, and eventually jumping in the water. Before she asked us to do anything, however, she would always demonstrate and end with the admonition, “Don’t be afraid! There’s nothing to it—it’s easy!” These small reassurances encouraged her six and seven-year old students to strike out on their own and swim.

The great mentors and instructors of faith offer the same kind of encouragement. Think of the saints. By their example, teaching and preaching, the Church is inspired to holiness, fidelity and great virtue. We see what they accomplished and try to do the same. Their message is that the way of faith may be difficult and

demanding, but you have all the grace you need to do it. And, in the end, it’s worth it.

But the real challenge is not in following great example; it’s giving it! There are many people around us, young and old, who see and follow our example in small and not-so-small things. How we practice our faith, how much we participate, how we treat others, our language, our respect for holy things and places give witness to our faith and challenge others to do the same. Be sure you set a good example and practice what you preach. You never know who may be watching.

-Jim Gaffney

*We can believe  
what we choose.  
We are answerable for  
what we choose to believe.*  
Venerable  
John Henry Newman

*“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.”  
Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!”  
Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”*

— John 20:27-29



## In Word & Deed

(continued from front)

teaching the Good News. They could only wonder about what was next. Into this room comes Jesus. He offers them proof of His identity, showing His hands and His side. More so, He reassures them and confers on them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Whatever we need to overcome our fear, Jesus will provide. The strength we draw from our faith will enable us to accomplish our mission and all that God intends for us to do. We do not have to live in fear. We can become, as St. Francis prayed, instruments of peace, bringing love, joy, light and peace to a world that lives in fear. Be confident and courageous. Act on the truth of the Lord’s Resurrection and His promise to be with us always. The peace of the Lord will comfort and guide you.

-Jim Gaffney

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*Please remember in your prayers the men and women of our parishes who are serving our country.*

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**Heavenly Father, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen**



**Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick in our Parish**

**May the Spirit of Christ renew the gift of life within them and bring healing to their minds, body and spirit.**

- Pat Ponticelli, Edward Kelleher, Dotty Jean,
- John Leahy, Anthony Ronan, Bob Sousa, Paul Palen, Stacia Simmons, Liam Ford, Paul Lajoie,
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- Jennifer Campano, Glenn Fournier, Joan Ferraro, Mary B., Dan G., Marty G., Armand Hyatt, Sandra & Cliff Buttry, Paul Watson, Jeanine Fowler,
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**PRAYING FOR OUR FUTURE PRIESTS**

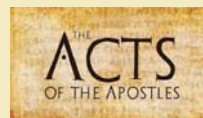
Please include in your prayers, an Archdiocese of Boston seminarian by name every day and at every Mass.



**Seminarian:**

- Sunday, April 7—Max Muenke
- Monday, April 8- Luca Contini
- Tuesday, April 9— Miguel Angel DeLoera
- Wednesday, April 10— Kyle Ellis
- Thursday, April 11— Thiago Mesquita deSousa
- Friday, April 12 - Matthew Thoni
- Saturday, April 13 - Giovanni Trimboli

**Adult Faith Formation Offering**



Dates: April 16, 23, and 30

Place: Star of the Sea

Time: 5:30pm – 8:00pm

(Liturgy at 5:30, followed by Dinner, Class, Sharing)

All are welcome to join us for our second adult faith formation offering on the Acts of the Apostles. The Easter Season is a perfect opportunity to journey with the Apostles and their loyal disciples. We will learn, reflect and pray with the Apostles and their experiences of bringing the Gospel message of Jesus to the people of the time. Most importantly, as we journey through their mission, we will have an opportunity to strengthen our own spiritual lives in new and different ways.

Our time together will begin with liturgy (5:30pm), followed by fellowship over a pot luck dinner. Note that attendance for mass and/or dinner is not mandatory. The evening's faith formation time will begin at 6:30pm with a brief lecture, quiet reflection, and group sharing. The program will conclude at 8pm. There is no fee for this experience and registration is required. Look for registration sign-up on Flocknote, contact Diana, Faith Formation Coordinator [DianaG@standreb.org](mailto:DianaG@standreb.org) or call the parish office (978-388-0330).

**Volunteers needed!**

Looking for volunteers to come out and assist the Knights of Columbus and Boy Scouts Troop 7 with a cleanup at



**St. Joseph Cemetery** on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> between 9:00am and 12noon. We will be focusing on picking up branches, stick and debris, so you may want to bring a pair of gloves, and rake. Any amount of time would be appreciated. **Thank you in advance for your help!**

**The Lord waits for us to offer him our failings so that he can help us experience his mercy.**

**~Pope Francis, Divine Mercy Sunday,**



**Knights of Columbus  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**Sunday, April 7**

**7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**The cost is FREE** to all however a free will donations are greatly appreciated. Come and meet our new members of our parish who completed the RCIA

**Additional Names Received in  
Memory of**



- Norman J. Stuart • Mr/Mrs. Richard Savage • Kathleen Meeks • Ronald Arthur • Robert & Margaret Doyle • Henry & Sheila Schruender • Jennifer Wilkins • Allen & Willwerth Families • Shaffe & Rose Assad • Billie G. Ferrick



**St. André Bessette  
Combined Weekly Offertory  
Star of the Sea and St. Joseph Churches**

***Saturday/Sunday, March 16/17 2024  
Offertory***

102 envelopes:	\$3,191.00
Loose:	\$1,972.35
Online Giving	<u>\$1,257.00</u>
Total:	\$6,420.00

***Second Collection - Easter Flowers***

Envelopes & Loose:	\$1,862.50
Online Giving	<u>\$ 35.00</u>
Total:	\$1,897.50

***Saturday/Sunday, March 23/24 2024 Offertory***

88 envelopes:	\$2,958.00
Loose:	\$2,930.00
Online Giving	<u>\$1,521.00</u>
Total:	\$7,409.00

***Second Collection - Heat***

Envelopes & Loose:	\$1,797.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 90.00</u>
Total:	\$1,887.00

***Thank you for your ongoing support!***

**Upcoming 2nd Collections**

- April 7 - Utilities
- April 14 - Parish Projects
- April 21—Evangelization
- April 28—Maintenance

**Please Note: Weekend Offertory**



If you missed Mass on any particular weekend because of inclement weather, we ask that your missed offertory donation be placed in the offertory basket at the following weekend Mass. Your contributions will help with the heating and snow removal for both properties. As always, your donations are greatly appreciated.

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**WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**

4:00 p.m. St. Joseph - Deceased Members of the Bertolini Family  
 6:00pm Star of the Sea -

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

8:00 a.m. Star of the Sea - Mr. & Mrs. James Connors  
 9:30 a.m. St. Joseph - Sandra Jutras

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, April 8**

9:00 a.m. St. Joseph - Marialyce B. Kraus

**Tuesday, April 9**

5:30 p.m. Star of the Sea - Celebrant Intention

**Wednesday, April 10**

9:00 a.m. St. Joseph - Camden James Parker

**Saturday, April 13**

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Margaret Quinn & Susan Quinn Yelle  
 6:00 pm Star of the Sea - People of the Parish

**Sunday, April 14**

8:00 am Star of the Sea - Charles Butler  
 9:30 am St. Joseph - Agnes David & Norman Gautreau

**Monday, April 15**

9:00 am St. Joseph - Philip Dandarant

**Tuesday, April 16**

5:30 pm Star of the Sea - Celebrant Intention

**Wednesday, April 17**

9:00 am St. Joseph - Celebrant Intention



**St. Joseph Church, March 2024**



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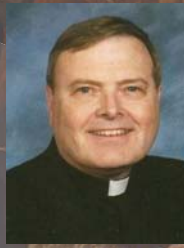


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