



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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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 31

EUCHARISTIC 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

9:00 a.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.

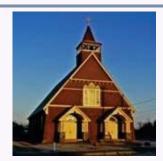
Marriage: Arrangements should be made by calling the parish office at least one (1) year in advance for marriage preparations and desired date.



St. Joseph Church 2 School St. Amesbury, MA 01913



Star of the Sea Town Church October thru May 18 Beach Rd. Salisbury, MA 01952



Star of the Sea Beach Chapel Memorial Day thru Columbus Day 141 North End Blvd. Salisbury, MA 01952

Dear Parishioners and friends

This Sunday we begin the Season of Advent. This is a special period of time for reflection and preparation for the upcoming celebration of Christmas. But it is more than that, for we are also called to prepare to meet the Lord today and each day. One day we shall be in His presence forever. In the meantime, we are called to make room for Jesus in our hearts and homes.



What are the ways you will be making room for Jesus in your life?



As you can see, we have surpassed our Grand Annual Goal. People are continuing to send in their support. Please remember I brought to your attention our fire insurance bill which is astronomical. It covers all six buildings to the toon of \$93,000. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Peace, Fr. Ron.



St. André Bessette Parish

We would like to cordially invite you, your family, your friends, your neighbors, and even your relatives who are from out-of-state to celebrate the birth of Jesus with us this Christmas. Here are our Mass times for Christmas and Christmas Eve:

Christmas Eve (Sunday, 12/24)

- 4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church School St., Amesbury
- 4:00 p.m. Star of the Sea Beach Chapel 141 N. End Blvd., Salisbury
- 6:00 p.m. Star of the Sea Town Church 18 Beach Rd., Salisbury
- 8:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church School St., Amesbury (Choir sings Christmas songs before Mass at 7:30)

Christmas (Monday, 12/25)

- 8:00 a.m. Star of the Sea Town Church 18 Beach Rd., Salisbury
- 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Church School St., Amesbury (Note the time change)



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

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Our Troops

SSGT Ben Dignard, USAF, & wife Aurora
1LT Nicholas Fortuna, US Army National Guard
SGT Keagan Gorman, USMC
SPC Zachary Zbierajewski, US Army
SSG Heath Coburn, US Army
TSGT Meaghan Zieske, USAF
CAPT William Austin, US Army
SGT Jonathan Krafton, US Air National Guard
1LT Olyia Bashaw, USAF

LCPL Emily Janvrin, USMC SPC Nicholas Everett, US Army

GM Cody Russell Morin, US Navy 2LT Evan King USMC

LCPL Ruairi Cleary Bentley, USMC

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AFC Lucas J. Tomkiewicz, USAF

SGT Evan M. Munson, US Army

SN Ryan Perkins, US Navy

SGT Alec V. Salzer, US Army

PV2 Matthew DiBona, US Army

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, Joyce Meekins, Maureen & John Leahy, Anthony Ronan, Bob Sousa, Paul Palen, Stacia Simmons, Liam Ford, Paul Lajoie, Kathryn Connelly, Helen Fricano, Deacon Paul Specht, Patrick Sonier, Hannah M., James Blood, Nanette Daley, Carole Young, Brian Donahue, Liam Austin, Matthew Specht, Julio Folgar, Jennifer Campano, Glenn Fournier, Joan Ferraro, Mary B., Dan G., Marty G., Armand Hyatt, Elizabeth Mulcahy, Sandra & Cliff Buttry, Paige Klein, Liam Ferrick

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, December 3 - Kyle Ellis Monday, December 4 - Thiago Mesquita de Sousa Tuesday, December 5 - Matthew Thoni Wednesday, December 6 - Giovanni Trimboli Thursday, December 7 - Sean McKeowen Friday, December 8 - Jack Monbouquette Saturday, December 9 - Connor Roukey



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE Friday, December 8

9:00 a.m. Star of the Sea Church 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church

There will be a Holy Hour of Adoration after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Star of the Sea Church.



Ultreya Mass

Please join us for Mass on Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Upper Church, St. André Bessette Parish as we pray for the candidates making their Cursillo weekend at St. Basil. Parishioners from All Saints and Immaculate Conception Parishes will join us as we rotate hosting parishes on a monthly basis. After Mass we will go to the Lower Church to continue the evening.

Nativity Play



Join us for a Nativity Play put on by our Faith Formation students, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall!

Date/Time:

Sunday, December 17 immediately after the 9:30am Mass

Location:

St. Joseph's Upper Church; reception in the Parish Hall



ADVENT PRAYER Blessing the Advent Wreath with Children

Dear Jesus, as we light the candle on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring hope and joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this holiday season. Amen.

Week 1 - A Prayer for Hope

Heavenly Father,

Advent is a time for remembering and reflecting on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Father, I pray that you will turn our hearts toward you as Christmas approaches. Let us not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season this year and miss the chance to celebrate the gifts of hope, peace, joy, love, that you sent to us on that first Christmas.



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

Saturday/Sunday, 18/19, 2023 Offertory

 101 envelopes:
 \$3,870.00

 Loose:
 \$1,341.27

 Online Giving (0 Donors):
 \$1,722.36

 Total:
 \$6,933.63

Second Collection - Retired Religious Sisters

Envelopes & Loose: \$2,071.00 Online Giving \$00.00 Total: \$2,071.00

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Upcoming 2nd Collections

December 3 - Christmas Flowers -"Memory/Honor"

December 10 - Heat

December 17 - Maintenance

December 23/24 - Clergy Health

December 31 - Electricity



ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FAIR

Thank you again to all our Holiday Fair volunteers for helping with this important parish fundraiser: after expenses we made over \$17,000!

We could not have done it without each and every one of you, thank you!

Kliggie and Karen Holiday Fair co-chairs Smile



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WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Ida DeWilde

6:00 p.m. Star of the Sea - Lena DeLuca & Jerry DeSimone.

Sunday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Star of the Sea - People of Our Parish

9:30 a.m. St. Joseph - Jack G. Sanborn

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 4

9:00 am St. Joseph - Kevin Monahan

Tuesday, December 5

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, December 6

9:00 am St. Joseph - John Henry Spurk

Saturday, December 9

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Mary Benjamin, & Arlene & Tony Wallaga 6:00 pm Star of the Sea - Robert E. & Christopher Kelley & Lilliane DiCroce

Sunday, December 10

8:00 am Star of the Sea - People of the Parish 9:30 am St. Joseph - James W. Humphries Jr

Monday, December 11

9:00 am St. Joseph - Cynthia R. Steeves

Tuesday, December 12

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, December 13

9:00 am St. Joseph - Roland Becotte



St. Joseph Church, December 2023

Host & Wine

Leo Boudreau Jr.
By His Loving Wife Noella Poulin Boudreau

Sanctuary Candle

Leo Boudreau Jr.

By His Loving Wife Noella Poulin Boudreau



Star of the Sea Church, December 2023

Host & Wine

Charles M. Butler By His Loving Family

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Deceased Members of the Foley & Butler Families

By His Loving Family





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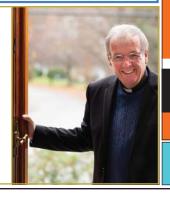


Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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