

St. André Bessette Parish

*Star of the Sea Church
Salisbury*



*St. Joseph Church
Amesbury*

December 3, 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come." Mark 13:33



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

Phone: 978.388.0330 **Web:** www.StAndreB.org

Welcome! 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**

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

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?

WE REACHED OUR GOAL ST. Joseph's Grand Annual



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 tune 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.

- 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
- SGT Anthony J. Tomkiewicz Jr., USMC
- 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
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Total:	\$6,933.63

Second Collection - Retired Religious Sisters

Envelopes & Loose:	\$ 2,071.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
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!

Kligger 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

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