

St. André Bessette Parish

*Star of the Sea Church
Salisbury*



*St. Joseph Church
Amesbury*

December 31, 2023



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.

Sirach 3:2



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 53**

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.



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

St. André Bessette Parish

New Years

- 4:00 p.m. , **Sunday, December 31, Star of the Sea Town Church** - 18 Beach Rd. Salisbury
- 9:00 a.m., **Monday, January 1, St. Joseph Church** - School St., Amesbury

Nativity Play

The Nativity Play that was put on by our Faith Formation students, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 17 after the 9:30am Mass was a huge success and enjoyed by many. Well done Faith Formation teachers and students!



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

“Giving Trees ”

SUCCESS! Christmas morning was a joy to the 30 children our church sponsored via the town Holiday Program year. Our Giving Trees were loaded with 130 tickets and every single one of them was taken by a parishioner. Together we clothed, fed and provided toys that will keep these children warmth and entertained for months. Thank you Father Ron for allowing us to continue to participate and support the community. Thank you to everyone who took and filled a ticket, Helen and Sue in the office, Larry who put up the trees, the ornament makers, to the people who donated ornaments, the sorters, my elves Karen and Bill, and those who helped carry everything to my car. Without all of you, this wouldn't be possible. Our parish is strong with faith and love for our community. Peace and Goodwill to all in the coming year. Vicki Croteau

Silent Night - Holy Night





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 Krafon, 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
- Spencer T. Butzen, US Navy AA



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, 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, Liam Ferrick, Jennifer Riley

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 31 - Stephen Baruffi

Monday, January 1 - Seminarians

Tuesday, January 2 - Michael Castellon

Wednesday, January 3 - Alexander Charow

Thursday, January 4 - Gerson Garcia

Friday, January 5 - Rafael Milla

Saturday, January 6 - Thomas Rashid

Prayer for Our Priest

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and



ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER NAMES

In Loving Memory / Honor of

- John Sawyer * Ruth S. McCaslin * Caterina Vlentino
- Giuseppe Iannino * Maria Iannino * Maria Antonietta Marcella * George Jr., Annette, Wayne, & Robin Dodge * Edith Wilkey * Mr. & Mrs Rosario Macarione * Morris Beal *

Thank you



The offices for our parishes will be closed Monday, January 1 in observance of New Year's and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2 at 9:00 a.m.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE**

**ST. ANDRÉ PARISH AMESBURY & SALISBURY
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FOOD DRIVE: JANUARY 6-7

On the first weekend of the month, please bring a bag or two of groceries when you come to Mass, and place at the main entrances to one of our churches. Cereal; juice boxes; vegetable, fruit, tuna, and chicken canned goods; as well as snacks for kids; and personal care products for families are all needed.

For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat...
Matt. 25:35

**Millennium Gospel Choir
Performing at
Immaculate Conception Church
42 Green St., Newburyport
Sunday, January 7, 2:30 p.m.**

Don't miss this opportunity to get your praise on and enjoy an afternoon of holiday, spiritual, and gospel music performed by the renowned Millennium Gospel Choir of Boston.

As part of the continued celebration of the 175th anniversary of Immaculate Conception Parish, the choir will entertain with classic and contemporary selections sure to inspire everyone's participation.

The concert is free and open to the community.



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

Saturday/Sunday, 12/16-17, 2023 Offertory

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Second Collection - Maintenance

Envelopes & Loose:	\$1,854.00
Online Giving unavailable	<u>\$X,XXX.00</u>
Total:	\$1,854.00

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Upcoming 2nd Collections

- December 31 - Electricity
- January 7 - Snow Removal
- January 14 - Parish Projects
- January 21 - Heat
- January 28 - Latin America

Star of the Sea Tuesday Weekday Masses

Beginning **January 2, 2024**, the daily Mass at Star of the Sea Town Church will be celebrated at **5:30 p.m.**

This time change gives an opportunity for more parishioners who wish to attend a daily Mass.

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 Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
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WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 30

4:00 p.m. St. Joseph - Joyce Marroncelli
 6:00 p.m. Star of the Sea - Nick & Mary Anne Sullivan

Sunday, December 31

8:00 a.m. Star of the Sea - People of the Parish
 9:30 a.m. St. Joseph - Joseph Muise Sr.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 1

9:00 a.m. St. Joseph - New Years

Tuesday, January 2

5:30 p.m. Star of the Sea - Eugene D. Mattioli

Wednesday, January 3

9:00 a.m. St. Joseph - John M. Sawyer

Saturday, January 6

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Alexander & David Iworsky
 6:00 pm Star of the Sea - Barbara Marie Merrill

Sunday, January 7

8:00 am Star of the Sea - Feast of St. André Bessette
 9:30 am St. Joseph - Feast of St. André Bessette

Monday, January 8

9:00 am St. Joseph - James Dion

Tuesday, January 9

5:30 pm Star of the Sea -

Wednesday, January 10

9:00 am St. Joseph - Denys Gonthier



St. Joseph Church, December 2023



Host & Wine

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