

St. André Bessette Parish

*Star of the Sea Church
Salisbury*



*St. Joseph Church
Amesbury*

December 17, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." John 1:26-27



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 39**

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



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)

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



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 candles on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring Hope and Peace and Joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this Christmas season. Amen.

Week 3, Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen



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
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- SGT Evan M. Munson, US Army
- SN Ryan Perkins, US Navy
- SGT Alec V. Salzer, US Army
- PV2 Matthew DiBona, US Army
- AN Spencer T. Butzen, US Navy



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

Remember Our Veterans This Christmas



Whether a veteran is physically in battle or just mentally, we mustn't forget the price that they've all paid. Some veterans have found salvation from their post-traumatic stress disorder however, others have not.

When you utter prayers for veterans remember that a soldier's work is never done. Even though they may not be physically on the front lines their mind and soul may still be there. All in all, it's important to pray for protection for the men and women in uniform. It's important to not forget their sacrifice. We shouldn't categorize their prayers in representation of a holiday or celebration. Instead these prayers for our soldiers should be recited every day. Thank you for your service.

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 17 - Isaac Velazquez
- Monday, December 18 - Liam Warner
- Tuesday, December 19 - Luca Azzani
- Wednesday, December 20 - Christopher Barton
- Thursday, December 21 - Alden Bronson
- Friday, December 22 - Alexander deTirado
- Saturday, December 23 - Joseph Jasinski

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 reigns as our Eternal Priest. 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

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Mass time that you can be a
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PRAY OF PEACE IN OUR WORLD.



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

Saturday/Sunday, 11/25-26, 2023 Offertory

113 envelopes:	\$5,731.00
Loose:	\$1,818.00
Online Giving unavailable	<u>\$ 1,338.02</u>
Total:	\$8,887.02

Second Collection - Christmas Flowers

Envelopes & Loose:	\$ 2,563.23
Online Giving unavailable	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,713.23

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Upcoming 2nd Collections

- December 17 - Maintenance
- December 23/24 - Clergy Health
- December 31 - Electricity



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WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Margaret Quinn & Susan Quinn Yelle
6:00 p.m. Star of the Sea - Theodore C. Williams

Sunday, December 17

8:00 a.m. Star of the Sea - People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. St. Joseph - **Mass of Appreciation** for those
who contributed to St. Joseph Grand Annual

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 18

9:00 am St. Joseph - Agnes David &
Norman Gautreau

Tuesday, December 19

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Deceased members
of Casale Family

Wednesday, December 20

9:00 am St. Joseph - Mary Regina Spurk

Saturday, December 23

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Deceased members of Robert Gonthier Sr.
Family

6:00 pm Star of the Sea - Jeanette ER. Cattan

Sunday, December 24

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

Sunday Eve & Monday, December 24 & 25 - Christmas

Tuesday, December 26

9:00 am Star of the Sea -

Wednesday, December 27

9:00 am St. Joseph - John M. Sawyer



St. Joseph Church, December 2023

Host & Wine

Leo Boudreau Jr.
By His Loving Wife Noella Poulin Boudreau

Sanctuary Candle

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By His Loving Wife Noella Poulin Boudreau



Star of the Sea Church, December 2023

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