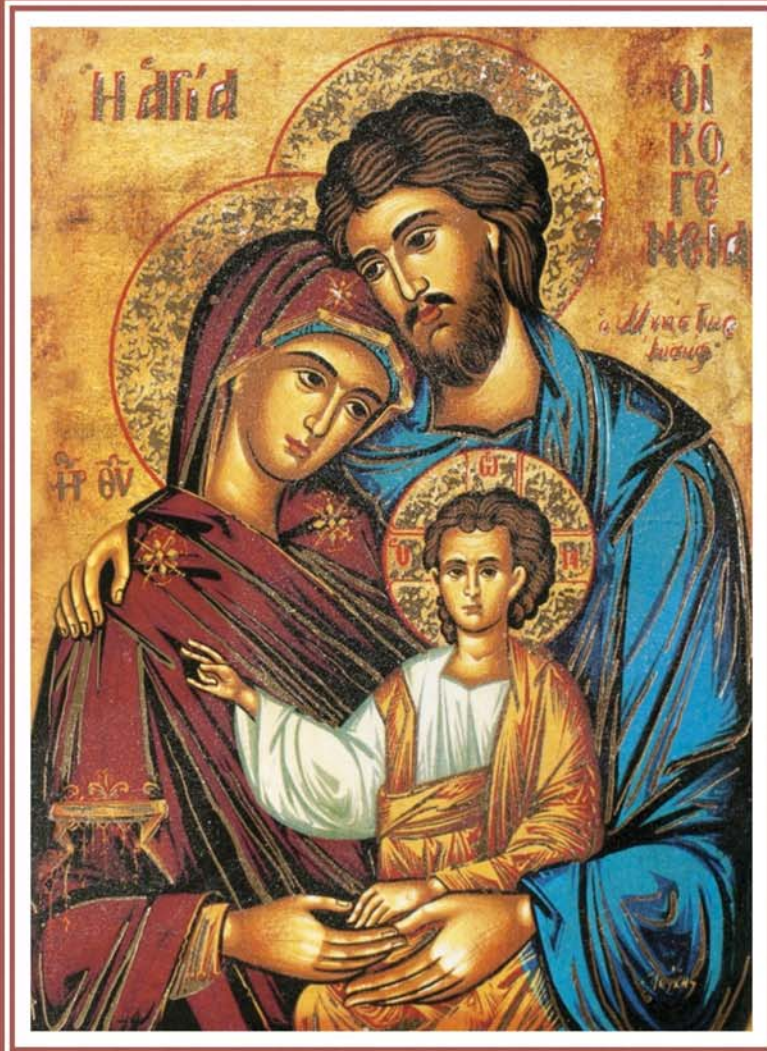


*St. André Bessette Parish*  
*Star of the Sea Church*      *St. Joseph Church*  
*Salisbury*   *Amesbury*

*December 29, 2024*



FEAST OF THE  
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

“Why were you looking for me?  
Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

Luke 2:49



# St. André Bessette Parish

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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 52**

## 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.



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*October thru May*  
18 Beach Rd.  
Salisbury, MA 01952



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*Memorial Day thru Columbus Day*  
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**AN ERA OF ANNIVERSARIES IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, AND I WANTED TO GIVE YOU AN EARLY ALERT!**

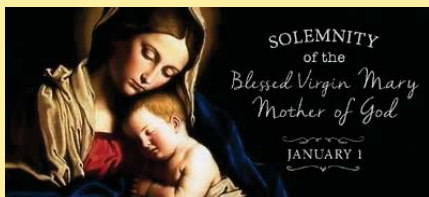
That’s right, 2026 will usher in the 150th Anniversary of Saint Joseph's Church and concurrently, the 75th Anniversary of Star of the Sea Church. Given that we are a year away from implementing any celebration plans, I would think that we can recruit a decent size group of planners from both our churches. They, in turn, can then help to create a wonderful, fun, and educational series of anniversary activities for all our parishioners.

The more planners the better and the more celebration ideas the better. Right now, I know we will need some graphic art and communications support, but there will be so much more. Some anniversary ideas suggested so far include:

1. Community service events involving both churches.
2. Parish wide barbecue/picnic
3. Some form of music celebration
4. One or more anniversary-related retreats
5. A return to the bean and ham supper at Star of the Sea
6. A return to the St. Patrick’s Day dinner at St. Joseph’s

You will hear more from us in the weeks ahead on these concurrent celebrations, and we will begin a more formal Steering Committee recruitment. In the meantime, if you wish to take a role in any of the above activities or have other ideas on what would be fitting for our celebrations, please e-mail me via Sue or Helen at SueG@StAndreB.org or HelenT@StAndreB.org.

Members of your Parish Council and Father Ron



**St. André Bessette Parish**

**Holy Day of Obligation  
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

- 7:00 p.m., *Tuesday, December 31, Star of the Sea Town Church*
- 9:00 a.m., *Wednesday, January 1, St. Joseph Church*



**Ultreya Mass**

Cursillo season 2024/2025 continues with St. André Bessette Parish hosting Holy Mass on **Friday, January 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph’s Lower Church.**

Please join us for worship, music, speaker and fellowship. All are welcome. Come learn what Cursillo is all about.



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





**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
- CAPT Olyia Bashaw, USAF
- 1LT Mark C. Bashaw, US Army
- SGT Nicholas Everett, US Army Reserves
- 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
- PFC Matthew DiBona, US Army
- AN Spencer T. Butzen, US Navy
- CAPT Jake Gilbert, US Army
- PFC Joseph Desprez, US Army
- 1LT Eleanor Fremont-Smith, 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**

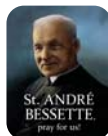
Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick in our Parish



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

- Edward Kelleher, Paul Palen, Hannah M., James Blood, Carole Young, Brian Donahue, Julio Folgar, Jennifer Campano, Joan Ferraro, Armand Hyatt, Sandra & Cliff Buttry, Jeanine Fowler, Paula Klein, Patrick Willwerth, Sue James, Evelyn Gebala, Donna & Frank O'Neil, Renee Fowler, Linda Follansbee, Jeanne Turgeon

**St. André Bessette...Pray for us  
Pray for us...St. André Bessette**



**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 29 - Xavier Stooks
- Monday, December 30- Matthew Thoni
- Tuesday, December 31 - Giovanni Trimboli
- Wednesday, January 1 - Hieu Trung Chu
- Thursday, January 2 - Vince Barcinas
- Friday, January 3 - Patrick Barr
- Saturday, January 4 - Patrick Early

**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



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**FOOD DRIVE: JANUARY 4-5**

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

**SNOW POLICY**



When school is cancelled due to inclement weather, either in Amesbury or Salisbury, the daily Mass will not be celebrated. This policy will give our custodial staff the time to clear the snow. Please remember, if it is not safe for our children to be out, it is certainly not safe for our parishioners to be driving to church. Thank you for your understanding.

**Note:** The parish office will also be closed.

**Please Note: Weekend Offertory**

If you missed Mass on **any** particular weekend because of inclement weather, we ask that you consider placing in the basket, your missed offertory donation at the next weekend Mass or mail it to the Parish Office, 11 Sparhawk St., Amesbury, MA 01913. Your missed contributions will greatly help with the high heating cost & other expenses incurred at both properties.

**Your contributions are greatly appreciated.**

**The Cold Months are here !**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society assist many people **year round**. They rely on your generous donations for them to be able to serve the less fortunate in our communities. The need is great, especially during this trying time.



*If you can, please remember them as you leave the church by leaving a donation in the poor boxes or by mailing a check donation to*

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**Thank you and God Bless you.**



**St. André Bessette**

**Combined Weekly Offertory**

**Star of the Sea and St. Joseph Churches**

Saturday / Sunday December 14,- 15, 2024

**Offertory**

86 Envelopes:	\$2,242.00
Loose:	\$1,852.00
Online Giving	<u>\$2,604.13</u>
Total:	\$6,698.13

**Second Collection - Maintenance**

Envelopes & Loose:	\$1,677.85
Online Giving	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
Total:	\$2,612.50

**Additional Grand Annual**

St. Joseph Church - \$3,757.00

**Thank you for your ongoing support!**

**Upcoming 2nd Collections**

- December 29 - Electricity
- January 5 - Snow Removal
- January 12 - Parish Projects
- January 19 - Heat
- January 26 - Latin America

**Almost There!!**

**St. Joseph's Grand Annual**



**An ongoing collection for each church**

**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL**

Donations can be place in an envelope marked "Grand Annual" located in the pew and placed in the weekend collection basket or mailed to the parish office,  
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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**WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS - 2024**

**Saturday, December 28**

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Rina Palmer  
 6:00 pm Star of the Sea - Robert, Christopher, &  
 James Kelley and Lilliam DiCroce

**Sunday, December 29**

8:00 am Star of the Sea - Fr. Richie  
 9:30 am St. Joseph - James W. Larson

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS - 2024**

**Monday, December 30**

9:00 am St. Joseph - Karen VanLaethem

**Tuesday, December 31**

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Joseph Muise Sr.  
 7:00 pm - Star of the Sea - Solemnity of Mary

**Wednesday, January 1**

9:00 am St. Joseph - James Connors

**Saturday, January 4**

4:00 pm St. Joseph - James Krafton  
 6:00 pm Star of the Sea - Howard & Frances  
 MacDonald

**Sunday, January 5**

8:00 am Star of the Sea - People of Our Parish  
 9:30 am St. Joseph - Gile & Stella Moniz

**Monday, January 6**

9:00 am St. Joseph - Betty Putnam

**Tuesday, January 7**

9:00 am Star of the Sea -

**Wednesday, January 8**

9:00 am St. Joseph -



**St. Joseph Church, December 2024**

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**Star of the Sea Church, December 2024**

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