

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

*February 9, 2025*



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”  
When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Luke 5:10-11



# 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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## 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 69**

### 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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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who really makes a difference in our lives? We could create a list and for most of us, the list would be quite impressive. Many people have influenced us, helped us or taught us so that we can succeed. No one does it alone and everyone has something to offer. From the youngest to the oldest, the poorest to richest, we all can make a difference in the lives of others.

This is especially true in the life of the Church. Mary, in particular, has the unique call to be the mother of Jesus. Her acceptance of God's word and her trust in Him have inspired people throughout history to trust in God, to have faith and allow the Holy Spirit to use them to accomplish the work God had in mind. The Apostles, too, lived lives of faith that converted the world and made disciples of all nations. They did not have much, but what they had, they used to teach and spread the good news.

Each person has a role to play. By word and witness, by work and by prayer, we preach the Gospel and encourage others to grow in faith and holiness. We may not even be aware of how we influence others, but our example can be powerful and persuasive. In the hands of God, the smallest thing can produce big results.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

### RCIA - RITE OF CATHOLIC INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you know someone who may be seeking a relationship with Jesus in the Catholic Church? Tell them about RCIA—

#### What is the RCIA Journey?



- ♦A journey for those who have never been baptized
- ♦♦They were baptized in another faith and would like to inquire about the Catholic Faith
- ♦♦♦OR, they are baptized Catholic but have never finished their initiation.

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For more information, please call Chris Moore at (978)815-4341



### St. André Bessette Parish PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you are in need of a prayer shawl for a loved one, you may obtain one by calling Yvonne Wilkins at (978) 388-3806.

*Every loving stitch contains a special prayer that God will send His peace to you and keep you in His care.*

## 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.



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**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
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***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, Sue James, Patrick Willwerth, Donna O'Neil, Renee Fowler, Linda Follansbee, Jeanne Turgeon, Eileen Hughes

***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, February 9 - Gerson Garcia
- Monday, February 10 - Br. Vladimir Guadalupe Huber
- Tuesday, February 11 - Rafael Milla
- Wednesday, February 12 - Jonathan Saniuk
- Thursday, February 13 - Br. Joseph-Teresa Steger
- Friday, February 14 - Jay Zizza
- Saturday, February 15 - David Bardales

**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

**IS GOD CALLING YOU?**

If you are a young man between the age of 18-30, who loves God and desires to be a shepherd among His people, consider **St. John's Seminary**, Boston, MA, or if you are between the age of 30 to 60, consider **Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary**, in Weston, MA.

*For information about the St. John's Seminary please visit our website at [www.sjs.edu](http://www.sjs.edu) or call Fr. Eric Cadin, Vocation Dir. at 617.746.5949.*

*For Pope St. John XXIII, visit [www.psis.edu](http://www.psis.edu) or call Very Rev. Brian Kiely at 781.899.5500 or [rector@psjs.edu](mailto:rector@psjs.edu) or call Fr. Ron at the Parish Office.*

**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.

**Weekend Offertory**

If you missed Mass on any particular weekend because of inclement or cold weather, as well as illnesses, we ask that your missed offertory donation be placed in the collection basket at the next weekend Mass or mail it to the Parish Office , 11 Sparhawk St. Amesbury, MA 01913 You can also make your donations online at [www.standre.org](http://www.standre.org) Your contributions will help with the heating and snow removal for both properties. As always, your donations are greatly appreciated.

**The Origin of St. Valentine**

The origin of St. Valentine, and how many St. Valentines there were, remains a mystery. One opinion is that he was a Roman martyred for refusing to give up his Christian faith. Other historians hold that St. Valentine was a temple priest jailed for defiance during the reign of Claudius. Whoever he was, Valentine really existed because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to Saint Valentine. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom. He is the patron of Love, Young People and Happy Marriages.

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**St. André Bessette**

**Combined Weekly Offertory**

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

Saturday / Sunday January 25,- 26, 2025

**Offertory**

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| 100 Envelopes: | \$3,453.00       |
| Loose:         | \$1,941.54       |
| Online Giving  | <u>\$ 732.53</u> |
| Total:         | \$6,126.96       |

**Second Collection - Latin America**

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Envelopes & Loose: | \$1,227.93     |
| Online Giving      | <u>\$ 0.00</u> |
| Total:             | \$1,227.93     |

*Thank you for your ongoing support!*

**Upcoming 2nd Collections**

**February 9 - Parish Projects & Snow Removal**

February 16 - Heat

February 23 - Church Around the World



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To sign up for online giving, go to [www.StAndreB.org](http://www.StAndreB.org) and click the “**Donate**” button, located on the right under **Quick Links**. This will bring you to Online Giving Links. From there click the “**Give to St. André Bessette Parish**” and follow the instructions for “My Donation”. Call the parish office if you need help to set up your account.

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**WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS - 2024**

**Saturday, February 8**

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Teresa & Bill Axten  
 6:00 pm Star of the Sea - Alfred LaFreniere

**Sunday, February 9**

8:00 am Star of the Sea - Kevin McNulty  
 9:30 am St. Joseph - Leo Boudreau

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS - 2024**

**Monday, February 10**

9:00 am St. Joseph - James O'Connor

**Tuesday, February 11**

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Jonathan Huntington

**Wednesday, February 12**

9:00 am St. Joseph - Celebrant's Intention

**Saturday, February 15**

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Mary Benjamin, Arlene &  
 Tony Wallaga

6:00 pm Star of the Sea -

**Sunday, February 16**

8:00 am Star of the Sea -  
 9:30 am St. Joseph - Lucille D'Agastino

**Monday, February 17**

9:00 am St. Joseph -

**Tuesday, February 18**

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Patricia & Maryann  
 Basque

**Wednesday, February 19**

9:00 am St. Joseph -



**St. Joseph Church, February 2025**

***In Memory***

**Host & Wine**

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**Star of the Sea Church, February 2025**

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