

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

December 1, 2024



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot.

Jeremiah 43:14-15



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

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.



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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?

Peace, Fr. Ron.



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

“Giving Trees”

Please help a local child experience a joyous Christmas morning by fulfilling their wants and needs! The Trees are located at the back of the church and contain gift requests for clothing, toys and gift cards. Please select an ornament and purchase the gift on the attached ticket. (Most gifts will cost between \$25 - \$50.) Please keep the ornament as a thank you and return the gift **unwrapped** with the ticket attached.

Due to the time constraints of the program, all gifts must be returned **NO LATER than**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th

in order for the gifts to be delivered on time.

Please contact Vicki Croteau at (978) 388-6043 if you have any questions. **Thank you for your support.**

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ON SALE THIS WEEKEND NOVEMBER 30

IN THE BACK OF

ST. JOSEPH & STAR OF THE SEA CHURCHES

These cards provide each recipient, during the month of **January 2025 with 31 chances to win money.** They make great gifts!!

Christmas Calendar Raffle Cards are \$10.00 ea.

There is \$1,470 to be won throughout the month of January 2025

Thank you for your continued and generous support to the Society and our commitment to help the poor in our communities.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8) is moved to December 9, 2024 and is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 8

7:00 p.m. Star of the Sea Church

Monday, December 9

9:00 a.m. St. Joseph Church

The picture above is the sun streaming thru the stain glass window in October at St. Joseph



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
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- 2LT Evan King USMC
- LCPL Ruairi Cleary Bentley, USMC
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- 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, Sue
- Roy, Deacon Chuck Hall, Renee Fowler, Linda
- Follansbee, Jeanne Turgeon, Mya Mulcahy

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 1 - Br. Joseph Teresa Steger
- Monday, December 2 - Jay Zizza
- Tuesday, December 3 - David Bardales
- Wednesday, December 4 - Alden Bronson
- Thursday, December 5 - All Seminarians
- Friday, December 6 - Alexander DeTirado
- Saturday, December 7 - Joseph Jasinski



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

**ST. ANDRÉ PARISH
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FOOD DRIVE: DECEMBER 7-8

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



Knights of Columbus - Council 16437

Red Cross Blood Drive

December 5, 2024

2:00—7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Hall

To register for donating blood, please email the Red Cross with the link at;

www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Amesbury



A Special Morning of Advent Prayer

Wayfaring: Living the Gospel in Everyday Life

First Fridays: December 6, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Parish Conference Center

Facilitators: Beverley Fournier, MA, MTS, MDiv and Diana Giard, Coordinator of Faith Formation

Join us for a morning of prayer, quiet reflection, sharing, and song. There is no fee for this faith formation opportunity. All materials will be provided by the facilitators.

Please email, Diana at DianaG@StAndreB.org with any questions or concerns or call the parish office.

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 22 immediately after the 9:30am Mass at St. Joseph Church.

Location: 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 November 9-10, 2024

Offertory

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| 97 Envelopes: | \$3,426.00 |
| Loose: | \$2,035.10 |
| Online Giving | \$ 848.52 |
| Total: | \$6,309.62 |

Second Collection - Retired Religious Sisters

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes & Loose: | \$3,197.60 |
| Online Giving | \$ 40.00 |
| Total: | \$3,237.60 |

Additional Grand Annual

Star of the Sea Church - \$1,000.00

St. Joseph Church - \$1,875.00

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Upcoming 2nd Collections

December 1 - Christmas Flowers

December 8 - Heat

December 15 - Maintenance

December 22 - Utilities

December 24/25 Clergy Retirement Trust

December 29 - Electricity

St. Joseph's Grand Annual



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

Star of the Sea Grand Annual



Donations can be placed 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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WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS - 2024

Saturday, November 30

4:00 pm St. Joseph - People of Our Parish

6:00 pm Star of the Sea - Lisa Callahan Gardner

Sunday, December 1

8:00 am Star of the Sea - .Jacque L'Heureux & Anne Knower

9:30 am St. Joseph - Agnes David & Norman Gautreau

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS - 2024

Monday, December 2

9:00 am St. Joseph - Ida DeWilde

Tuesday, December 3

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Mary Moughan

Wednesday, December 4

9:00 am St. Joseph - Betty Putnam

Saturday, December 7

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Karl Shook

6:00 pm Star of the Sea - Dan Gallagher

Sunday, December 8

8:00 am Star of the Sea - Michele Champagne

9:30 am St. Joseph - Cynthia R. Steeves

Monday, December 9

9:00 am St. Joseph - Mary R. King

Tuesday, December 10

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Matthew Specht

Wednesday, December 11

9:00 am St. Joseph - Roland Becotte



St. Joseph Church, December 2024

In Memory

Host & Wine

Leo Boudreau Jr.
By Their Loving Wife

Sanctuary Candle

Paulette L. Doucette
By The Doucette & Trundelle Family



Star of the Sea Church, December 2024

In Memory

Host & Wine

In Honor of the Bartlett & Bernier Families
By Their Loving Family

Sanctuary Candle

In Honor of the Bartlett & Bernier Families
By Their Loving Family





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December 8, 3:00PM

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