

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

*December 8, 2024*



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Prepare the way of the Lord.”

Luke 3:4



# 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 33**

### 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*  
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Salisbury, MA 01952



**Star of the Sea Beach Chapel**  
*Memorial Day thru Columbus Day*  
141 North End Blvd.  
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# NOTICE OF CHANGED LOCATION

## Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

The Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated on

**Monday, December 9, 2024**

**9:00 a.m. St. Joseph Church**

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



## *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 (Tuesday, 12/24/2024)**

- 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 (Wednesday, 12/25/2024)**

- 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)

## **ADVENT ADORATION**

**COME, LET US ADORE HIM - SUNDAYS IN ADVENT**

**St. André Bessette Parish**

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**DECEMBER 1  
DECEMBER 8  
DECEMBER 15  
DECEMBER 22**

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AND  
EVENING PRAYER**



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**MILITARY FAMILY OUTREACH**  
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- 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
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- 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***

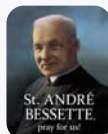
**Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick in our Parish**



***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***



**ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FAIR**

Thank you again to all our Holiday Fair volunteers for helping with this important parish fundraiser: after expenses we made over \$20,000!

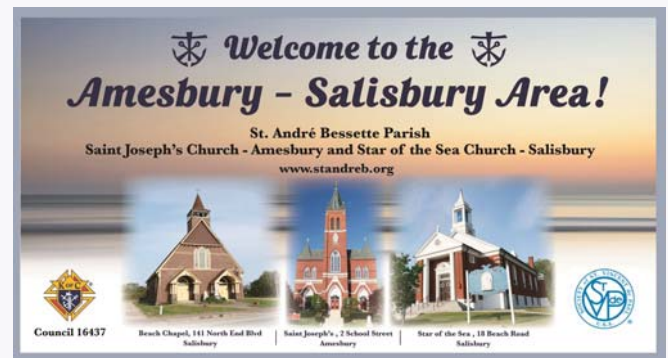
We could not have done it without each and every one of you, thank you!

Kligger and Karen, Holiday Fair co-chairs  
Smile



**From the Knights of Columbus**

1. The winning Bruins raffle ticket was drawn at the last meeting, Kristina Lazaris of Rowley Ma was the lucky winner.
2. The Pettengill House Food Pantry distributed over 32,000 pounds of food to 700 local families last month. Without the generous and consistent support of St Andre Bessette members, this would not be possible. Thank you!  
Rev. Lou Lessard, Food Pantry Coordinator  
The Pettengill House, Inc.
3. For those who haven't noticed, there is a new welcome to Amesbury area billboard at the junction of routes 110 and 150, compliments of the Knights of Columbus.



## 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<sup>nd</sup>, 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 to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this Christmas season. Amen.

### Week 2, Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

## St. André Bessette

### Combined Weekly Offertory

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

Saturday / Sunday November 23-24, 2024

#### Offertory

92 Envelopes:	\$2,968.00
Loose:	\$1,710.06
Online Giving	\$ 291.25
Total:	\$4,969.31

#### Second Collection - Utilities

Envelopes & Loose:	\$1,598.36
Online Giving	\$ 00.00
Total:	\$1,598.36

#### Additional Grand Annual

Star of the Sea Church - \$100.00

St. Joseph Church - \$7,400.00

*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



*An ongoing collection for each church*

**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,  
11 Sparhawk St.  
Amesbury, MA. 01913


Second Sunday of Advent

<u>Office Staff</u>	
Reverend Ronald St. Pierre	Pastor
Reverend Jack O'Brien	Visiting Senior Priest
Reverend Mister Chuck Hall	Deacon <a href="mailto:DeaconChuckHall@gmail.com">DeaconChuckHall@gmail.com</a>
Reverend Mister Paul Specht	Senior Deacon

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**WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS - 2024**

**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

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS - 2024**

**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

**Saturday, December 14**

4:00 pm St. Joseph - Margaret Quinn & Susan  
 Quinn Yelle

6:00 pm Star of the Sea - Marie Bernier

**Sunday, December 15**

8:00 am Star of the Sea - Matthew Specht  
 9:30 am St. Joseph - Joe Olson

**Monday, December 16**

9:00 am St. Joseph - Nick, Mary Ann & Kayla  
 Sullivan

**Tuesday, December 17**

9:00 am Star of the Sea -

**Wednesday, December 18**

9:00 am St. Joseph - Jonathan Bonner



**St. Joseph Church, December 2024**

*In Memory*

**Host & Wine**

Leo Boudreau Jr.  
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**Sanctuary Candle**

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

*In Memory*

**Host & Wine**

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## AN ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

December 7, 7:00PM

December 8, 3:00PM

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