

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

January 12, 2025



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Lk 3:22



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 58**

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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The History of the 12 Days of Christmas

What do 'leaping Lords', 'French hens', 'swimming swans' and the 'partridge in a pear tree' have to do with Christmas?

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus the hidden meaning that was known only to the members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ

Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments

Three French Hens stood for Faith, Hope and Love

Four calling Birds were the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Five Golden rings recalled the Torah, Law or the Pentateuch: the first 5 books of the Old Testament

Six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation

Seven swans a swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Discernment, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Reverence

Eight Maids a milking were the eight beatitudes

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Endurance, Kindness, Generosity, Faith, Mildness, and Chastity

Ten Lords a leaping were the Ten Commandments

Eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples

Twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.



Ultreya Mass

Cursillo season 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 Christmas Pageant was a tremendous success! **Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Play and for contributing the hats and gloves for those in need.**



Society of St. Vincent De Paul Congratulates to the Annual Calendar Raffle Winners for January 1 - 14, 2025

- January 1 Ali Ruth \$50
- January 2. Arleen Palmieri \$40
- January 3. Pat Brown \$40
- January 4. Karla Sanborn \$40
- January 5. Tim Boover \$50
- January 6. Donna Dumas \$40
- January 7. Kliggie Thomas \$50
- January 8. Jodi Rogers \$40
- January 9. Raymond Fournier \$40
- January 10. Nancy Irbe \$75
- January 11. Peter Ells \$40
- January 12. Rosalie Catalano \$50
- January 13. Corey and Sarah Parker \$40
- January 14. Lunette Sullivan \$40

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.



Put Your Faith into Action

We are a Men's Fraternal organization. We are here to help serve our community, and our Knights are involved in all aspects of church life in Amesbury and Salisbury.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 16437 would like to thank all those who contributed to the monthly food drive and tootsie roll drive

Men interested in becoming a Knight can call Mike Sanborn at 978-815-6583



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
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- AFC Lucas J. Tomkiewicz, USAF
- SGT Evan M. Munson, US Army
- SN Ryan Perkins, US Navy
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- 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 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, January 12 - Ulises Diaz
- Monday, January 13- Gustavo Neitzke
- Tuesday, January 14 - Javier Padilla
- Wednesday, January 15 - Diego Pena
- Thursday, January 16 - Edward Rodriguez
- Friday, January 17 - Aaron Sanz
- Saturday, January 18 - Jake Livingston



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

"Giving Trees"

REJOICE! A few weeks ago, Father asked when was the last time we stood on tiptoes in anticipation of something. Every year when we place the tickets on the Giving Tree, I stand on tiptoes waiting to see if the tickets are taken, filled and the items returned. This year we placed 152 tickets on the tree and every single one was taken. Thank you to everyone who took and filled a ticket, donated money, gave me Kohl's cash, or called and asked me what I still needed. Because of all of you we fulfilled the wishes of 38 children. Together we made Christmas morning something special when these children found warm clothing, toys, food and gift cards under their trees. Thank you, Father Ron, Sue, and Helen, for your support. To my team, I'm thankful to have you in my life and I couldn't do this without you. Most importantly, thank you to our parish community. Due to your compassion and generosity my feet are once again firmly on the ground.

Happy New Year
Vicki Croteau

Christmas Eve TV Airing

Christmas Eve 2024 Mass will be airing on both Amesbury and Salisbury Community TV on January 11 at 8:00pm

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	
Combined Weekly Offertory	
Star of the Sea and St. Joseph Churches	
Saturday / Sunday December 28,- 29, 2024	
Offertory	
93 Envelopes:	\$2,992.00
Loose:	\$1,435.36
Online Giving	<u>\$1,094.00</u>
Total:	\$5,521.36
Second Collection - Electricity	
Envelopes & Loose:	\$1,363.90
Online Giving	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
Total:	\$1,438.90
Additional Grand Annual	
St. Joseph Church - \$1,775.00	
December 24/25, 2024	
Christmas Clergy Fund - \$10,274.25	
<i>Thank you for your ongoing support!</i>	

<u>Upcoming 2nd Collections</u>	
January 12 - Parish Projects	
January 19 - Heat	
January 26 - Latin America	

Almost There!!



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,
11 Sparhawk St.
Amesbury, MA. 01913

Baptism of the Lord

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WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS - 2024

Saturday, January 11

4:00 pm St. Joseph-David, Joan, Alexander Iworsky

6:00 pm Star of the Sea - Tyler Hurst

Sunday, January 12

8:00 am Star of the Sea - People of Our Parish

9:30 am St. Joseph - Denys Gonthier

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS - 2024

Monday, January 13

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

Tuesday, January 14

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Marguerite Dawson

Wednesday, January 15

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

Saturday, January 18

4:00 pm St. Joseph-Theresa Morris

6:00 pm Star of the Sea -

Sunday, January 19

8:00 am Star of the Sea -

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

Monday, January 20

9:00 am St. Joseph -

Tuesday, January 21

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Lorraine Dodier

Wednesday, January 22

9:00 am St. Joseph - Roberta Ananian



St. Joseph Church, January 2025

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