

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

December 15, 2024



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rejoice in the Lord always.
I shall say it again: rejoice!

Philippians 4:4



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

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 39**

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
18 Beach Rd.
Salisbury, MA 01952



Star of the Sea Beach Chapel
Memorial Day thru Columbus Day
141 North End Blvd.
Salisbury, MA 01952



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

JOIN US

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DECEMBER 15
DECEMBER 22

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AND
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Volunteer

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*Rejoice
in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord
is near.*





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

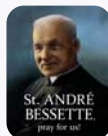
Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick in our Parish



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 15 - Rafael Rubio
- Monday, December 16 - Chris Silebi
- Tuesday, December 17 - Isaac Velazquez
- Wednesday, December 18 - Liam Warner
- Thursday, December 19 - Juan Cano
- Friday, December 20 - Luca Contini
- Saturday, December 21 - Sean McKeown

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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11 Sparhawk St., Amesbury, MA 01913**

Thank you and God Bless you.



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- Mae Kelleher \$2,170
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- John Zugawski, \$30
- Joseph Emiro \$100.
- Robert Bastein \$375
- David Wheelock \$15
- James Krafton \$125
- James Lawson \$50
- Henry Newhall \$10

Thank you for your generosity ~ God Bless you!

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 22nd, during the 9:30am Mass

Location:

St. Joseph's Upper Church; reception in the Parish Hall

NOTE: Please consider bringing to Mass gently used or new mittens and hats for the local children in need.



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 and Joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this Christmas season. Amen.

Week 3, Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen

St. André Bessette

Combined Weekly Offertory

Star of the Sea and St. Joseph Churches

Saturday / Sunday Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, 2024

Offertory

94 Envelopes:	\$4,083.25
Loose:	\$1,738.00
Online Giving	\$ 866.25
Total:	\$6,687.50

Second Collection - Christmas Flower

Envelopes & Loose:	\$2,612.50
Online Giving	\$ 00.00
Total:	\$2,612.50

Additional Grand Annual

Star of the Sea Church - \$400.00

St. Joseph Church - \$2,670.00

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Upcoming 2nd Collections

December 15 - Maintenance

December 22 - Utilities

December 24/25 Clergy Retirement Trust

December 29 - Electricity

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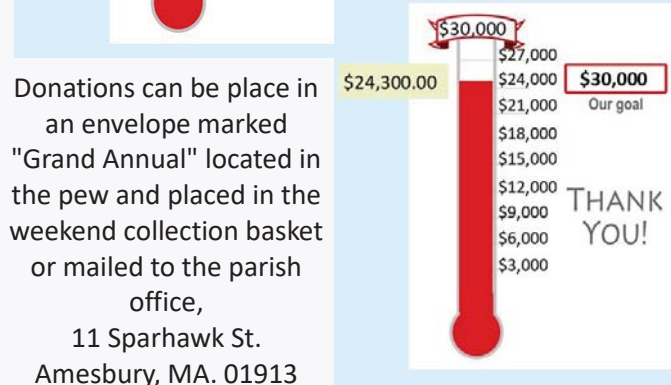
St. Joseph's Grand Annual



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,
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Amesbury, MA. 01913

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WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS - 2024

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

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS - 2024

Monday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

9:00 am Star of the Sea - Celebrants Intention

Wednesday, December 18

9:00 am St. Joseph - Jonathan Bonner

Saturday, December 21

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

6:00 pm Star of the Sea -

Sunday, December 22

8:00 am Star of the Sea - Fr. Tom Morgan

9:30 am St. Joseph - Norman & David LaBatte

Monday, December 23

9:00 am St. Joseph - Deceased members of Robert Gonthier Sr. family

Tuesday, December 24

9:00 am Star of the Sea -



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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