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Saint André Bessette Roman Catholic Parish, Malone, New York • Established July 1, 2014

February 1, 2015
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. André Bessette, pray for us!

Father Joseph W. Giroux
Pastor

Father Justin Thomas, HGN
Parochial Vicar

Father Bryan D. Stitt
Diocesan Director of Vocations, In Residence

Deacon Bryan J. Bashaw
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Samantha Poulin
Director of Christian Formation

Ms. Marie-Claire D'Arcy
Music Coordinator

Ms. Darlene Livernois
Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Phyllis Smith
Secretary

"God is love, and he loves us; that is the heart of the Christian faith... Pray that you may obtain a true love of God. God loves us so much. He wants us to love him "
— Br. André (1845-1937)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursday

7:00-8:00 P.M. at Notre Dame

Saturday

12:00-12:45 P.M. at Notre Dame
3:00-3:45 P.M. at Notre Dame

First Sunday of the Month
Before the 9:30 A.M. Mass
at Saint Helen

SUNDAY MASS

Anticipated (Saturday)

4:00 P.M.

January-March at Notre Dame
April-December at Saint Joseph

Sunday

8:00 A.M. at Saint John Bosco
9:30 A.M. at Saint Helen
11:00 A.M. at Notre Dame

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday

Following the 6:45 A.M. Mass
until 1:00 P.M. at Notre Dame

Thursday

7:00-8:00 P.M. at Notre Dame

FROM FR. JOE...

Some parishioners have noticed a slight adjustment in the placement of **the priest celebrant's chair** in our churches and wondered what that's all about. The priest's chair for Mass is a sacred symbol even more than it is a practical piece of furniture, so where it's located is an important consideration in the arrangement of the sanctuary of Catholic churches. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (the "owners manual" for Mass, if you will) states that the "best place for the chair is...at the head of the sanctuary" (no. 310), just as it is in St. Joseph's Church. This arrangement goes back to ancient times and can be seen in many Roman basilicas. But the *General Instruction* also takes into account that this isn't always feasible, depending on a church's design, such as when "the great distance would interfere with communication between the priest and the gathered assembly, or if the tabernacle is in the center behind the altar." The placement of the tabernacle in Notre Dame, St. John Bosco, and St. Helen's, therefore, requires a different approach, and so the priest's chair is off to one side.

The recent change was to turn the chair more toward the altar and pulpit. If you think about it, the priest is seated only very briefly during Mass--and when he is seated, it's either to listen to the reading of the Scriptures or to pray silently. It makes sense then that, during those moments, the priest would be turned to face in the direction of the pulpit or the altar (just as are the people in the pews), rather than to be in a position to be directly overlooking the congregation or to be looked at by its members. When the priest stands at the chair to speak, he can easily turn toward the congregation when he's addressing it, and turn toward the altar (symbol of Christ and focal point of the Mass) when he's praying aloud to the Lord. As some of a certain age may recall, this was the way the priest's chair was typically arranged in Catholic churches for hundreds of years, until just a few decades ago, and is the way the Bishop's chair is arranged in St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg.

To put it briefly: this slight change isn't only more traditional, but is meant to help your priests better focus and pray during Mass. I can attest: it's working just as intended. I've also been encouraged to hear a few of you say to me that you "got it" right away when you saw the chair turned a bit, and that it has helped you to focus your own attention, too, at Mass.

Something I've noticed in my 4 1/2 years here is that, like many small towns, Malone is rather prone to **gossip**. In the last year or so, this seems to particularly be the case when it relates to the Church--not members of their wider community spreading gossip about their Catholic neighbors, mind you, but Catholics saying hurtful things about each other, the parish, or me as your pastor.

A recent case was when several parishioners approached one of our parish staff members boldly asking what another member of the staff earned as a salary. Our staff members do not know each other's salaries, and that's not information I can or will share publicly (other than what we, your priest's, earn, which is determined by diocesan policy). The question was based on the rumor that, given their résumés, I must be paying some of our staff too much money, and that that's irresponsible in these difficult financial times. (The flip side of this argument, of course, is that we should only hire people with lesser qualifications who can be paid lesser salaries--which is not exactly a recipe for success.) It's hard for me to imagine how anyone could reach the conclusion that a person would work for the Church in hopes of getting rich. You see our annual financial reports: there's no big money

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coming in, and no big money going out. Actually, I'm somewhat embarrassed by how little I'm able to offer our staff in compensation, given the high quantity and quality of the work they do on the parish's behalf. The sacrifices they make because they believe in the mission and future of St. André's deserve to be commended, not questioned.

That is, sadly, but one example of many--and those are merely the things that make their way back around to me. For some reason, we teach kids to say, "Sticks and stone may break my bones, but names will never hurt me," and yet, deep down, we know that's not exactly true. Gossip is VERY hurtful, whether to individuals or to a parish community. It's not only hurtful: it's sinful as a violation of the eighth commandment. I know the winter's long and cold in these parts, but their must be a more positive and constructive pastime! We'd do much better to live by another childhood proverb: "If you can't say nothin' nice, don't say nothin' at all."

The Greek philosopher Socrates recommended that we ask ourselves three simple questions before sharing any information: *Is it true? Is it kind? Is it helpful?* How very wise! We certainly have an obligation not to spread falsehoods. Yet while everything we say ought to be true, we need not say everything that is true. Let's learn the value of discretion and be respectful of the reputations of others. Let's check our facts, instead of jumping to hasty conclusions. Rather than speak negatively about people and our parish and so contribute to tearing them down, let's be sure we use words to build them up.

Visit Fr. Joe's blog: <http://fromemptyhands.blogspot.com/>

FAREWELL FROM SHEILA...

My Fellow Parishioners,

I would like to thank you so much for all the cards, monetary donations and gifts that were given to me for my retirement as Music Coordinator from St. André's Parish. Music is and has been such a major part of my life for the last 42 years. The transition into retirement will be a tough one for me, so I would appreciate your prayers during this time. As Fr. Joe has stated, I'm not one to sit still for very long so hopefully I will see you at Masses occasionally. Thank you to Fr. Joe, Fr. Justin, staff Parish Council and parishioners responsible for the beautiful retirement party. Everything was greatly appreciated! I would also like to give a special thanks to choir members past and present and our cantors. It has been a pleasure working with all of you. Please welcome Marie-Claire as she assumes my position as Music Coordinator. Thank you to everyone and God Bless You. Remember...when you sing you pray twice. Sheila.

WANTED: Blessed Palms

Ash Wednesday (February 18th) will be here before you know it. The ashes used that day to mark the beginning of Lent are made by burning the branches blessed the previous year on Palm Sunday. Please bring your blessed palms to any of our churches, where baskets will be available to collect them.



MASS INTENTIONS**This Weekend – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday, Jan 31 (Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-4)**

4:00pm (ND) Rev. Norman Poupore by Derek & Jennifer Champagne & Girls

Sunday, Feb 1 (Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28)

8:00am (SJB) For The People of SAB

9:30am (SH) Deceased Members of the Gadway Family by Joe, Bev & Family

11:00am (ND) Janet LaFave by Aaron & Lori Poupore

Weekday Masses**Monday, Feb 2 (Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40)**

12:05pm (ND) Hank Oset by Brian Rizos

Tuesday, Feb 3 (Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43)

6:45am (ND) Albert G. & Rita Lemelin by Vic & Marie Sciarrino

10:15am (AHNH) All Souls by Robert Prevost

Wednesday, Feb 4 (Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6)

6:45am (ND) Richard Mallette by James & Maureen Benware

12:05pm (ND) Ned Coughlin by The Malone Duplicate Bridge Club

Thursday, Feb 5 (Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13)

6:45am (ND) Jimmy John Maguire by Neil & Kathy Seymour

Friday, Feb 6 (Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29)

6:45am (ND) William LeRoy, Sr. by Carol Higgins

12:05pm (ND) Fred & Theresa Brixius by Mary Tatro

Next Weekend – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**Saturday, Feb 7 (Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34)**

4:00pm (ND) Velma Mills by Fred & Judy Bergman

Sunday, Feb 8 (Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39)

8:00am (SJB) Dolphus Soulier by George & Lynda McLaughlin

9:30am (SH) Gladys Mae Revette by Patsy Livernois & Family

11:00am (ND) For The People of SAB



**Sunday, February 8
11:00am Mass**

BLESSING OF THROATS

Tuesday, February 3, is the feast of St. Blaise, a fourth century Armenian bishop and martyr whose intercession has long been sought for ailments of the throat. The traditional blessing of throats will be offered at Mass on his feast day and after all the Masses February 7-8.

MEET OUR NEW MUSIC COORDINATOR

(I asked Marie-Claire to write a few words to introduce herself to the parish. Be sure to introduce yourselves to her when you get a chance! --Fr. Joe)

When I first heard that a position was to open at St. André's Parish in Malone, my interest was piqued for several reasons. First was the opportunity to work with Father Joe. He and I have been acquaintances since his seminary days at Wadhams Hall, and I know his appreciation for beautiful liturgy. Another attraction for me was that I would be returning to the "north country" where most of my family lives. Visits to family members can now be made within a couple of hours in contrast to the twelve hour drive it was from Virginia. A third reason that drew me to Malone was the fact that Father Scott Seymour spoke so highly of the many gifted musicians who are members of St. André's community. I found myself getting excited, too, that I would be faced with the challenges every job entails. Thank you very much for the many warm greetings I have received from parishioners. I pray that I can be a worthy servant of the people of St. André's Parish. Please keep me in your prayers as I enter upon this new chapter of my service to the Church.

**Worship Sites of St. André's**

Notre Dame Church (ND), 11 Church Place, Malone
St. Helen's Church (SH), 755 Co. Highway 41, Chasm Falls
St. John Bosco Church (SJB), 57 Rennie Street, Malone
St. Joseph's Church (SJ), 306 West Main Street, Malone

Is God Calling YOU?

"Everyone is searching for You." If your search for the Lord is leading you to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Fr. Joe or Fr. Bryan at 483-1300 or 483-4074, or visit the Vocation website at www.myvocation.net.

Eucharistic**Adoration**

Tuesdays, 7:15am-1:00pm
Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm
Notre Dame Chapel

Consider spending an hour in prayer with the Lord, adoring him in the Most Blessed Sacrament. As Br. André said, "One hour is not a long time, one hour to speak to the good God. We have so many things to ask of God, we could stay with God forever."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

K-8 students will meet for Religious Education classes today, Sunday, February 1st at the regular time. Please note: ****High-school students do not have evening class tonight.**** Thank you!

In light of Winter Break, Religious Education classes will meet again next Sunday, February 8th at the regular times. K-8 from 9:30am-10:45am at Holy Family School and High-school students from 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m. at the Notre Dame Parish Center. Thank you!

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

Now that our celebration of National Catholic Schools Week has ended, everyone at Holy Family School wish to thank the pastors, parishioners and friends who helped make our week so special.

Contact information:
 Principal: Mrs. Whitney Brockway
 12 Homestead Park
 Malone, NY 12953
 518-483-4443
 hfspprincipal@gmail.com

Holy Family Year-Round BINGO!

Saturday Nights — Doors open at 5:30PM
 Early Bird - Progressive Bingo
 Pull Tabs - Concession

ST. ANDRÉ'S PARISH FUNDRAISERS**Bingo - St. John Bosco**

Join us for Bingo at St. John Bosco every **THURSDAY**. Its starts at 7:15pm. Bring a friend or two! Workers for February 5th Bingo - Team 4; Bell Jar - Deborah.

Starts at 7:15pm - \$1420 given away
Early Bird - Progressive Bingo
Pull Tabs
Concession

SOCIETIES AND PARISHES' EVENT(S)**Bingo - Knights of Columbus**

Every Tuesday, early bird starts at 7:15pm. Elm Street.

Knights Council Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, February 11th at 7:30pm at the Hall on Elm Street.

COMMUNITY EVENTS**Malone Adult Center - Breakfast**

Sunday, February 8th from 8:00am - 12:30pm. Menu includes French toast & pancakes w/syrup, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, sausage biscuits w/gravy, homefries, toast & beverages. Cost is: adults & Seniors - \$7, kids (6-12) - \$3, under 5 are free. Take out available, call 483-6611.

St. Mary's, Brushton - Got Cabin Fever?

Come try Modern Square Dancing on Thursday Nights at St. Mary's Parish Center, Gale Road Brushton from 6:30-8:00 pm. For more information please contact Linda at 529-7726.

St. Mary's Church, Brushton - Dinner Theater

On Saturday, February 28th, 6:00pm, the North Franklin Theater Group and St. Mary's Catholic Church presents its Annual Dinner Theater, "Death Suite". Please plan to arrive no later than 5:30pm. The Dinner Theater will be held at St. Mary's Parish Center on the Gale Road in Brushton. Menu includes: Roast Turkey or Roast Pork with all the trimming. The cost is \$28.00 per person prepaid. Please mail reservations to Eileen Miller, P.O. Box 214, Moira, NY 12957 or call 518-529-7713. Payment must be received no later than February 20th. No refunds after February 23rd.

Malone Adult Center - Spaghetti Dinner

On Saturday, February 14th from 4:00 to 6:00pm the Malone Adult Center will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner for St. Valentine's Day. Cost is \$7.00 per person. The Drew Crew Cloggers will be performing from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. All proceeds to benefit the Malone Adult Center and the Drew Crew Cloggers Pearl Harbor Trip. For more information call the Adult Center at 483-6611.

2014 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL
—Open Our Hearts—

Diocesan Goal: \$1,275,000

St. André's Parish Goal: \$44,275

Raised So Far: \$39,748.45 (90%)

Gifts Received: 348

REGIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Could you not watch with me for one hour? (Mk. 13:47)

St. Francis, Constable - Mondays, Holy Hour,
 7-8:00pm w/confessions

Notre Dame, Malone - Tuesdays following
 6:45am Mass until 1:00pm

St. Mary's, Ft. Covington - Wednesday
 following 5:30pm Mass

Notre Dame, Malone - Thursdays, 7:00-
 8:00pm w/confessions

St. Mary's, Brushton - 1st Thursdays, 6:30-
 7:30pm

St. Patrick's, Chateaugay - 1st Fridays from
 9-10 am

St. Anne's, St. Regis Falls - 1st Saturday
 following 4:30pm anticipated Mass



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents who wish to have a child baptized should contact Rev. Joseph Giroux to make arrangements for the date and for a program of preparation. Parents are highly encouraged to make arrangements at least three months before the child is born, as the Catholic Church encourages Baptism for infants as soon as possible after birth. Adults and older children (seven years or older) interested in Baptism or entering into full communion with the Catholic Church should inquire about the program of preparation (R.C.I.A.: the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

A Catholic wishing to be married in one of our churches should contact one of the priests at least six months prior to the desired date in order to begin making arrangements. A program of preparation is required. The parish should be contacted before any other plans are made—for example, the wedding reception.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For those preparing for surgery, nursing home residents, or the homebound, contact one of the parish priests to make arrangements to be anointed. For those in the hospital (especially in the event of an emergency), ask the hospital staff to contact the priest on call.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

| | 01/25/15 | 01/26/14 | 01/27/13 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Envelopes | \$ 7,279.00 | \$ 8,236.00 | \$ 9,171.00 |
| Plate | \$ 470.27 | \$ 953.62 | \$ 813.02 |
| TOTAL | \$ 7,749.27 | \$ 9,189.62 | \$ 9,984.02 |
| Envelopes Used | 274 | 344 | 308 |
| Special Collections | 01/25/15 | 01/26/14 | 01/27/13 |
| Respect Life | \$2,131.20 | \$2,416.15 | \$3,079.81 |

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