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

October 12, 2014

Twenty-Eighth 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

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Pastoral Associate

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Director of Christian Formation

Mrs. Sheila Maneely
Music Coordinator

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"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 Saint Joseph

First Sunday of the Month

Before the 8:30 A.M. Mass
at Saint Helen

SUNDAY MASS

Anticipated (Saturday)
4:00 P.M. at Saint Joseph

Sunday

7:45 A.M. at Notre Dame
8:30 A.M. at Saint Helen
9:15 A.M. at Saint Joseph
10:30 A.M. at Saint John Bosco
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 Saint Joseph

Thursday

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

FROM FR. JOE...**Revision to the Mass Schedule**

On August 3, we announced a new Mass schedule for St. André's Parish. Since then, the members of our Pastoral Council and I have been receiving abundant feedback. The Council met on September 29 and, as we'd promised, we discussed parishioners' reactions—and did so at great length. (Be assured that all comments shared were kept completely anonymous.) We've listened to your concerns, and considered them all very carefully. **A unanimous vote (14-0) was taken to move the time of our Saturday anticipated Mass back to 4:00pm, and I have accepted that recommendation.** It will be offered at St. Joseph's from spring through fall, and at Notre Dame in the winter.

Based on the experience of the last couple of months, a few things need to be cleared up.

When we ask for your opinion, we sincerely mean it

We held two listening sessions during the past year, I preached on the matter, in the bulletin we invited your comments for five full weeks ahead of time, we published the times of our open Pastoral Council meetings...and yet a very small percentage of our parishioners chose to speak up before an initial decision was made about changing Mass times. But since we announced the new schedule two months ago, I've barely been able to have a conversation in Malone with anybody about anything else. We spent a lot of time inviting your comments because we want—we *need*—to know what's on your mind. If you speak up sooner than later, it's a whole lot easier on everyone involved. The members of the Council and I try to make ourselves readily available to you...and we really do care.

Mass schedules are never "final"

Mass times are always a work in progress, based upon the changing needs of parishioners and availability of clergy. Those who have already decided to switch their Mass attendance to other nearby parishes should know: in the near future, some of them will be realigning, too...so you can expect to deal with changing schedules again. I have noticed lately that a number of other denominations in and around Malone have been announcing new times for their services as well. The schedule at St. André's will continue to be examined and reviewed.

I sure wish we could have at least tried it

Before we reached our initial decision, many requests were made for a later "evening" Mass in the weekend schedule. And, believe it or not, a pretty good number of parishioners were happy about the change to 5:15pm. "4:00pm is still in the middle of the day," was what I kept hearing. I'm so sorry we got your hopes up.

Let's not forget about Religious Education

Some have wondered why there's no midmorning Sunday Mass in the village. "Couldn't the 8:00am be at St. Helen's?" a few have asked. But a priority in establishing the new schedule was to avoid as much conflict as possible with our Sunday morning Religious Education Program (which currently runs twice a month from 9:30-10:45am for grades K-8, involving 125 children). If we have Mass and class at the same time, we find that many families choose just one over the other...and it's often class. We need our kids in church! They're our future, of course, and therefore also an absolutely essential part of the present.

FROM FR. JOE... (Continued)**Speaking of the kids...**

Without a 9:15am Mass, we will be losing our usual time and place for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. (Those who have faithfully been working with the kids at this time have decided not to start again this September if they couldn't see the whole year through. This was their decision, not mine.) We are currently planning something new to begin in January called "Children's Church." One Sunday each month, coordinated with our Religious Education calendar, the 11:00am Mass will have a special accent on the children, with a homily geared specifically to our youngsters and appropriate roles for them to play (such as bringing up the gifts, serving as greeters, and eventually maybe something with music). I think this will help our youngest parishioners to feel more welcome and involved in church.

What about daily Mass?

The times of daily Masses will remain unchanged, but the 6:45am Mass (as well as Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays) will also move to Notre Dame for the winter.

St. Joseph's will reopen

Do not believe any rumors to the contrary. We've fixed the date for Palm Sunday (March 29). We'll share more specifics as that date approaches.

We'll do our best to take care of the building

An engineer has been brought in to advise us on what steps need to be taken to assure that closing St. Joseph's for the winter will not damage the structure. We're trying to consider every angle.

How much will be saved?

A few folks have wondered why a formal study wasn't made about what we hope to save by closing St. Joseph's for the winter versus what it might cost to make some improvements. Given that interest, we're looking to get some professional recommendations and estimates on what it would take to make the place more efficient. Nonetheless, the decision was made based on things we already know—a litany of problems not easily overcome: St. Joseph's is a huge space, with high ceilings and walls without insulation, with its boiler at the far end of the structure, designed at a time when fuel was cheap. Last winter, it cost us \$19,000 to heat St. Joseph's during January, February, and March, while during the same period it cost us \$16,600 to heat the other three churches *combined*. (Even before Notre Dame's 1994 boiler was replaced in 2012, it still cost only one third of what it did to heat St. Joseph's with the current unit installed in 1998.)

It's not about the money

Some are claiming that changing Mass times and closing a church for the winter are simply a money grab: an effort to "steal" generous bequests left to St. Joseph's over the years. It's important to remember that each of the four original parishes came into the new parish with some savings and all of their debts paid. Yes, St. Joseph's had the most money in the bank...but it also came with some of the biggest bills and the largest annual deficit—running short in its regular yearly income for at least a decade now, totaling \$48,000 for the last fiscal year alone. (All of these deficits were covered by taking money out of those bequests.) None of our four parishes were in any position to survive separately for very long—financially or otherwise.

FROM FR. JOE... (Continued)**It shouldn't be about convenience**

The most common and loudest complaints registered have been that the new Mass schedule interferes with people's supper, breakfast, or coffee times. It's heartbreaking to get the impression that such things are of greater importance to some parishioners than a regular appointment to gather together at the Lord's Table. One of our "senior" priests once said to me that he believes the worst mistake the Catholic Church ever made was to allow for anticipated Masses. Why? Because it has fostered a *convenience* mentality when it comes to practicing the faith. The Mass, on the other hand, is about *sacrifice*—Christ's and our own. I've been greatly encouraged to hear many of our young families respond to the new schedule by saying, "It may not be at our preferred time, and may not be in our preferred church, *but we still have Mass*, and that's really the only thing that matters. We'll adjust."

Can we all please speak and act like Christians?

The words and behavior of some of our parishioners in reacting to the new schedule has been disappointing, even disturbing. It's one thing to have strong feelings, it's quite another to be mean. Pastoral Council members have been treated with exceptional rudeness: addressed with foul language *right in church*, accosted while out in public places, and cruelly called "traitors" and "spies." I've been told I'm lazy and out-of-touch with reality. And then there's all the hurtful gossip being spread about, without anyone ever bothering to check on the actual facts...or completely disbelieving those facts once they're obtained. With all this negative and nasty talk by Catholics around town about their parish, their pastor, and one another, parishioners must be wondering why they ought to stick around, and outsiders thinking they'd best stay away. And it certainly won't encourage any young men to consider the priesthood, either. *I can't be sure why some people feel the need to build walls rather than open doors.* What I do know is that the devil's made it his job to sow seeds of dissension, while the Holy Spirit's work is always to foster unity. Rest assured that the Pastoral Council and I only have the best interests of our parish at heart. I'll wrap up by making the words of St. Paul my own: *If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vain-glory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also every-one for those of others* (Phil 2:1-4)

St. André's Parish Pastoral Council

Norman Bonner, Charlotte Broeker, Wendy Cappiello, Jim Coughlin (Trustee), Ruth Demarse, Mary Hart, Pam Leduc (Trustee), Robert Main, Molly McKee, Andrea Savage, Neil Seymour, Colleen Scott, Patrick Tatro, and Cana Tighe

**New Sunday Mass Schedule
Effective January 1, 2015****Anticipated Mass (Saturday)**

4:00pm Summer: St. Joseph's Church
Winter: Notre Dame Church

Sunday Masses

8:00am St. John Bosco Church
9:30am St. Helen's Church
11:00am Notre Dame Church

MASS INTENTIONS**This Weekend – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday, Oct 11 (Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28)**

4:00pm (SJ) Michael Maguire by the Meagan Family

Sunday, Oct 12 (Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14)

7:45am (ND) Nancy Brusco by James & Joan Robideau
8:30am (SH) Shirley Bashaw by Husband, Don & Family
9:15am (SJ) Maurice & Angie McElwain by John & Linda McElwain
10:30am (SJB) James Jandrew by Gladys Jandrew
11:00am (ND) For The People of SAB

Weekday Masses**Monday, Oct 13 (Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/Lk 11:29-32)**

9:00am (ND) Janet LaFave by Lloyd & Diane White

Tuesday, Oct 14 (Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41)

6:45am (SJ) Gordy Stalter by the Family
10:15am (AHNH) Gladys Brown by Nancy Carey

Wednesday, Oct 15 (Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46)

6:45am (SJ) Pearl Baker (26th Ann) by Linda and Family
12:05pm (ND) The Latulipe Family by Teresa

Thursday, Oct 16 (Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54)

6:45am (SJ) Deceased Members of the Caskin and Lamitie Families by Shirley & Family

Friday, Oct 17 (Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7)

6:45am (SJ) Alice Ballard
12:05pm (ND) Richard Poissant by Margaret Poissant

Next Weekend – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**Saturday, Oct 18 (2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9)**

4:00pm (SJ) Deceased Members of the Connors and Gilligan Families by John & Bev Connors

Sunday, Oct 19 (Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21)

7:45am (ND) For The People of SAB
8:30am (SH) Jerry, Theresa & Bobby Joe DuMont by the Family
9:15am (SJ) Richard "Joe" Yando by the Conaway Family
10:30am (SJB) Donald Dumont by Jack & Judy Pelkey
11:00am (ND) Nora Lepine by the Family

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

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 October 16th: Bingo - Team 3; Bell Jar - Deborah.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes will meet again on Sunday, Oct. 19th. K-8 from 9:30a.m.-10:45a.m. at Holy Family School and High-School students from 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m. at the Notre Dame Parish Center.

Youth Event: High School Half-Day Hangout, Thursday, Oct. 23 from 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m. at the Notre Dame Parish Center. Samantha has a lot of great ideas for the upcoming year, but needs your help putting them into place! Come for lunch, to help Samantha brainstorm, or for a change of location to get some homework done or study for the ACT's. Food, Wi-Fi and studying materials will be provided (index cards, markers, white boards, etc.) RSVP to Samantha by Wednesday, Oct. 22 via e-mail at samanthafazioli@twcny.rr.com. Coordinate carpooling and spread the word!

March for Life 2015

If any high school student is interested in attending the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. this January, please contact Samantha at the office ASAP for more information. We will be leaving the night of Wednesday, January 21st and returning the night of Saturday, January 24th. Cost is \$125 (partial scholarships are available upon request). During our time in Washington, D.C. we will be touring the National Monuments, attending the Holocaust Museum and the Smithsonian, attending the LIFE IS VERY GOOD Evening of Prayer with Matt Maher, as well as a Youth Rally Mass at the Verizon Center and other various things. Most importantly, we will be joining with thousands of other people from across the country in the pro-life movement by walking in the March for Life to stand for the dignity and sanctity of the human person. Seats fill quickly, so PLEASE let Samantha know as soon as possible! You can contact her at the office at 483-1300 or via e-mail at samanthafazioli@twcny.rr.com. Thank you!

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

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

4th Degree Knights of OLV#711 Meeting

Monday, October 20th at 7:30pm, Malone Knights of Columbus on Elm Street

SAB Women

Monthly meeting will be held **Tues., Oct. 14, 6:30 PM** at Notre Dame Parish Center. Prayer, socializing and continued planning for the SAB Women's/Rosary Society. Come and bring a friend! For info or rides, contact Mary Degon, 483-1449.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

For information about Holy Family School please call the school at 518-483-4443 or email Mrs. Whitney Brockway at hfsprincipal@gmail.com

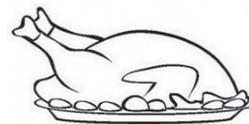
Holy Family Year-Round BINGO!

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

Annual Parish Turkey Dinner

Saturday, October 25, 4:00-6:30pm
St. Helen's Parish Center

Turkey dinner with all the fixings & homemade desserts
Adults, \$10 / Seniors, \$8 / Ages 6-12, \$5 / 5 & Under, Free



We're looking for help from All St. André's Parishioners!

Homemade Desserts Needed

Double crust fruit pies or other baked desserts

Potato Peelers Needed

Friday, October 24, 9-11am & 6:30-8pm

Dining Room & Clean Up Workers Needed

Saturday, October 25, from 3:30 pm

To volunteer your time or contribute a dessert,
please call the parish office at 483-1300
Thanks so much!

COMMUNITY EVENTS**CC of Burke & Chateaugay, Harvest Dinner**

On Sunday, October 19th CCBC will hold their 33rd Annual Yankee Pot Roast Dinner at the Parish Center in Chateaugay. Servings will take place at 12:00pm, 2:30pm and 5:00pm. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling Pat Jones at 497-3183 or Mary Lou Dwyer at 497-3154. Take-outs will be available for pickup or delivery at 1:00pm or 4:00pm. Cost is: Adults - \$9.00; Kids ages 6 to 11 - \$4.00 and kids under 5 free.

St. Mary's, Brushton - Harvest Craft Fair

On Saturday, October 18th from 9am to 3pm, St. Mary's in Brushton will be holding their Harvest Craft Fair at the Parish Center. There will be over 40 tables of beautiful hand crafted items from throughout Northern New York, silent auction, bake sale and raffles. Lunch will be available at the parish center.

St. Mary's, Ft. Covington - Harvest Dinner

St. Mary's of the Fort will be holding their Harvest Dinner on Sunday, October 19th from 11:00am to 2:00PM at the St. Mary's Parish Center. Menu includes Roasted Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Adults: \$9.00, Children ages 5 to 12: \$5.00, and children under 5: Free. There will be takeouts available. Also, there will be a Country Store (baked/canned goods, fresh produce, etc.), multi-prize raffle and 50/50 raffle.

CC of Burke & Chateaugay - Secretary/Bookkeeper

The Catholic Community of Burke and Chateaugay is seeking a highly motivated self starter for the position of Secretary/Bookkeeper in the parish office. Duties will include reception, bookkeeping- knowledge of Quickbooks desirable, parish record keeping and submission of diocesan forms. The ability to understand the need for compassion and confidentiality is imperative. Deadline for applications is October 22nd. For a complete job description including application requirements contact Jo Ann Stumpf, Parish Council at [518-353-1515](tel:518-353-1515).

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on Monday, October 13th in observance of Columbus Day.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend our parish will celebrate **World Mission Sunday**. This year we are invited to reach out and help build the Church in Mongolia, the world's youngest Catholic Church, as well as local churches throughout the Missions, in the most remote areas across our world. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace. Please keep the Missions in your daily prayers. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. For more information, please visit www.IAmAMissionary.org.

DIOCESAN EVENT(S)

Family Life Office

The Diocese of Ogdensburg is looking for married couples to be presenters in our Pre-Cana Program. If you are interested in being involved in this ministry, please contact: Deacon Henry and Dayna Leader 622 Washington Street, PO Box 369, Ogdensburg, NY 13669; call (315) 393-2920; or email: dleader@rcdony.org

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	10/05/14	10/06/13	10/07/12
Envelopes	\$ 9,617.00	\$12,248.00	\$12,877.00
Plate	\$ 979.80	\$ 1,184.85	\$ 1,160.70
TOTAL	\$10,596.80	\$13,432.85	\$14,037.70
Envelopes Used	357	376	408

2014 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL
—Open Our Hearts—

Diocesan Goal: \$1,275,000

St. André's Parish Goal: \$44,275

Raised So Far: \$28,314.92 (64%)

Gifts Received: 239

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