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

December 21, 2014
Fourth Sunday of Advent



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

Sister Barbara Schiavoni, GNSH
Pastoral Associate

Ms. Samantha Fazioli
Director of Christian Formation

Mrs. Sheila Maneely
Music Coordinator

Ms. Darlene Livernois
Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Phyllis Smith
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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

LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP**Christmas 2014**

*"How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
Who brings good news,
Who announces salvation,
Who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'"* (Isaiah 52:7)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

We join the watchmen of ancient Israel and sing for joy at our Savior's coming. Today we celebrate our belief that, because God took on human flesh, every person is made holy. In that stable in Bethlehem, the sacred and the profane have come together. Through God's physical entrance into our time and world, even time itself and everything on earth are made holy, are sanctified.

The Church of Ogdensburg has embarked upon a focused journey of holiness. We have encountered the God-Child in the stable and, like the watchmen and then the shepherds of that holiest of nights, we now go out into the streets and onto our country roads, with a message like none other, a message our troubled hearts and fractured world yearns to hear: **Find your home in Christ: Renew Faith, Nurture Hope, Discover Love.**

Especially on Christmas, we shouldn't forget that too many families are homeless. Many do not know Christ. For some, faith, hope, love--holiness are pipedreams. But we insist that everything has changed! We rejoice that God has come into our world, in human flesh, and that has made all the difference. The Christmas message we proclaim is born of a vision that sees Christ in every person: particularly the poor and suffering, the persecuted and forgotten.

Christmas is the festival of God's infinite love and mercy, the festival of tomorrow's possibilities, the festival of our salvation--truly a time of hope for all people. Today, in spite of the darkness that envelops so much of our world, we are not resigned to hopelessness or despair. No. Proof of God's hope for the world can be found in the One who wore swaddling clothes in a manger and later a loin cloth on a cross. God has rescued us from the power of darkness. That's the message for every ear to hear and every heart to embrace.

This Christmas, may the Christ Child bring you and your loved ones the Gift of Love, the Blessing of Hope and the Promise of Peace. A blessed Christmas and joy-filled New Year!

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 36 retired priests, and 10 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$793,400 in 2014-15. Also 95% of the cost of health insurance premiums for retired priests is paid by the Plan. Your generous contribution not only supports current retirees but will also help provide for the retirement needs of priests who will retire in the future. Say *thank you* to your pastor and all priests of the diocese through a generous contribution to our Christmas Collection.

FROM FR. JOE...

The days between now and Christmas are so, so few--but, if you're like me, the items on your list of things to do are still so, so many. How easy it is to lose perspective when things get really busy! And yet how very important to keep our focus on why there's all this frantic activity in the first place. Let's make every effort in these final days of Advent to "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus" (Heb 12:2): it is his birthday, after all!

From Fr. Justin, Fr. Stitt, Deacon Bryan, Sr. Barbara, and the entire staff here at St. André's Parish, I extend our fervent, prayerful wish for a most blessed Christmas to you and yours.

Merry Christmas!


Urgent! Help Wanted!

We are still in need of altar servers for the 10:00pm Mass at Notre Dame on Christmas Eve. If you are able to help, please let us know as soon as possible.

Eucharistic Adoration

Because both the Christmas and New Years holidays fall on Thursdays this year, there will be no Holy Hour with Confessions on either December 25 or January 1.

CHRISTMAS MASSES***St. André Bessette Parish******Wednesday, December 24-Christmas Eve***

4:00pm St. Joseph's, Malone (with pageant)
4:00pm Notre Dame, Malone
7:00pm St. Helen's, Chasm Falls
10:00pm Notre Dame, Malone

Thursday, December 25-Christmas Day

9:15am St. Joseph's, Malone
10:30am St. John Bosco, Malone

Other Area Masses***Wednesday, December 24-Christmas Eve***

4:00pm St. Patrick's, Chateaugay
4:00pm St. Mary's, Brushton
4:30pm St. Mary's, Ft. Covington
5:30pm St. Francis, Constable
6:00pm St. George's, Burke
8:00pm St. Augustine, North Bangor
8:00pm St. Joseph's, Bombay
Midnight St. Mary, Ft. Covington
Midnight St. Augustine, North Bangor

Thursday, December 25-Christmas Day

9:00am St. Joseph's, Bombay
10:00am Our Lady of Fatima, Westville
10:00am St. Patrick's, Chateaugay
11:00am St. Mary's Brushton

MASS INTENTIONS**This Weekend – 4th Sunday of Advent****Saturday, Dec 20 (Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38)**

4:00pm (SJ) L. Patrick Conto by the Family

Sunday, Dec 21 (2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38)

7:45am (ND) Gordy Stalter by the Family

8:30am (SH) Earl Livernois (11th Ann) and Annette

Livernois (47th Ann) by the Family

9:15am (SJ) Howard & Eunice Monette by Their Family

10:30am (SJB) James Jandrew (9th Ann) by Gladys Jandrew

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

Weekday Masses**Monday, Dec 22 (1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56)**

12:05pm (ND) Freeda R. Fayette by the Estate

Tuesday, Dec 23 (Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66)

6:45am (SJ) Alice Ballard

10:15am (AHNH) Joseph Poissant by Margaret Poissant

Wednesday, Dec 24 (Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25)

4:00pm - St. Joseph's with Pageant

4:00pm - Notre Dame

7:00pm - St. Helen's

10:00pm - Notre Dame

Thursday, Dec 25 (Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18)

9:15am - St. Joseph's

10:30am - St. John Bosco

Friday, Dec 26 (Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22)6:45am (SJ) *No Mass*

12:05pm (ND) Bernard & Elaine Miner by Margaret & Robert LeClair

Next Weekend – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**Saturday, Dec 27 (1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8)**

4:00pm (SJ) Hazel Quenville by Lisa Amsler

Sunday, Dec 28 (Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3)

7:45am (ND) For The People of SAB

8:30am (SH) Joel Harwood by Walter Brockway and Family

9:15am (SJ) Edward Clark by the Family

10:30am (SJB) Donald F. LaBrake by Wife, Marie and Family

11:00am (ND) Bernard V. Murphy by Agnes & 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

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

**Christmas Pageant**

Rehearsal for our children's Christmas pageant will take place on Sunday, December 21, at 12:15pm in St. Joseph's Church. The pageant itself will be at the beginning of the 4:00pm Mass at St. Joseph's on Christmas Eve. We have parts for as many children as would like to be involved! For more information, to let us know you're coming, or if your child would like to participate but can't make the rehearsal, please call Sue Wilson-Scott at 483-1868.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes meet today, Sunday Dec. 21st at the regular time. K-8 from 9:30a.m.-10:45a.m. and high-school students from 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m. at the Notre Dame Parish Center.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas!

Is God Calling YOU?

“Be it done unto me according to your word.” Docile obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer. If God may be inviting you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious, call Fr. Joe or Fr. Bryan at 483-1300 or 483-4074, or visit the Vocation website at www.myvocation.net.

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

St. Joseph's, 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



SOCIETIES AND PARISHES' EVENT(S)

Bingo - Knights of Columbus

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

Choir News

Choir practices for the **10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass** will be held on Monday, December 22nd at Notre Dame Church. Anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument for Christmas, contact Sheila at the Church office at 483-1300.

ST. ANDRÉ'S PARISH FUNDRAISERS

Bingo - St. John Bosco

There will be no Bingo held on Thursday, December 25th or Thursday, January 1st. It will resume on Thursday, January 8, 2015.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Northern Adirondack Vocal Ensemble

The Northern Adirondack Vocal Ensemble will give two performances of a Festival of Lessons and Carols. Anthems, carols, and hymns illuminate the Christmas story along with community readers and congregational singing in the beloved tradition of King's College, Cambridge. The first performance is on Saturday, December 27th at 7:30pm at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh, and the second one is Sunday, December 28th at 4:00pm at St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10.00. For more information please find us on Facebook or contact drew.benware@gmail.com.

GIVING TREE THANKS

Heartfelt thanks to all who took a tag and returned a gift. Your generosity was greatly appreciated by residents of Valehaven and the Alice Hyde and Franklin County Nursing Homes (*Notre Dame tree*); our homebound parishioners (*St. John Bosco tree*); local children (*St. Joseph's tree*); and patrons of Catholic Charities' food pantry (*St. Helen's tree*). Your kindness reflects the true spirit of Christmas and is a beautiful witness to your faith. **Thank you one and all!**

CHRISTMAS SERVER SCHEDULE

ATTENTION: Due to limited space in the bulleting, the Christmas Schedule this year will be mailed to all the Lectors, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers who will be scheduled to serve for Christmas. Thanks.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed for Christmas on **Wednesday, December 24 at 12:00pm, Thursday, December 25, and Friday, December 26.**



**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

**2014 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL
—Open Our Hearts—**

Diocesan Goal: \$1,275,000

St. André's Parish Goal: \$44,275

Raised So Far: \$37,951.92 (86%)

Gifts Received: 330

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

Your Pastoral Council members want to hear from you! Please feel free to approach them with your questions, suggestions, and concerns.

ATTENTIONS USHERS!

As the Mass schedule changes in just a few weeks, we want to make sure we don't lose track of you! Please complete and cut out the slip below, and then drop it in the Sunday collection basket so that we can know who to expect and when to expect them. Many, many thanks for your faithful service!



Name _____

Phone _____

Please circle the Mass you plan to attend:

4:00pm (SJ/ND)

8:00am (SJB)

9:30am (SH)

11:00am (ND)

I am already serving as an usher.

I am interested in helping as an usher.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents who wish to have a child baptized should contact Sister Barbara 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

The bulletin was sent to print early due to the holiday. The collection amounts for 12/21 and Christmas will be printed next week

"There are three kinds of giving: grudge giving says, I have to; duty giving says, I ought to; thanksgiving says, I want to. The first comes from constraint; the second from a sense of obligation; the third from a full heart."

Rev. Robert Rodenmayer

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