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

September 13, 2015
Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time



St. André Bessette, pray for us!

Father Joseph W. Giroux
Pastor

Father Scott Belina
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 St. Joseph

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 St. Joseph

Thursday

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



REMINDER
The 11:00am Mass
next Sunday, September 20,
which kicks off the annual Holy
Harvest Festival
will take place in the
tent behind Holy Family School,
not in Notre Dame Church

FROM FR. JOE...

I'm away this weekend, taking part in the annual **Adirondack Canoe Classic**, the 3-day, 90-mile paddling race from Old Forge to Saranac Lake. I hope to be off the water early Sunday afternoon...and not flat on my back for too long after that. Thanks to Fr. Scott and Fr. Stitt for covering all the Masses.

Next Sunday is **Commitment Sunday for the 2015 Bishop's Fund Appeal**. You are encouraged to bring your gift to the Bishop's Fund to Mass next Sunday. Whether you bring your gift to Mass, send it in by mail, or contribute online, I strongly urge everybody to give something in support of the important works of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and to help St. André's reach it's goal of nearly \$40,000 this year.

Pope Francis has declared an extraordinary jubilee year from December 8, 2015, until November 20, 2016—a **Holy Year of Mercy**. Pope Francis made the news recently about the Year of Mercy when discussing a special permission for priests to lift the excommunication incurred through abortion. There's been a fair bit of confusion in the media about what this really means, so I asked Fr. Stitt to write a little piece that will hopefully clear up a few things.

BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL United As One Family

In the coming week, you will receive a letter and brochure from Bishop LaValley asking you to join him in supporting the 2015 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Next weekend we will have "Commitment Weekend" for the Appeal in our parish. Please remember - every gift makes a difference - every gift counts. Any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund which assists families in need in our community and throughout the Diocese. You are invited to bring your gift next weekend for Commitment Weekend and place it in the collection basket or return it to Bishop LaValley in the envelope provided. Online giving is also available at www.rcdony.org/bishop-s-fund-appeal -- click on the "Donate Now" tab (found in the tool bar on the left). Thank you once again for your generosity and support.



If you'd like to contribute to St. André's Parish electronically—one time only or monthly, either from your checking account or credit card—you can now do so directly from the parish website: standres.org. Thanks for your generosity!

ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH 7TH ANNUAL HOLY HARVEST FESTIVAL

Will be held at Holy Family
School
on Homestead Park
Sunday, September 20, 2015
Noon until 3:00pm
(Mass Starts at 11:00am)



This fun day includes a harvest dinner, raffle, harvest table, many free children's activities and music by the Old Timer's Band

We need your help!

Harvest Table: homemade baked harvest goodies:

Pies, other baked goods, jams, pickles, relishes, etc. Please contact Kelly or David Petrelli at 483-3767.

Bundt Cakes for dessert:

We will need 30 to 35 of them. Please contact Kelly or David Petrelli at 483-3767. Please bring to Holy Family School on Saturday, September 19th.

Volunteers

We need help in all areas during the day of the festival. Please contact Darcy Gervais at 481-5822.

Smoked Pulled Pork Dinner: Dinner will start at 12:00pm. Menu includes: Roast Pork, potato salad, coleslaw, corn on the cob, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, rolls, dessert & beverages. Cost is: Adult - \$10.00, seniors - \$8.00, and children - \$6.00 (ages 6-12), children 5 and under free. Take out dinners will also be available.

Raffle Tickets - 1st Prize is \$1,000.00

Don't forget to sell your raffle tickets. If we sell five of them each, this will be a great benefit for all of us. There will also be raffle tickets sold at the event.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL



Holy Family School opened its doors for the 26th year to 145 students on September 3rd. New Principal, Mrs. Marianne Jadlos, and the faculty and staff greeted the students as they and their families entered the building. Along with getting into the school routine, students have been harvesting some of the vegetables in the garden they planted last spring.

For more information regarding a Catholic Education, call Mrs. Marianne Jadlos, Principal at Holy Family School, at 518-483-4443 or email her at hfsprincipal@gmail.com.

Holy Family Year-Round BINGO!

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

MASS INTENTIONS**This Weekend – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday, Sept 12 (1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49)**

4:00pm (SJ) Shirley M. Yando by Irene Betters and the Derouchie, Mallette and Gibbon Families

Sunday, Sept 13 (Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35)

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

9:30am (SH) Jeannine Sullivan by Andrea, Victor & Jacqueline

11:00am (ND) Frederick Brixius by Frank & Theresa Marshall

Weekday Masses**Monday, Sept 14 (Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17)**

12:05pm (ND) Gerard D'Amour by Wife, Thelma and Family

Tuesday, Sept 15 (1 Tm 3:1-13/Jn 19:25-27)

6:45am (SJ) Ernest & Evelyn Sprague by Linda and Family

10:15am (TAC) *No Mass***Wednesday, Sept 16 (1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35)**6:45am (SJ) *No Mass*

12:05pm (ND) James John Maguire by Michael Meagan

Thursday, Sept 17 (1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50)

6:45am (SJ) Paul & Irene Maneley by Jean & John Gokey

Friday, Sept 18 (1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3)

6:45am (SJ) Besser Hanna by Carolyn Gervais & Family

12:05pm (ND) Charmaine & Bob Marshall by the Family

Next Weekend – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**Saturday, Sept 19 (1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15)**

4:00pm (SJ) Allen Bashaw by Paul Bashaw, Cheryl Murray, Susan Comito & Families

Sunday, Sept 20 (Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37)

8:00am (SJB) Bernadette & Myron Purdy by Wayne & Mary Anne

9:30am (SH) Nicholas I. Myatt by the Family

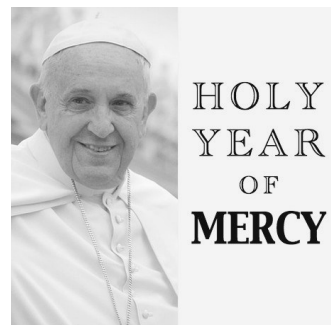
11:00am (ND) For The People of SAB

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

Tuesday Nursing Home Mass

The Alice Center (TAC), 45 Sixth Street, Malone
Held in the 2nd floor West Dining Room

**Abortion and
the Year of Mercy***Fr. Bryan Stitt*

I know scores of women who have had abortions. I've been the chaplain for eight Rachel's Vineyard Retreats right here in Saranac Lake, and I've attended another in Pittsburgh, PA with approximately seven post-abortive women at each retreat. So when the news came out yesterday that Pope Francis was allowing all priests to lift the penalty of excommunication that comes with abortion, I thought of these women.

The media surprised many people (my own sister included) by making it sound like abortion was unforgivable before Pope Francis came up with this great idea. And the media confused even more people by pointing out that this was a temporary offering. (This special permission will be granted to all priests throughout the Year for Mercy—December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016.)

First of all a little background: abortion brings with it the penalty of excommunication. I'm not a canon law scholar. I don't know the history of when this went on the books. But I do know that it was done for two very pastoral reasons: First, the Church wanted to do everything in her power to discourage people from killing children in the womb. You can imagine "I can't get an abortion, I'll get excommunicated" being an ecclesiastical version of "I can't do X, my mother will kill me!" Secondly, the Church wanted to acknowledge just how much grief so many people feel after the abortion has taken place.

This is what made me think of the Rachel's Vineyard retreatants. At the retreat many of them talk about "forbidden grief." They are grieving the deaths of their children, but they feel forbidden from doing so—since to some degree or other, they chose those deaths. For them, the gravity of their decision cannot be overemphasized. There is a strange division inside of them: on one hand they want mercy, on the other they think that mercy is too good to be true. Hearing the priest say: "I absolve you of your sins, in the name of the Father..." just won't cut it for them. That's where the excommunication makes sense. It's saying what most of the women that I've meet on the retreat already know: my actions have separated me from the communion of the Church. This stuff is serious.

Here's the deal, ever since Jesus spoke with the woman caught in adultery, the Church has been trying to love the sinner and hate the sin. So the sentiment behind the papal decision is nothing new. Instead it's a reminder that some sins are incredibly terrible, but that we must love everyone—especially those who are living in the midst of sin and death. Jesus wants us all to know freedom and truth and beauty.

One last thing, here in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, for longer than the 12 years that I've been a priest, the priests of the Diocese have been granted the faculty to lift the penalty of excommunication on behalf of the bishop. So here in the North Country, (and from what I understand, in most dioceses) the Papal announcement is nothing new—except a great reminder from our Holy Father that our God is loving and merciful.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes have begun! Please keep all of our students and catechists in your prayers. Students in grades K-8 meet Sunday, Sept. 13 at Holy Family School from 9:30a.m.-10:45a.m. and High-School Confirmation II students will meet at the Notre Dame Parish Center from 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m. Our next class is Sunday, Sept. 27th. Thank you!

Any High-School student that is interested in attending the High-School Leadership Weekend at Camp Guggenheim the weekend of September 25th can get more information from Samantha or Lauren at the office or the Diocesan website at www.rcdony.org/leadership. Check out the flyers posted in any of our churches. Registration deadline is September 22nd.

SOCIETIES AND PARISHES' EVENT(S)

Bingo - Knights of Columbus

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

Choir News

*** **Parents of children in grades 4-8** who are interested in singing each month at the Children's Mass will need to contact Marie-Claire by phone [parish office (518)483-1300] or by email mcd13601@yahoo.com. The children's choir will also sing at one of the 4:00pm Masses on Christmas Eve and on Easter Sunday at the 11:00am Mass at Notre Dame Church. Rehearsals will be weekly, day and time "to be decided".

*** **High school students** interested in singing or playing instruments at Mass for special occasions like Christmas, Easter and Confirmation should contact Marie-Claire at the parish office (483-1300) or by email mcd13601@yahoo.com. Instruments can be woodwinds, guitars, strings, brass, or piano. There will be regular rehearsals to prepare for the Masses. Rehearsals will be weekly, day and time "to be decided".

*** **Men interested in singing** in a "chant schola" (a choir that sings Chant music for Mass—English and some Latin) please contact Marie-Claire by phone [parish office (518)483-1300] or by email mcd13601@yahoo.com. The schola will sing on the Feast of Christ the King, (Nov. 22), the Sundays of Advent (December) and Lent (February and April). The schola will sing the Entrance Antiphon, the Offertory Antiphon, and a seasonal Communion Antiphon. Rehearsals will be weekly, day and time "to be announced".

*** **Men or women** who are interested in acting as **cantors** (leading the singing at Mass) need to contact Marie-Claire by phone [parish office (518)483-1300] or by email mcd13601@yahoo.com to schedule a meeting to determine eligibility. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors in high school will need parental approval, and will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian when rehearsing (according to the diocesan requirements of working with minors—VIRTUS Program).

St. André's Parish Rosary Society - Next Meeting

The Rosary Society of St. André Bessette Parish is having a meeting on September 15th at 6:00pm. It will be a covered dish supper at the Notre Dame Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited to attend. Bring a dish to pass and your own place setting. Plans for the upcoming year will be discussed. For further information, call Donna Sauther at 483-4922.

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 September 17th - Bingo - Team 1; Bell Jar - Deborah.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Malone Adult Center - Breakfast

Sunday, September 13th from 8:00am - 12:00pm at 14906 State Route 30 North, Malone. Menu includes French toast & pancakes w/syrup, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, sausage biscuits w/gravy, homefries, toast & beverages. Cost is: adults & Seniors - \$8, kids (6-12) - \$3, under 5 are free. Take out available, call 483-6611.

St. Mary's Church - Breakfast Buffet

On Sunday, September 13th from 8am to 12:30pm, St. Mary's will be holding their Breakfast Buffet at the Parish Center in Brushton. Menu includes: fried/scrambled eggs, hash, bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, French toast, donuts and beverages. Cost is: Adults - \$8.00; Seniors - \$7.00; Kids ages 6 to 12 - \$4.00; kids under five are free; and immediate family of 5 or more - \$25.00. For takeouts please call 529-6580.

St. Joseph's Parish, Bombay - Fall Festival Dinner

On Sunday, September 27th from 11am to 2pm, St. Joseph's in Bombay will be holding their 24th Annual Fall Festival Dinner. Menu includes: baked ham with all the trimmings, beverages and choice of pie or cake. Cost is: Adults - \$9.00; Kids 6-12 - \$4.00 and Kids under 5 are free. Take outs are available. Come and enjoy shopping for baked goods, canned goods, fresh produce & flea market items, and much more.

Love is our Mission

8th World Meeting of Families
September 22-27, 2015
Philadelphia, PA



10. Choosing Life

God made us for a reason. His love is our life mission. This mission enables us to find our true identity. If we choose to embrace this mission, we will have a new perspective on many issues, not just the family. To live the mission of the domestic church means that Catholic families will sometimes live as minorities, with different values than their surrounding culture. Our mission of love will require courage and fortitude. Jesus is calling, and we can respond, choosing lives of faith, hope, charity, joy, service, and mission.

Pope Francis will be participating in the WMF as part of his apostolic visit to the United States in September.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE

Volunteers Needed: St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is looking volunteers at the store for three hours a week. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm; and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. If you feel a sense of satisfaction by helping others, please call 483-5523.



Sunday, September 13th
Sunday, October 18th
11:00am Mass

Check out the Media Racks...

Please check out the media racks in each of our churches. New offerings are making their way to the media racks and more are on the way. In addition to our regular offerings of monthly publications, we have just added something special. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati was a young Italian "man who enjoyed good friends, hiking, skiing, museums and music". This blessed of the church, now the patron of a new apostolate at St. Andre's parish, "found that deep prayer, service to the poor, and a passion for bringing others to Christ led to a life of purpose, peace, and happiness." Though he was only 24 when he died in 1925, he has left a rich legacy. His cause for sainthood progresses. Find out more about him in the pamphlets and CDs we have just added to the media racks.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

The bulletin was sent to print early due to Labor Day. The collection amounts for 7/6 will be printed in a future bulletin

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married Couples- The car needs a tune-up, the house needs a fresh coat of paint, the grass needs cutting and the garage desperately needs to be cleaned out. The list of things to do seems to never end. What about your marriage? Isn't it time to place your relationship at the top of the list of things that need tending to? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and give your marriage a tune-up. The upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is on 10/23 – 10/25 at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte. For info or to register, contact Gary & Lynn Root @ vtroot@together.net or call 802-456-8114 or go on-line @ www.wmevt.org.

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