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

November 29, 2015
First Sunday of Advent



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
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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 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

FROM FR. JOE...

Every year, as we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, I have to ask myself, "How did it get to be this time of year already?" But here we are again, beginning this sacred (and often hectic) season of preparation!

This year, we're preparing, as usual, for a holy celebration of Christmas and to be ever ready to welcome the Lord when he comes, but we're also about to start a uniquely special time: the **Jubilee Year of Mercy**. For centuries, following an Old Testament practice, the Catholic Church has regularly set aside particular years (usually every quarter century) as a time of "jubilee": a year dedicated in a special way to setting things right with both God and neighbor. In honor of the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis has declared an extraordinary jubilee with a focus on the Lord's mercy, beginning on December 8, 2015 (the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary), and concluding on November 20, 2016 (the Solemnity of Christ the King).

A number of spiritual practices are being recommended to us to observe this Holy Year, among them: (1) to experience God's mercy for ourselves in the **Sacrament of Penance**, especially if we haven't been to confession in some time; (2) to help others experience God's mercy by practicing both the **Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy**; (3) to meditate on **Sacred Scripture**, which speaks to us of the Lord's love and mercy; and (4) to go on **pilgrimage**, taking advantage of the jubilee indulgence offered during this Holy Year.

You'll find inserted in this bulletin our schedule for **Forty Hours Devotions**, marking the start of this Jubilee Year of Mercy. We've had such great response when we've celebrated Forty Hours in 2013 and 2014, that I'm sure many of you will come out to take part as we inaugurate the jubilee. We also had such a strong response when we took part in the "**The Light is ON for You**" all-day confession initiative last Lent, that we've made it part of Forty Hours this time, *and it is also taking the place of a parish Penance Service during Advent*. Take a good look at the schedule, and sign up for an hour of adoration during these three days if you are able. Spend some time with the examination of conscience and make plans to come to confession. Of course, join us for one of the Masses on the holy day—the "big one" will be at 7:00pm, followed (weather permitting) by a small Eucharistic procession through the heart of Malone.

Rest assured that there will be other observances in the months ahead, both in our parish and around the Diocese, to help you make the most of this extraordinary year.

"I am convinced," said Pope Francis, "that the whole church — that has much need to receive mercy because we are sinners — will find in this jubilee the joy to rediscover and render fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time." Let us make it so!

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

LAY APOSTLES OF JESUS CHRIST
THE RETURNING KING

The next meeting of the Lay Apostles of the Returning King prayer group is Thursday, December 3, 2015. The meeting starts at 6:30 and is held at the Seymour residence, 4 Lawrence Ave., Malone on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 483-5392.

PRAY YOUR WAY TO CHRISTMAS

The holy season of Advent begins this Sunday. Booklets of daily prayers and reflections--including some specifically for children and families--are now available near the entrances of our churches. Please help yourselves!

CATHOLIC CHARITIESChristmas Baskets

Catholic Charities is busy gearing up for this year's program. We anticipate a growing number of individuals and families looking for help this Christmas season and with the increasing food costs, we are asking for your help. If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of food items, the financial support would be greatly appreciated. We will be accepting applications for Christmas Baskets at Catholic Charities on Rennie Street on Tuesday, December 1st and Wednesday, December 2nd from 9am - 4pm. Applications will be accepted for **Malone, Owls Head, Mt. View, Lake Titus, Whippleville, Chasm Falls and Duane Residents** only. Everyone is required to sign up in person and bring proof of residency. If you would like to make a financial donation, please make the check payable to: **Good Samaritan Food Pantry** and mail to: Catholic Charities, PO Box 896, Malone NY. Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Charities Needs Your Help

We are in need of volunteers to assist with our Christmas Dinner Basket Program on Wednesday, December 16th from 9:00am to 11:00am. Volunteers will assist Catholic Charities Staff in prepping the food baskets to be distributed later that afternoon. Please call Catholic Charities at 483-1460 to sign up. Thank you for your continued support.

2015 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL
—United as One Family—

Diocesan Goal: \$1,280,000

St. André's Parish Goal: \$39,892.00

Raised So Far: \$35,927.72 (90%)

Gifts Received: 297

ADVENT GIVING TREES

Beginning this Sunday each of our churches has a "Giving Tree" project for Advent. We encourage you to take a tag and return your wrapped gift with the tag attached to the outside of gift. *We ask that you return your gift to the church from which you took the tag.* Please return the gift by Monday, December 14th. Thank you!

The Giving Trees Benefit:

St. Helen's: monetary gift for Food Pantry
St. John Bosco: gifts for homebound parishioners
St. Joseph's: gifts for children from infant to age 18 through Catholic Charities
Notre Dame: Nursing Home residents (TAC and Valehaven)

MASS INTENTIONS**This Weekend – 1st Sunday of Advent****Saturday, Nov 28 (Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36)**

4:00pm (SJ) Ernest Lancto by Judy & Gary Marshall

Sunday, Nov 29 (Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36)

8:00am (SJB) Douglas Pickering (27th Ann) by the Family

9:30am (SH) Sheila Reynolds (1st Ann) by the Family

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

Weekday Masses**Monday, Nov 30 (Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22)**

12:05pm (ND) Esther French by Brother, Donald and Sister, Nola

Tuesday, Dec 1 (Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24)

6:45am (SJ) Eileen Wemette by Gary Tavernier

10:15am (TAC) Special Intentions by Mrs. Harry Stone

Wednesday, Dec 2 (Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37)

6:45am (SJ) Alice Halley by Bob Main, Jr.

12:05pm (ND) Craig A. Boyea by His Sisters

Thursday, Dec 3 (Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/ Mt 7:21, 24-27)

6:45am (SJ) Eleanor Barre by Dorline Benware & Joanne Exley

Friday, Dec 4 (Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31)

6:45am (SJ) Scott Storrs by Mary Lou

12:05pm (ND) Loretta Choiniere by the Marois Family

Next Weekend – 2nd Advent of Sunday**Saturday, Dec 5 (Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8)**

4:00pm (SJ) Frances Boyea (4th Ann) by Her Children

Sunday, Dec 6 (Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6)

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

9:30am (SH) Allen Bashaw by Eleanor Maneeley

11:00am (ND) Joe Robinson 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

Tuesday Nursing Home Mass

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

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

As part of their Religious formation, the faculty, staff and students will be preparing for the birth of Jesus. Each classroom will focus on reaching out to those in need, preparing for pageants, praying for those in our book of intentions, Christmas caroling at nursing homes, making gifts for shut-ins, and having a baby shower for Jesus.

Mark your calendars

Saturday, December 5 is the Annual Silent Auction. Doors open at 6:00PM. Hundreds of items donated by area businesses, artisans, artists and crafters will be auctioned hors d'oeuvres will be served. No HFS BINGO.

Tuesday, December 8 - 10:00AM Feast of the Immaculate Conception Liturgy at Holy Family School. The 4th Grade Class will prepare the liturgy.

Tuesday, December 8 - *The Nutcracker* as presented by the PK children at Holy Family School. Performances at 12:30PM and 6:30 PM.

Wednesday, December 9 - K-Grade 2 Christmas Program and Pageant. Performances at 12:30PM and 6:30 PM.

Thursday, December 10 - Grade 3-5 Christmas Concert and Pageant. Performances at 12:30PM and 6:30PM

Monday, December 21 - Voices of Christmas as presented by HFS Middle School students.

For more information about the unique education offered at Holy Family School, talk to your pastor or call Mrs. Marianne Jadlos 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

31ST ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 6, 2014 at 4:00pm
 St. Joseph's Church, Malone

Be a Part of the Ecumenical Concert Choir! There will be seven rehearsals held at St. Joseph's Church from 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning on October 18th and going through December 4th. Those interested in singing in the choir are invited to attend the first rehearsal on October 18th. All proceeds from this event will remain in the North Country to benefit the patients and families served by Hospice of the North Country. For more information, please contact Cathlyn Lamitie at 483-3200. **Rehearsal schedule dates: Sunday, November 29; and Friday, December 4. All rehearsals are from 6-7:30pm.**



**Sunday, December 13th
 11:00am Mass**

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 December 3rd - 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.

St. André's Parish Rosary Society

CORRECTION: The annual **Rosary Society Christmas Party** will take place on **December 1st** at the Notre Dame Parish Center. It will begin at 6:00pm with a covered dish supper. Please bring a dish to pass and your own place setting. For more information, call Donna at 483-4922. All women of the parish are invited.

On **December 6th**, the St. André Bessette Rosary Society will be reciting the rosary before the 11:00am Mass at Notre Dame Church. Please arrive 20 minutes early and all parishioners are asked to join in with us.

On **December 7th**, the St. André Bessette Rosary Society will participate in the Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration at Notre Dame Church from 12:00pm-1:00pm and will be reciting the rosary at 12:05pm.

On **December 8th**, the St. André Bessette Rosary Society will participate in the Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration at Notre Dame Church from 11:00am-12:00pm and will be reciting the rosary at 11:45am.

St. André's Parish Pastoral Council

Jennifer Champagne, Madonna Champagne (Youth Member), Jim Coughlin (Trustee), Ruth Demarse, Andy Duso, Mary Hart, Pam Leduc (Trustee), Molly McKee, Judy Pelkey, Neil Seymour, and Linda Sprague.

CHRISTMAS SIGN UP

ATTENTION: Lectors, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers: Information regarding the Christmas Mass schedule and a sign up sheet is being sent out. Please let us know your serving preference by returning the sign up sheet in the collection basket or dropping it off to the parish office no later than December 14th. Thanks!

LIVING STONES DIOCESAN PLANNING COMMITTEE

In support of Bishop LaValley's vision, priorities, and goals, the "Living Stones Planning Committee" has been seeking feedback from parishioners across the Diocese by way of deanery listening sessions and also recently with a Parish Self-Assessment Survey which parish councils were asked to fill out. YOU are the "Living Stones" that make our parishes viable! In many cases, parishes are or will be asked to share a pastor (as began here in Malone back in 2003). With that in mind, ask yourself "What can I/we do to make/keep our parish viable in these changing times?" Then, speak to your pastor and start to make it happen.

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: st-andres.org. Thanks for your generosity!

**COMMUNITY EVENTS****St. Augustine's Church, North Bangor**

The Catholic Community of St. Augustine's will hold their annual Christmas Tea, Silver & Gold on Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 11am to 3pm at the John C. Dwyer Parish Center located at 2472 State Route 11, North Bangor. There will be many handmade crafts, a bake table, candy booth, cake walk, a Chinese auction, raffles, etc. Homemade soup and sandwiches & soda will be for sale, with Christmas cookies, coffee, tea & punch available free. Plan to join in all the fun, excitement and festivities and get a head start on your "Christmas list" with many unique hand crafted gift! Santa will make a surprise visit to meet the children at 2:00 pm.



March for Life Pilgrimage! If you're in your 20's or 30's or even just older than 18 and out of school, consider joining College Students and Young Adults from the Diocese of Ogdensburg for a 4 day – 3 night pilgrimage. The Pilgrimage will include the Vigil Mass for Life at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, January 21st with Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities as celebrant and homilist as well as the March for Life itself on January 22nd. In addition to attending this Mass and the March, we will visit other important Shrines and Memorials, offering many opportunities for prayer, witness and fun. The Pilgrimage will depart from the Diocese of Ogdensburg Tuesday afternoon, January 19th and will conclude on Friday January 22nd after the March. The all-inclusive cost is \$175 per adult. For more information, or to get a registration form sent to you, please email: Father Timothy Cnaan, Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry: frtim@broadstreetcatholics.org Space is limited. Registrations are only complete with payment and must be submitted no later than December 15, 2015.

REGIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

St. Joseph, Malone - Tuesdays following
6:45am Mass until 1:00pm

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



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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

The bulletin was sent to print early due to the holiday. The collection amounts for 11/22 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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