

# ST. ANDRÉ'S PARISH

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

**December 11, 2016**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**



**St. André Bessette, pray for us!**

Father Joseph W. Giroux  
*Pastor*

Father Scott Belina  
*Parochial Vicar*

Deacon Bryan J. Bashaw  
*Permanent Deacon*

Ms. Catherine Suprenant  
*Director of Christian Formation*

Ms. Marie-Claire D'Arcy  
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Ms. Diana Grant  
*Secretary/Receptionist*

Darlene Livernois  
*Bookkeeper*

**Our Mission at St. André's: With Jesus Christ as our center, and the Holy Spirit as our guide, we are called to be a community of saints making saints – encountering the Lord in Word and Sacrament, and opening doors for our neighbors to experience the loving mercy of God.**

## 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*

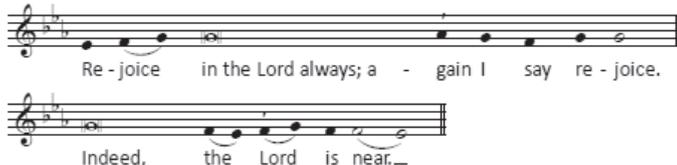
Following the 6:45 A.M. Mass  
until 1:00 P.M. at St. Joseph

*Thursday*

7:00–8:00 P.M. at Notre Dame

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON FOR THIS SUNDAY**

Advent III

**From Fr. Joe...**

Those who were at our November 14th Listening Session surely heard a theme running through a number of the comments made that evening, which was noted by the Pastoral Council: **a concern that our parish is not as welcoming as it ought to be.** This matter has been raised with me a number of times before by visitors to town and newcomers interested in joining the parish, but also by long-time parishioners who attended a different Mass/church than usual...and were left feeling like strangers in their own community. Certainly, our focus at Sunday Mass is on the Lord and the worship due to him, and a prayerful atmosphere is most appropriate to the Lord's house. But attention to God in prayer and attention to our neighbor in hospitality are not mutually exclusive; in fact, by necessity they go hand-in-hand. I was so impressed by our Frassati House missionaries last year, whose eyes were constantly open for new faces in the congregation. When Mass was over, they'd go out of their way to extend a warm welcome—and that simple gesture made such an enormous difference. Maybe it's because they were new to the area themselves that they were so attentive...but it's a critical lesson that they can teach us. A study released just this past August revealed that nearly 80% of Americans who went looking for a new house of worship did so, not based on doctrines or disciplines, but *looking for a place where they feel welcomed.* If we're concerned about our future, then we need to be concerned about hospitality—for which we ALL are responsible. In these next few weeks, our churches will be a bit more full than they are the rest of the year. It's the perfect time for us imitate our patron, St. André, and serve as God's doorkeepers: opening not only the doors of our buildings, but opening the doors of our hearts. On the night of his birth, our Savior was unwittingly turned away—no room in the inn! This Christmas, let's be sure he receives a warm welcome among us, for whatever we do for the least of his brothers and sisters, we do for him (Mt 25:40).

Attentive readers of the bulletin will recall that we purchased a new truck back in May for parish and cemetery maintenance. We bought a smaller truck than we had before, the main reason being that we have been hiring out the plowing of most of our parking lots—which not only saves wear-and-tear on our vehicles, but is due to the fact that we have a much smaller maintenance staff than in the past...which is due to our shrinking annual budget. The smaller truck, staff, and budget were all on our minds when the Pastoral Council decided at its meeting back in May that we will **no longer be plowing the roads of our five parish cemeteries** during the winter months. Of course, we will open things up when necessary as long as we are still having burials in each cemetery, but the roads will remain unplowed after that until spring. We considered not only our financial limitations, but the dangers of slippery roadways and the preservation of our cemeteries, as well as noting that most other area cemeteries are closed during that time

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The Light is ON  for You.  
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, December 12, 2016

Confession available throughout the entire day  
6:00am-10:00pm at Notre Dame Church, Malone

**CHRISTMAS MASSES*****St. André Bessette Parish******Saturday, 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

***Sunday, December 25-Christmas Day***

9:30am St. John Bosco, Malone

**OPEN COMMENT PERIOD  
ON THE PROPOSED PASTORAL PLAN**

The Pastoral Council is accepting written questions, comments, and concerns from parishioners about the Pastoral Plan for St. André's until Sunday, January 15, 2017 (the day before its next meeting). We kindly ask that these written statements include your name, and we are particularly interested in your response to these questions: *Are there needs in our parish or community that are not expressed in the proposed Pastoral Plan but which you believe St. André's ought to meet? Are there things that you have seen or heard about in other parishes that you would like to see here at St. André's? What are you looking for from our parish life besides Sunday Mass and the Sacraments? What are your greatest concerns about the proposed Pastoral Plan for St. André's Parish?* Please don't assume that something has already been said—and, even if it has been, it's helpful for us to know that it's on the minds of a number of folks. And, of course, supportive comments are just as welcome as critical ones. Your written statements can be dropped in the collection basket, given to a Pastoral Council member, or delivered to the parish office.

**Memorial Gifts to St. André's**

The families of Genevieve Charland, Patsy Livernois, and Mary Ellen Abbot invited their friends to make gifts to St. André's in memory of their deceased loved ones. \$825.00 has been received so far in honor of these women of faith. We thank these families for generously remembering the parish, and extend to them our prayerful condolences.

**From Fr. Joe (continued)....**

This decision was not made lightly, knowing that we have a few parishioners who visit the graves of their loved ones regularly—even daily—throughout the year. We are sorry for the inconvenience, and thank you for your understanding.

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

**This Weekend – Third Sunday of Advent****Saturday, Dec 10 (Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9am 10-13)**4:00pm (SJ) James Benware by Derek & Jennifer  
Champagne & Girls**Sunday, Dec 11 (Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11)**8:00am (SJB) Robert & Marjorie Andrews by Family  
9:30am (SH) Lillian & Jim Shea by Michael Patterson  
11:00am (ND) For the People of SAB**Weekday Masses****Monday, Dec 12 (Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:39-47)**

12:05pm (ND) Lucille (Casey) Tatro by Rick Yelle

**Tuesday, Dec 13 (Zep 3:1-2,9-13/Mt 21:28-32)**6:45am (SJ) Bill LeRoy, Sr., by Theresa & Family  
10:15am (TAC) George & Bernice Monette by George  
& Ratnawaty Monette**Wednesday, Dec 14 (Is 45:6b-8,18,21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23)**6:45am (SJ) Geralde Triplets by Sister  
12:05pm (ND) Arlene Landry by M/M Lee & Gloria  
Tremblay**Thursday, Dec 15 (Is 54: 1-10/Lk 7:24-30)**6:45am (SJ) Deceased Members of the Duso & Purdy  
Families by Wayne & MaryAnne**Friday, Dec 16 (Is 56:1-3A, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36)**6:45am (SJ) Genevive Charland  
12:05pm (ND) Alice Prue by the Smith Nieces**Next Weekend – Fourth Sunday of Advent****Saturday, Dec 17 (Gn 49-2, 8-10/Nt 1:1-17)**4:00pm (SJ) Sauvageau & Nichols Family by the  
Nichols Family**Sunday, Dec 18 (Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24)**8:00am (SJB) For the People of SAB  
9:30am (SH) Earl (13th Anniv) & Annette Livernois  
By the Family  
11:00am (ND) Rita Gonyea (7th Anniv) by the Children**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****December 13** - K-4 Christmas Play will be at 12:30 and 6:30pm.**December 20** - Voices of Christmas presented by 8th Grade Class At 12:30pm.**Holy Family Year-Round BINGO!**Saturday Nights - Doors open at 5:30PM  
Early Bird - Progressive Bingo  
Pull Tabs - Concession**2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND  
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS****Aging religious need your help.** In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift in today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care and more. Please be generous.**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported by parish contributions from its annual Christmas Collection. Currently 38 retired priests, and 9 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$860,000 in 2016-17. Also 100% 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.

**Christmas Pageant**

Rehearsal for our children's Christmas pageant will take place on Tuesday, December 13, and Tuesday, December 20, at 4:00pm 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 one rehearsal or the other, please call the parish office.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Malone Adult Center - Breakfast**

Sunday, December 11th, from 8:00am - 12:00pm at 14906 State Route 30 North, Malone. Menu includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, French toast, pancakes with syrup, sausage gravy, homefries and beverages. Cost is: adults & Seniors - \$8, kids (6-12) - \$3, under 5 are free. Take out are available and delivery is free by calling 483-6611.

**Chinese Auction**

Malone Adult Center is having a Chinese Auction December 5th through December 16th. Drawings will be done on the 16th. Stop in and get your tickets!

**Holiday Dinner**

At the Malone Adult Center on December 20th at 12:00pm. Roast Turkey w/gravy, stuffing, winter squash and pumpkin pie. Call for reservations 483-6611. Old Timers Band will be playing from 1:00-3:00. Come on in and dance and have some fun!

**Festival of Lessons and Carols**

"Northern Adirondack Vocal Ensemble (NAVE) will present two performances of A Festival of Lessons and Carols Saturday, December 17th at 7:30p.m. at St. Peter's Church in Plattsburgh and Sunday, December 18th at 4:00p.m. at St. Agnes Church in Lake Placid. Anthems, carols, and hymns illuminate the Christmas story with community readers and congregational singing. Drew Benware, music director; Benjamin Stone, organ."

**SOCIETIES AND PARISHES' EVENT(S)**

**Bingo - Knights of Columbus**

Every Tuesday, early bird starts at 7:00pm. Elm Street. Progressive Bingo - Pull Tabs - Concession

**St. Andre Bessette Rosary Society**

The Rosary Society of St. Andre's Parish is holding their Christmas Party on Tuesday Dec. 13th at 6pm. It is going to be held at Notre Dame Church Parish Center. Bring a covered dish and your own place setting. If needing a ride call 483-1525 or 483-4922. All new and old members are invited to attend.

**Troop 61 Éclair Fundraiser**

Will be having another fundraising Eclair sale after the 9:30 St. Helen's mass. We would like to thank everyone for your support for purchases and for donations this past weekend

**ST. ANDRÉ'S PARISH FUNDRAISERS**

**Bingo - St. John Bosco**

Join us for Bingo at St. John Bosco every THURSDAY. It starts at 7:00pm. Bring a friend or two! Workers Dec. 15th, for Bingo Team 3. **NOTE: Bingo now starts at 7:00pm.**

**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.



**Sunday, January 8th  
11:00am Mass**

**REGIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

- St. Joseph's, Malone** - Tuesdays following  
6:45am Mass until 1:00pm
- Notre Dame, Malone** - Thursdays, 7:00- 8:00pm  
w/confessions
- St. Patrick's, Chateaugay** - 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays from  
9-10 am
- St. Anne's, St. Regis Falls** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
following 4:30pm anticipated Mass



**EXTRA CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE DURING ADVENT**

**Saturday, December 17th, 11am-12pm**

- St. Francis of Assisi, Constable
- St. George, Burke

**Sunday, December 18th, for 1/2 Hour**

- Following the 11am Masses at
- St. Mary's of Fort, Fort Covington
- St. Patrick's, Chateaugay

**2016 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL  
—Mercy in Motion—**

**Diocesan Goal: \$1,280,000**

**St. André's Parish Goal: \$39,892.00**

**Raised So Far: \$ 35,667.00 (89.41%)**

**Gifts Received: 285**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

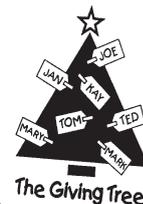
**Catholic Charities Needs Your Help:** They are in need of volunteers to assist with the Christmas Dinner Basket Program on Wednesday, Dec 14th from 9-11am. Volunteers will assist Catholic charities staff in prepping the food boxes to be distributed later that afternoon. Please call Catholic Charities at 483-1460 to sign up. Thank you again for your continued support.

**ADVENT GIVING TREES**

**DON'T FORGET** to get your "Giving Tree" wrapped gift with the tag attached to the outside of gift back to the church by **Monday, December 12th.** *We ask that you return your gift to the church from which you took the tag.* 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 16  
through Catholic Charities
- Notre Dame:** Nursing Home residents (TAC and Valehaven)



**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**

	12/04/16	12/06/15	12/07/14
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 9,381.99</b>	\$ 9,701.00	\$10,595.30
<b>Plate</b>	<b>\$ 899.76</b>	\$ 872.36	\$ 903.76
<b>Online Gifts</b>	<b>\$ 540.00</b>	\$ 120.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,821.75</b>	\$10,693.36	\$11,499.06
<b>Envelopes Used</b>	<b>296</b>	315	356

*"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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