



# ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH

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**Pastoral Council Meeting  
November 28, 2016  
6:30pm, Notre Dame Parish Center**

## **Agenda**

- 1. Opening Prayer**
- 2. Review/Approval of Minutes**
  - regular meeting of September 26*
  - special meeting of October 12*
- 3. Old Business**
  - a. Jubilee of Mercy (December 2015-November 2016)**
    - Parish Mission (October 22-26)*
  - b. Oratories in Owls Head and Lake Titus**
  - c. Proposed Pastoral Plan**
    - responses/reactions to Listening Session (November 14)*
    - facilitating continued parishioner input (comments and questions)*
    - sharing the data that influenced the proposed plan*
- 4. New Business**
- 5. Next Meeting: January 16 or 23?**
- 6. Closing Prayer**

## **Opening Prayer**

Lord God,  
source of every grace and blessing,  
we give you thanks for the many gifts  
that you have given to St. André Bessette Parish.  
We seek to be good stewards of them, Lord.  
Bless us who gather here.  
We ask for courage and perseverance  
in acknowledging difficulties  
and identifying their solutions.  
We ask for open minds,  
that we might be wise and creative  
in making complex decisions and planning for the future.  
Send your Holy Spirit and be present among us  
in the mouths of all who speak,  
in the ears of all who listen,  
and at the heart of all we say and do.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Closing Prayer**

Saint Brother André,  
we celebrate your presence among us.  
Your loving friendship with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
makes you a powerful intercessor with the Father.  
Compassion carries your words straight to God's heart,  
and your prayers are answered and bring comfort and healing.  
Through you, from our lips to God's ear,  
our supplications are heard.  
We ask to be made a part of God's work, alongside you,  
in the spirit of prayer, compassion and humility.

Saint André Bessette, pray for us.