



ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH

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**Pastoral Council Meeting
March 14, 2016
6:30pm, Notre Dame Parish Center**

Agenda

- 1. Opening Prayer**
- 2. Review/Approval of Minutes** (meetings of January 10 and February 8)
- 3. Old Business**
 - a. Malone Adult Center property—update**
 - b. Frassati House—update**
 - c. Jubilee of Mercy (December 2015-November 2016)**
 - *Lenten Program: Doors of Mercy*
 - *“24 Hours for the Lord” (March 4-5)*
 - *Divine Mercy Sunday (April 3)*
 - **“Good Shepherd Sunday” (April 17)**
 - *World Meeting of Families Day of Adoration (June 3?)*
 - *Vocations Summit (September 25)*
 - d. Parish Census—mailing**
 - e. Farewell to the Ursuline Sisters in Malone (July 17)**
 - f. Oratories in Owls Head and Lake Titus—update*
 - g. “Culture of vocations” committee*
 - h. Establishing a “grief support group”*
 - i. Establishing a “hospitality committee”*
 - j. Establishing a “buildings and grounds committee”*
- 4. New Business**
 - a. Sugar on Snow Brunch**
 - b. Search for a new Christian Formation Director**
 - c. Appointing an Election Committee**
 - d. Parish picnic in July?**
- 5. Strategic Planning**
- 6. Next Meeting: April or May (?)**
- 7. Closing Prayer**

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH



O glorious St. Joseph,
you were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus,
the most pure spouse of Mary ever Virgin,
and the head of the holy family.

You have been chosen by Christ's Vicar
as the heavenly patron and protector
of the Church founded by Christ.

Therefore, it is with great confidence
that I implore your powerful assistance
for the whole Church on earth.

Protect in a special manner, with true fatherly love,
the Pope and all bishops and priests
in communion with the See of Peter.

Be the protector of all who labor for souls
amid the trials and tribulations of this life,
and grant that all peoples of the world
may follow Christ and the Church He founded.

Dear St. Joseph,
accept the offering of myself, which I now make to you.

I dedicate myself to your service,
that you may ever be my father, my protector,
and my guide in the way of salvation.

Obtain for me great purity of heart
and a fervent love for the spiritual life.

May all my actions, after your example,
be directed to the greater glory of God,
in union with the divine Heart of Jesus,
the immaculate heart of Mary,
and your own paternal heart.

Finally, pray for me
that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death.

PRAYER TO ST. ANDRÉ

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.



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ST. ANDRÉ'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Members Ex Officio

Rev. Joseph Giroux
Pastor

Rev. Scott Belina
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Bryan Bashaw
Permanent Deacon

Gregory Paye
Lay Trustee
2016-2017

Pam Leduc
Lay Trustee
2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017

Members At Large

Jen Champagne
1st Term: 2015-2018

Ruth Demarse
Special Term: 2015-2016

Andy Duso
1st Term: 2015-2018

Mary Hart
Special Term: 2015-2016

Molly McKee
Special Term: 2015-2016

Judy Pelkey
1st Term: 2015-2018

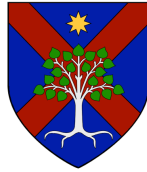
Neil Seymour
Special Term: 2015-2016

Linda Sprague
1st Term: 2015-2018

Youth Member

Madonna Champagne
1st Term: 2015-2016

**The Pastoral Council of
Saint André Bessette Roman Catholic Parish,
Malone, New York**



— CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS —

Excerpts

C. MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE

There are also nine (9) members of the Council at large, including one (1) youth member—a high school student who meets the above criteria. No member *ex officio* may simultaneously serve as a member at large. **The term for each member at large shall be three (3) years, with the exception of the youth member, which shall be one (1) year.** Terms begin July 1. The terms of members at large should be staggered so as to ensure some continuity in the Council from year to year. **Members at large—including the youth member—may choose to serve a second term, but may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.** Members at large are expected to attend three-fourths (3/4) of the meetings in any given year of their term; failure to do so without reasonable cause will result in the loss of their place on the Council. In the event of a vacancy among its membership at large, the pastor may appoint an eligible person to complete the term of the replaced member after consulting with the Council.

ARTICLE VII. SELECTION OF MEMBERS AT LARGE

At its March meeting, the Pastoral Council shall appoint an Election Committee to facilitate the process of selecting new members. In early April the Committee will inform parishioners of upcoming vacancies on the Council as well as the duties and responsibilities of membership. Nominations will then be taken during or after all Masses on the last Sunday of April. Each registered parishioner will have the opportunity to nominate up to three (3) adults for membership (including himself or herself) as well as one (1) youth member. The Committee will then tabulate the nominations. Those who have received the most nominations will be contacted to determine their willingness to serve on the Council, continuing down the list until a sufficient pool of willing candidates has been attained. **On the first Sunday of May, ballots with the names of these candidates will be distributed during or after all Masses.** Each registered parishioner is entitled to one (1) vote. Those who receive the most votes are elected to the Council. The timetable for this process may be adapted as necessary when the parish calendar dictates. Additionally, the pastor may appoint members to serve on the Council for a specific reason.