



ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH

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**Pastoral Council Meeting
January 16, 2017
6:30pm, Notre Dame Parish Center**

Agenda

- 1. Opening Prayer**
- 2. Review/Approval of Minutes** (*regular meeting of November 28*)
- 3. Old Business**
 - a. Oratories in Owls Head and Lake Titus**
 - b. Plowing of parish cemeteries**
 - c. Frassati House**
- 4. New Business**
 - a. Hearts on Fire (First Fridays)**
 - b. "André's Brothers"/Women's groups**
 - c. Vespers (Tuesdays)**
 - d. Mardi Gras Pot Luck (Sunday, February 12): Christian Formation + HFS**
 - e. Pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory**
- 5. Proposed Pastoral Plan**
 - a. Review of recent Mass attendance figures (including Christmas)**
 - b. Review of parishioner input**
 - c. Next steps?**
- 6. Next Meeting: March**
- 7. 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.