



# Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas December 19, 2020—December 27, 2020—Year B

Welcome to St. Andre Bessette Parish!



## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS December 19, 2020—December 27, 2020

- 12/19 Sat 4:00 PM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)  
† Kristine Talty Miller (5th Anniversary) by Mom & Dad
- 12/20 Sun 9:30 AM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)  
† Patricia Pope by Dennis Deatte
- 12/22 Tue 4:00 PM Mass (Sacred Heart—K of C Room)  
Open for Intentions
- 12/23 Wed 8:30 AM Mass (Sacred Heart—K of C Room)  
Open for Intentions
- 12/24 Thu 4:00 PM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)  
† Roger Decheneaux by Deborah Morrissette
- Thu 7:00 PM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)  
Open for Intentions
- 12/25 Fri 9:30 AM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)  
For All of God's Children
- 12/26 Sat 4:00 PM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)  
† Aline Raboin by the Raboin Family
- 12/27 Sun 9:30 AM Mass (Sacred Heart Church)  
† Bernard Bonneau by Rose Bathalon

## Papal Intentions for December

### For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

## This Week's Parish Events/Youth Programs Calendar

Dec 20 Sun 8.00—9:00AM K of C Breakfast—SHJ

## Noteworthy Days—4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent

- ◆ Dec 25— Christmas
- ◆ Dec 26— St. Stephen
- ◆ Dec 27— St John the Apostle

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses at SHJ

Thursday, December 24—4:00 PM

Thursday, December 24—7:00 PM

Friday, December 25—9:30 AM

## Merry Christmas



A Baby is born,  
a precious Gift,  
A wonderful Intercessor,  
A Blossom during winter,  
A kind Ruler of the World,  
A Savior to the humanity,  
A Joy to your loving family,  
A powerful Hammer against COVID,  
A Blessing to your household.

May this newborn Christ fill your heart and family with lots of love, peace, joy, good health, and happiness. May the New Year 2021 double your joy by edging the Covid out. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours in Messiah,  
Fr Paul

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

For all who are sick, for the homebound of our parishes, and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Bonnie Day, Casey Bonneau, Michelle Warman, Edward Quintal, Denise (Laramée) King, Lise & Conrad Coulombe, Craig Hansen, Donald St. Onge, Wilma Therrien, Jim Cunningham.



*"Lord, look upon all the above with Mercy. May Your Healing Hand rest upon them. May Your Life-Giving Powers flow to the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying, and restoring them to health of mind and body. Amen"*

## Prayer for the Dead

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace. Amen.



Please submit Mass Intentions and bulletin announcements **before Wednesday at 1:00 PM** to [st.andrebulletin@gmail.com](mailto:st.andrebulletin@gmail.com).

## 12/28, 12/29 and 12/30/2020

There is no Mass in our parish and the Parish office remains closed above days.

## ST ANDRE RELIC

The Relic of St Andre Bessette will be fixed at the sanctuary of Sacred Heart Church, Troy at 4pm Mass on 01/02/2021, Saturday. All are welcome



## St. Vincent's November Steeple Cross Memorial

Leo and Simone Therrien  
Hugh and Louise Sargent  
By The Therrien Family

## MANY THANKS ...

Thank you to the Ladies of the Sacred Heart and an anonymous contributor for replacing the entryway carpets at SHJ church and parish hall. Your generosity has not gone unnoticed as you continue to be role models for so many in our community.





# CHRISTMAS begins with CHRIST



## "URBI ET ORBI" MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS CHRISTMAS 2019

Central Loggia of the Vatican Basilica  
Wednesday, 25 December 2019

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Is 9:1)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Merry Christmas!

From the womb of Mother Church, the incarnate Son of God is born anew this night. His name is Jesus, which means: "God saves". The Father, eternal and infinite Love, has sent him into the world not to condemn the world but to save it (cf. Jn 3:17). The Father has given him to us with great mercy. He has given him to everyone. He has given him forever. The Son is born, like a small light flickering in the cold and darkness of the night.

That Child, born of the Virgin Mary, is the Word of God made flesh. The Word who guided Abraham's heart and steps towards the promised land, and who continues to draw to himself all those who trust in God's promises. The Word who led the Hebrews on the journey from slavery to freedom and who continues to call the enslaved in every age, including our own, to come forth from their prisons. He is the Word brighter than the sun, made incarnate in a tiny son of man: Jesus the light of the world.

This is why the prophet cries out: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Is 9:1). There is darkness in human hearts, yet the light of Christ is greater still. There is darkness in personal, family and social relationships, but the light of Christ is greater. There is darkness in economic, geopolitical and ecological conflicts, yet greater still is the light of Christ.

May the Son of God, come down to earth from heaven, protect and sustain all those who, due to these and other injustices, are forced to emigrate in the hope of a secure life. It is injustice that makes them cross deserts and seas that become cemeteries. It is injustice that forces them to endure unspeakable forms of abuse, enslavement of every kind and torture in inhumane detention camps. It is injustice that turns them away from places where they might have hope for a dignified life, but instead find themselves before walls of indifference.

May Emmanuel bring light to all the suffering members of our human family. May he soften our often stony and self-centered hearts, and make them channels of his love. May he bring his smile, through our poor faces, to all the children of the world: to those who are abandoned and those who suffer violence. Through our frail hands, may he clothe those who have nothing to wear, give bread to the hungry and heal the sick. Through our friendship, such as it is, may he draw close to the elderly and the lonely, to migrants and the marginalized. On this joyful Christmas Day, may he bring his tenderness to all and brighten the darkness of this world. ("Urbi et Orbi" - Christmas 2019 |

### Christmas Home Alone Dinner

Friday, December 25th, 11:30 am - St Vincent Hall Deliveries in North Troy, Troy, Jay, Westfield & Lowell are available. Donations are gladly accepted. Checks can be made out to "Christmas Home Alone" and sent to: Christmas Home Alone C/O Becky Therrien, 71 Church St., Newport Center, VT 05857. There is **take out only**, curbside pickup or delivery. People need to call to reserve their meals. For more information or meal delivery contact Becky Therrien at 673-5924 or by email at [therrien\\_rebecca@hotmail.com](mailto:therrien_rebecca@hotmail.com)



**SIGN-UP FOR CHRISTMAS MASS**  
**ST ANDRE BESSETTE PARISH**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass Time: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of People: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**  
All Masses at SHJ  
Thu, Dec 24—4:00 PM  
Thu, Dec 24—7:00 PM  
Fri, Dec 25—9:30 AM

**Note: 4pm Mass is full and cannot be booked.**  
**Please sign up for the Christmas Mass you intend to attend by December 20th.**

### Calling Donald St. Onge

Donald is in Maple Lane nursing home, would be happy to hear your Christmas wishes. He would appreciate that. His direct number is 274-6531 (Time: Between 10am—12pm & 7pm—10pm)

### JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TODAY!

Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical catholic" to mean a Catholic who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

### BECOME AN ONLINE MEMBER FOR FREE!\*

Now through December 31st, enter Promo Code MCGIVNEY2020 for 12 months of free online membership at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

\*Online Membership only. Annual dues of \$30 will apply on your Membership Anniversary. Local council dues vary.



### ~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY BREAKFAST ~

The Knights of Columbus Council 7943 will hold its monthly family breakfast from 8:00 AM—11:00 AM at the SABP—Troy Church Hall on December 20th to benefit families in need. Eat-In or Take-out. All you can eat—\$9.00 (6-12 years of age \$5.00 and under 6 - FREE). We will be following all Covid guidelines. There will be 8 - 12" plates of Christmas cookies for sale. A "Secret Santa Basket" raffle as well as a 50/50 drawing. If you would like to help contact Deborah @ 673-7510 or George @ 323-2470.

Winter coats: Girls and boys sizes 4-7 at no cost, available now or on display Sunday, Dec 20 from 8-11 am at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall during the monthly Knights of Columbus breakfast. Any questions call Jacques 744-2733 or Richard 673-7507.

### Parish Stewardship Reports

Weekend of 12/12/2020—12/13/2020

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| Offertory      | \$1,019.00 |
| Weekly Budget  | \$1,771.00 |
| Difference +/- | (\$752.00) |