

# ST. ANDRÉ'S PARISH

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

**December 20, 2015**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**



**St. André Bessette, pray for us!**

Father Joseph W. Giroux  
*Pastor*

Father Scott Belina  
*Parochial Vicar*

Father Bryan D. Stitt  
*Diocesan Director of Vocations, In Residence*

Deacon Bryan J. Bashaw  
*Permanent Deacon*

Mrs. Samantha Poulin  
*Director of Christian Formation*

Ms. Marie-Claire D'Arcy  
*Music Coordinator*

Ms. Darlene Livernois  
*Administrative Assistant*

Mrs. Phyllis Smith  
*Secretary*

*"God is love, and he loves us; that is the heart of the Christian faith... Pray that you may obtain a true love of God. God loves us so much. He wants us to love him "*  
*— Br. André (1845-1937)*

## 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

**LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP**

Christmas 2015

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

“Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy.” (Misericordiae vultus) With these words, Pope Francis announced to the world the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Mercy is a special power of God’s love whose manifestation is needed in our present-day world more than ever. In the present moment humanity seems unable or unwilling to trust in that power. Some believe that through the power of violence, terror and hatred, one can intimidate others to bend to their will.

Mary, upon entering the house of Zechariah and Elizabeth, magnifies the Lord with all her being for “His mercy,” which “from generation to generation” is bestowed on those who fear Him. This is the time of year when we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, whose life was steeped in compassion and tenderness. Our God’s unconditional love and boundless mercy became flesh and bones in the Person of Jesus Christ so that we might touch and see God’s compassion for every one of us.

As we gaze at the Babe in the manger, we get a glimpse of the power of the love and mercy of the Father; a love more powerful than death, more powerful than sin. Our God took on human flesh, walked the dusty roads of life to show us what that love looks like and what such mercy can accomplish. Through His lifestyle and through His actions, Jesus became the model of merciful love for others. With God’s mercy – vengeance, hatred and injustice do not have the last word.

Christmas is the festival of God’s infinite love and mercy, the festival of tomorrow’s possibilities, the festival of our salvation—truly a time of hope for all people. It is in this moment that the faithful of our Diocese continue to respond to the universal call to holiness. Today, in spite of the darkness that envelops so much of our world, we do not give in to discouragement. Rather, like Mary, we yearn to embrace the power of God’s love and mercy.

In light of our own encounter with the God-Child in the stable and, like the shepherds of that holiest of nights who lived in a violent and troubled world, we humbly invite others to: Find your home in Christ: Renew Faith, Nurture Hope, Discover Love. To these same shepherds angelic choirs announced God’s peace and pointed to the proof of God’s hope for the world which could be found in the One who wore swaddling clothes in a manger and later a loin cloth on a cross. God has rescued us from the power of darkness! That’s the message for every ear to hear and heart to embrace!

May the Christ Child bring you and your loved ones the Gift of Love, the Blessing of Hope and the Promise of Peace. A blessed Christmas and joy-filled Jubilee Year of Mercy!

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg



If you’d like to contribute to St. André’s Parish electronically—one time only or monthly, either from your checking account or credit card—you can now do so directly from the parish website: [st-andres.org](http://st-andres.org). Thanks for your generosity!

**Late Advent To Do List**

- Clean the house
- Decorate the tree
- Buy those presents
- Wrap those presents
- Send those cards
- Bake some goodies
- Sing some carols
- Pray
- Pray some more...
- Make plans for Mass
- Don't forget what this season's all about
- Have a merry and blessed Christmas!*

**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 11 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$840,000 in 2015-16. 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 MASSES****St. André Bessette Parish****Thursday, 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

**Friday, December 25-Christmas Day**

- 9:30am** St. John Bosco, Malone

**Other Area Masses****Thursday, December 24-Christmas Eve**

- 4:00pm** St. Patrick's, Chateaugay
- 4:00pm** St. Mary's, Brushton
- 5:00pm** St. Francis, Constable
- 7:00pm** St. Mary's, Ft. Covington
- 8:00pm** St. Augustine, North Bangor
- Midnight** St. Augustine, North Bangor

**Friday, December 25-Christmas Day**

- 9:00am** St. Joseph's, Bombay
- 9:00am** St. George's, Burke
- 10:30am** Our Lady Fatima, Westville
- 11:00am** St. Mary's, Brushton

**MASS INTENTIONS****This Weekend – 4th Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, Dec 19 (Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-6, 16-17/  
Lk 1:5-25)**

4:00pm (SJ) George Butzer by James LaCombe and  
Charlene Andrews

**Sunday, Dec 20 (Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb  
10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45)**

8:00am (SJB) For The People of SAB

9:30am (SH) Earl Livernois (12th Ann) & Annette  
Livernois by the Family

11:00am (ND) John & Glenn Yando by Shirley

**Weekday Masses**

**Monday, Dec 21 (Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3,  
11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45)**

12:05pm (ND) Howard & Eunice Monette by The Family

**Tuesday, Dec 22 (1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Lk 1:46-  
56)**

6:45am (SJ) Gordy Stalter by The Family

10:15am (TAC) *No Mass*

**Wednesday, Dec 23 (Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10,  
14/Lk 1:57-66)**

6:45am (SJ) Gail Timmons by Neil & Kathy Seymour

12:05pm (ND) Freeda R. Fayette by The Estate

**Thursday, Dec 24 (2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5,  
27, 29/Lk 1:67-79)**

4:00pm - St. Joseph's with Pageant

4:00pm - Notre Dame

7:00pm - St. Helen's

10:00pm - Notre Dame

**Friday, Dec 25 (Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-3, 11-13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk  
2:1-14)**

9:30am - St. John Bosco

**Next Weekend – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and  
Joseph**

**Saturday, Dec 26 (Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8,  
16-17/Mt 10:17-22)**

4:00pm (SJ) Joseph Poissant by The Nichols Family

**Sunday, Dec 27 (1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/  
Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24)**

8:00am (SJB) Charmaine & Robert Marshall by The  
Family

9:30am (SH) Karlyn Bashaw by The Family

11:00am (ND) For The People of SAB

**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

**Christmas Pageant**

Rehearsal for our children's Christmas pageant will take place on Monday, December 21, at 4:30pm 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 the rehearsal, please call the parish office (483-1300).

**GIVING TREE THANKS**

**Heartfelt thanks** to all who took a tag and returned a gift. Your generosity was greatly appreciated by residents of Valehaven and The Alice Center (*Notre Dame tree*); our homebound parishioners (*St. John Bosco tree*); local children (*St. Joseph's tree*); and patrons of Catholic Charities' food pantry (*St. Helen's tree*). Your kindness reflects the true spirit of Christmas and is a beautiful witness to your faith. **Thank you one and all!**

**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.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The office will be closed for Christmas on *Wednesday, December 23 at 12:00pm, Thursday, December 24, and Friday, December 25.*

**Merry  
Christmas**

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL**

For more information about the unique education offered at Holy Family School, talk to your pastor or call Mrs. Marianne Jadlos at 518-483-4443 or email her at [hfsprincipal@gmail.com](mailto:hfsprincipal@gmail.com)

**Holy Family Year-Round BINGO!**

Saturday Nights — Doors open at 5:30PM

Early Bird - Progressive Bingo

Pull Tabs - Concession

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION**

**Religious give thanks.** "We cannot begin to repay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

**St. André's Parish Pastoral Council**

Jennifer Champagne, Madonna Champagne (Youth Member), Jim Coughlin (Trustee), Ruth Demarse, Andy Duso, Mary Hart, Pam Leduc (Trustee), Molly McKee, Judy Pelkey, Neil Seymour, and Linda Sprague.

Your Pastoral Council members want to hear from you! Please feel free to approach them with your questions, suggestions, and concerns.

**ST. ANDRÉ'S PARISH FUNDRAISERS**

**Bingo - St. John Bosco**

There will be no Bingo held on Thursday, December 24th or Thursday, December 31st. It will resume on Thursday, January 7, 2015.

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

**Bingo - Knights of Columbus**

Every Tuesday, early bird starts at 7:15pm. Elm Street.

**REGIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

**St. Joseph, Malone** - Tuesdays following  
6:45am Mass until 1:00pm

**Notre Dame, Malone** - Thursdays, 7:00-  
8:00pm w/confessions

**St. Mary's, Brushton** - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, 6:30-  
7:30pm

**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



**2015 BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL  
—United as One Family—**

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

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

**Raised So Far: \$37,187.72 (93%)**

**Gifts Received: 312**



**Sunday, January 10th  
11:00am Mass**

The Vocations Summit

*Inspire*

CALLLED TO LOVE

is just a year away...

Thousands will gather at the **Olympic Arena Complex** at **Lake Placid** on **September 25, 2016** for this monumental day with world-renowned Catholic speakers and beautiful liturgies.

**Mark your calendars today!**

Inspiring and informative video programs, talks, movies, and eBooks, by some of America's best Catholic teachers, are now available to you online 24/7. Just go to [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org) and enter our parish code: 17a76e.



**THE ROLE OF MUSIC IN THE LITURGY**



**Music at Mass**

"The Christian faithful who come together as one in expectation of the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (cf. Col. 3:16). Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (cf. Acts 2:46). Thus St. Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves,' (St. Augustine of Hippo, *Sermo 336*, I: PL 38: 1472) and there is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over.' (cf. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 39).

**Is God Calling YOU?**

Hebrews tells us that it is by God's will that "we have been consecrated." How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If you think you may be called to serve Jesus as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, consider the power of His grace at work in you, call Fr. Joe, Fr. Scott or Fr. Bryan at 483-1300 or 483-4074, or visit the Vocation website at [www.myvocation.net](http://www.myvocation.net).

**ST. ANDRÉ'S MINISTRIES**

**Holy Family School (PreK-8)**  
12 Homestead Park, (518) 483-4443  
Mrs. Marianne Jadlo, Principal

**Good Samaritan Food Pantry**  
*Administered by Catholic Charities*  
57 Rennie Street, (518) 483-1460

**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store**  
6 Homestead Park (across from Holy Family School)  
Mon.-Fri., 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.  
Sat., 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.



**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**

**The bulletin was sent to print early due to the holiday. The collection amounts for 12/20 and Christmas will be printed in future bulletins**

*"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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