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

February 5, 2017 Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



St. André Bessette, pray for us!

Father Joseph W. Giroux
Pastor

Father Scott Belina
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Bryan J. Bashaw
Permanent Deacon

Ms. Catherine Suprenant
Director of Christian Formation

Ms. Marie-Claire D'Arcy
Music Coordinator

Mr. Andrew Duso
Business Manager

Ms. Diana Grant
Secretary/Receptionist

Darlene Livernois
Bookkeeper

Our Mission at St. André's: With Jesus Christ as our center, and the Holy Spirit as our guide, we are called to be a community of saints making saints – encountering the Lord in Word and Sacrament, and opening doors for our neighbors to experience the loving mercy of God.

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 Notre Dame

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

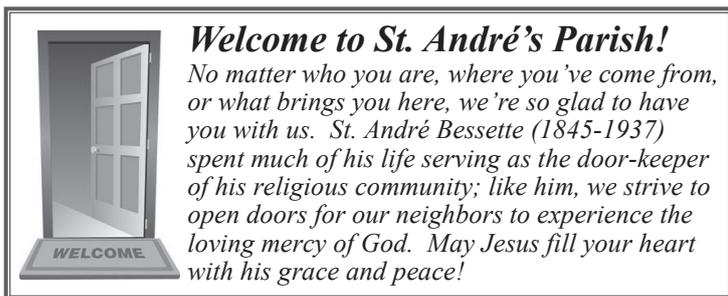
ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday

Following the 6:45 A.M. Mass
until 1:00 P.M. at Notre Dame

Thursday

7:00–8:00 P.M. at Notre Dame



From Fr. Joe...

A few of you have spoken with me about **my article last week on Reiki** (and, if reports are accurate, a few more are talking about it with others). I'm so sorry to hear that what I wrote has upset some parishioners. I hope you know that was most certainly not my intention! But if my words got people thinking...well, then I'd have to say they served their purpose. Here are a few follow up thoughts to what I wrote last week...

(1) *I was responding to genuine questions.* You should know that I first wrote a draft of that article in 2012, but only shared it in the meantime with folks who occasionally asked me about Reiki. I've continued to revise it over the years based on further research and reflection, and published it now because there's recently been a notable rise in the number of people coming to me with their questions.

(2) *Please keep an open mind.* Some have said that the Catholic Church's approach to Reiki seems rather closed-minded. Being open minded needs to go both ways. I simply ask that those who already had a positive opinion of Reiki would take some time to read and consider what the Church actually has to say on the matter, rather than predetermining it "case closed." As G. K. Chesterton once said so well, "The point of having an open mind, like having an open mouth, is to close it on something solid." What the Church has to say—though not always very popular or well-received—generally proves to be pretty solid in the long run.

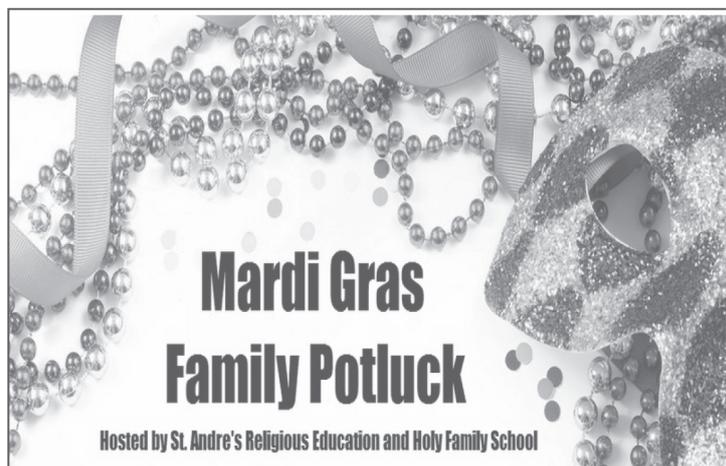
(3) *Things aren't always what they seem.* After reading my article, a parishioner called me and described her recent attendance at a "meditation" session held here in town, which left her feeling uncomfortable. Hearing her description, I told her she should be uncomfortable: what she'd described wasn't "meditation" at all, but a séance being led by a medium. She had gone to it quite innocently, of course, but since the Bible is rather clear about the dangers of spiritualism and consulting the dead (e.g. Lev. 19:31, Deut. 18:10-12), I advised she ought never go back. Likewise, I don't for a moment doubt the sincerity of parishioners who have gotten involved with Reiki—whether giving or receiving it—and that they've had some positive experiences with it as a personal spiritual practice...but things aren't always as they at first seem.

(4) *This is not simply a matter of my personal opinion.* The ideas I shared are not my own (and most certainly were not targeted at anyone in particular, past or present, in our parish or community). I hope you won't fault me for teaching what the Catholic Church teaches—on this or any subject. What sort of priest (or Catholic, for that matter) would I be if I didn't acknowledge the Church as the highest authority when it comes to the faith? Fr. Tom Weinandy, a Franciscan priest and theologian who helped draft the Bishop's statement on Reiki in 2009, was interviewed by PBS about a year latter; his comments are helpful:

From Fr. Joe...(Continued)

"If you try to plug Reiki into Christianity, what you're saying is Jesus is not good enough on his own. He's got to be supplemented by something else, in this case, the 'divine forces,' so you're either downgrading Jesus and Christianity or you're taking the heart out of Reiki.... I want to stick with Jesus. I don't want to open myself up to other forces that may be, you know, supernatural in some sense but not of God. I think it's a risky business to be playing around with this sort of thing."

(5) *I only wrote what I did because I love you.* Imagine, if you will, a doctor who declined to warn you about the dangers of smoking because she knew it really helped you to relax and keep your weight under control. In think we can all agree that her silence would be out of misguided compassion. Of course, she can warn you of the dangers...and you still remain free to smoke. I've spoken up and shared this Church teaching with you out of my deep care and concern for your spiritual welfare; what you choose to do with this knowledge is now up to you. (And I hope you'll believe me when I say that this really is my sole motivation in all I do as your pastor!)



***FAMILY NAMES BEGINNING IN A - G ARE REQUESTED TO BRING MAIN DISHES, H - Q TO BRING SIDE DISHES, AND R-Z TO BRING DESSERTS. SOME OF THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS WILL BE JUDGING AND AWARDING A PRIZE IN EACH CATEGORY!**

All are welcome!



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH - 5 P.M.
HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL GYM**



VESPERS
Tuesday, 6:00pm
Notre Dame Chapel
Sponsored by André's Brothers



This Weekend – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Saturday, Feb 4 (Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34)**

8:00am (ND) Lester Trombley by Robert & Audrey Robideau

4:00pm (ND) Ken Belanga Sr. by Marilyn Premo

Sunday, Feb 5 (Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16)

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

9:30am (SH) Vernon Rowley by Marie-Claire D'Arcy

11:00am (ND) Karen Mahoney by Doug Yando Family

Weekday Masses**Monday, Feb 6 (Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56)**

12:05pm (ND) Karen Mahoney by Dick & Mary Tatro

Tuesday, Feb 7 (Gn 1:20-2:4a/Mk 7:1-13)

6:45am (ND) James Tatro by Dick & Cathy Tavernier

10:15am (TAC) Diane Jacques by Family

Wednesday, Feb 8 (Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23)

6:45am (ND) Mary Ellen Abbott by Dave & Joan Allen

12:05pm (ND) Jennifer (Connors) Malley by Carolyn Gervais

Thursday, Feb 9 (Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30)

6:45am (ND) Richard Keating by Gordon & Dianne Drumm & Family

Friday, Feb 10 (Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37)

6:45am (ND) Genevive Charland by Bill & Eleanor McClain

12:05pm (ND) Geraldine Sharland by Sharon Magheean

Next Weekend – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Saturday, Feb 11 (Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10)**

4:00pm (ND) Arlene Stone by Frank Fisher & Family

Sunday, Feb 12 (Sir 15:15-201/Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37)

8:00am (SJB) Trudy Lyng by Leicht Family

9:30am (SH) Ruth Wood by M/M Billy Baker

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

Tuesday Nursing Home Mass

The Alice Center (TAC), 45 Sixth Street, Malone
Held in the 2nd floor West Dining Room

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Valentine Workshop: If you are in the 6th - 8th grade and enjoy creating valentines, join us on Friday, February 10th from 7 - 9 p.m. in the parish center. The homemade cards will be distributed to our homebound parishioners. The evening will also include a learning activity about the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

True Beauty:

Part II in a series of evenings on the feminine heart is coming up on Thursday, February 9th. All girls in high school are invited! The event will run from 6:30 - 8:30 at the Frassati House next to St. John Bosco



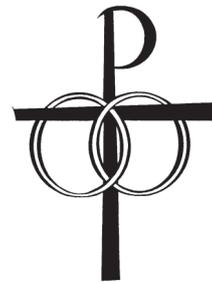
LENTEN RETREAT FOR YOUTH: Open to all students in grades 6-12. Lent is a great time to refresh the soul, and the Diocesan Youth Council is providing an opportunity to do this. The retreat will be held at the Notre Dame Parish Center on March 25, from 10:30 - 5:00 p.m. The event is free, but participants must pre-register and bring a bagged lunch. Details and registration can be found at www.rcdony.org/lentenretreat.

2017 High School Youth Rally with Paul Kim

The 2017 High School Youth Rally will be held on May 6 at IHC in Watertown. This full-day event will feature keynote speaker Paul J. Kim, prayer, interactive workshops, games, and Mass presided by Bishop LaValley. The cost to attend is \$25 before April 1, \$30 after April 1. Contact Catherine at catherine@standres.org to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

**NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK 2017
February 7-14**

As part of this annual observance aimed at promoting, celebrating, and strengthening the holy vocation of marriage, a **special blessing for married couples will be offered at all the Masses next Sunday, February 11-12.** For resources to help build strong marriages and families, visit www.foryourmarriage.org

**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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS**Malone Adult Center - Breakfast**

Sunday, February 12th, from 8:00am - 12:00pm at 14906 State Route 30 North, Malone. Menu includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, French toast, pancakes with syrup, sausage gravy, homefries and beverages. Cost is: adults & Seniors - \$8, kids (6-12) - \$3, under 5 are free. Take out are available and delivery is free by calling 483-6611.

Second Annual Pancake Breakfast

The Westville Volunteer Fire Department will hold their second Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 12 at the Westville Fire Station, Rt. 37, from 8am-1pm. Menu: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, hot beverages and other items. Couples \$15, Adults \$8, Children 5-12 \$5 and under 5 free. 50/50 Raffle and Fuel Oil Raffle.

SOCIETIES AND PARISHES' EVENT(S)**Bingo - Knights of Columbus**

Every Tuesday, early bird starts at 7:00pm. Elm Street. Progressive Bingo - Pull Tabs - Concession

Holy Name Society

Holy Name Society is inviting any present or past members to attend the 8:00am Mass at St. John Bosco on Sunday, February 12 followed by a breakfast meeting at the Malone Adult Center. Any Catholic men who would like to find out more about the Holy Name Society are welcome to attend.

ST. ANDRÉ'S PARISH FUNDRAISERS**Bingo - St. John Bosco**

Join us for Bingo at St. John Bosco every THURSDAY. It starts at 7:00pm. Bring a friend or two! Workers February 9, for Bingo Team 3. **Bingo now starts at 7:00pm.**



**Sunday, March 5th
11:00am Mass**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are you exercising and dieting, jogging, swimming, and playing tennis to stay fit and trim? What are you doing to keep your marriage in good shape? Why not try a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and give your marriage a tune-up. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on 3/17 - 3/19 at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte. For info or to apply, contact Gary & Lynn Root @ vtroot@together.net or call 802-456-8114 or go on-line @ www.wmmevt.org.

Note that the application deadline is February 24, 2017.

REGIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

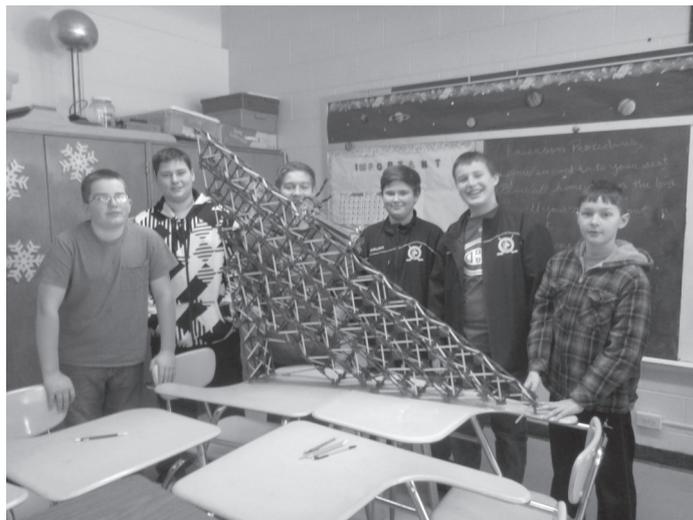
Could you not watch with me for one hour? (Mk. 13:47)

Notre Dame, Malone - Tuesdays following
6:45am Mass until 1:00pm

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

St. Patrick's, Chateaugay - 1st Fridays from
9-10 am

St. Anne's, St. Regis Falls - 1st Saturday
following 4:30pm anticipated Mass

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL**

Holy Family School joined thousands of Catholic schools nationwide in celebrating National Catholic Schools Week. The school offers academic excellence and faith-filled education for students in the North Franklin Region. It gives students and families the opportunity to experience a culture of learning built around love and faith in God. This faith-filled experience will impact our students for the rest of their lives.

Each day the faculty, staff and students celebrated love for our parishes, our communities, faculty, staff and students. Academic demonstrations showcasing STREAM (Science, Religion, Engineering, Art and Math) by Middle School Students were held. The school celebrated with everything from a special Mass, luncheons, games, PJ day, vocation awareness, to the traditional volleyball game between the 8th grade class and the faculty and staff.

For more information regarding this unique educational opportunity for your children, call Holy Family School at 518-483-4443, email Mrs. Jadlos, Principal, at hfsprincipal@hfsmalone.org or visit our website at hfsmalone.org.

ST. ANDRÉ'S PARISH COUNCIL

Jennifer Champagne, Madonna Champagne (Youth Member), Andy Duso, Mary Haas, Cathy Lane-Johnson, Pam Leduc (Trustee), Aimee LeRoy, Malcolm Miner, Greg Paye (Trustee), Judy Pelkey, Jeff Scharf, and Linda Sprague.

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

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

| | 01/29/17 | 01/31/16 | 02/01/15 |
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| Envelopes | \$ 7,704.00 | \$ 7,184.00 | \$ 8,684.00 |
| Youth Env. | \$ 1.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Plate | \$ 990.93 | \$ 923.41 | \$ 735.40 |
| Online Gifts | \$ 380.00 | \$ 430.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 9,075.93 | \$ 8,537.41 | \$ 9,419.40 |

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| Envelopes Used | 245 | 270 | 312 |
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"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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