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

March 26, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Lent



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

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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

Entrance Antiphon

Re - jice, — Jerusalem, and
 all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourr
 ing; exult and be satisfied at
 her con - sol - ing breast. —

From Fr. Joe...

At last Monday's Pastoral Council meeting, I presented a sort of a "State of the Union" address to the members and parishioners present, giving them a rather thorough picture of where we're at right now here at St. André's. It's important that I share the same information with you...

First, we need to consider participation in the Sacraments—the very heart of parish life. My first winter as your pastor (2010-2011), we saw an average total of 1050 people attending over the course of the 6 Sunday Masses. This winter (2016-2017), our average total has been just 585 between the 4 Sunday Masses. As a further point of comparison, during the winter of 2003-2004—the first for Malone Catholic Parishes—there were 1550 people spread over 9 Masses.) When you look at the numbers over the years, there are no sudden drops in attendance at key moments, such as when the parishes merged or when the Mass schedule changed. Instead, there has been a steady decrease of 75-100 annually. How do we account for this constant drop? Well, in the six and a half years I've been your pastor, we've had 749 funerals—85 of them since July 1, 2016, and 5 of those just this past week. That pretty well accounts for the decrease of 465 people attending Sunday Mass. During the same period, we've had only 210 baptisms (just 11 since last July), the vast majority of which have been the children of inactive parishioners or whose parents grew up in Malone but have since moved away. Likewise, there have been 87 marriages during my pastorate; there've been 6 since last July, no others are scheduled for this fiscal year, and only 4 have been scheduled for next year.

Next, we must look at our financial affairs, which cannot help but follow suit when there are that many fewer people in the pews. During this current fiscal year, we have a weekly shortfall of \$3,300. There have been no major purchases made or repairs done—that's just paying salaries, utilities, supplies, and regular upkeep. There's no "fat" to cut from our budget. To make up the difference, we've already withdrawn \$130,000 from our savings this year, and I anticipate we'll have to withdraw more before the end of June. Even with a recent bequest added in, we have only \$305,888.45 left in savings—which isn't very much when your annual budget is over one million dollars. We are also facing some major building repairs that can no longer be postponed. Shingles from the roof at St. Joseph's Church have been

From Fr. Joe (Continued)...

blowing off for a number of years now; due to the way the building is constructed, we've been able to keep things patched up and haven't had any big leaks. Unfortunately, shingles from the deteriorating roof of Notre Dame Church and rectory also began to blow off during a recent storm. There have been no leaks yet in the church (we're monitoring things closely), but the rectory roof has already leaked. While an engineer has inspected the building, and says that the church should easily stand for another 100 years or more with ordinary maintenance, the roof must be replaced in the very near future. So, we need two new large roofs, but do not have enough money in our savings to pay for one. I expect that the parish will be in debt by fall 2017.

The final area to examine is Christian Formation. As we announced last Sunday, our current director is leaving us in May. Even before receiving that sad news, it was clear that we need to make some significant changes in the program. Doing things the "usual" way is no longer working. The vast majority of the kids in Sunday school do not come to Mass. Participation of parents in the religious upbringing of their children is an increasing challenge. We're considering our options—one of which is not to hire a new director. As well, there are concerns about Holy Family School—questions around decreased enrollment there as well as the significant financial obligation of St. André's to the school. Our parish subsidy to Holy Family for 2016-2017 is \$222,181.22—more than \$4,300 each week. I am in the process of trying to renegotiate the formula that determines this amount (originally developed back in 1990, when the situation of both the parish and the school was very different). In addition, you know that we have been recruiting new missionaries for Frassati House. The deadline for applications is Monday but, as of right now, we have only 2 applicants for 4 positions on the team. The future of this apostolate (in which we had high hopes for youth ministry and adult faith formation) is therefore very uncertain.

With this less-than-cheery state of affairs, it's simply impossible for us to continue to do things "the way we've always done them." Which is why, after discussions with the parish Trustees and carefully reviewing all the feedback we've received from parishioners since November, it was apparent to me that we needed to take action on our Proposed Pastoral Plan. The discussion was honest and passionate. All angles were considered. There were tears. But when it came time to vote on the Plan at the end of last Monday's meeting, the Council was unanimous (9-0) in favor of the Plan presented 4 months ago. Everyone agreed: this was a very difficult decision, but an absolutely necessary one. We no longer have the luxury of time to leave things as they are and keep considering our options. It's understood, of course, that moving forward with the Plan will not solve all of our problems, but it's an essential step in the right direction. The Plan will now be worked into the specific format required by the Diocese. The Council will meet again for a special session on April 24 to review and give final approval to the Plan before it is forwarded to Bishop LaValley. No timetable has yet been established for when the key elements of the Plan will take effect.

Your continued prayers and support for your parish (and your pastor!) would be much appreciated at this time.

St. André Bessette, pray for us.

MASS INTENTIONS**This Weekend – Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, Mar 25 (Is 7:10-14, 8:10/Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38)**

4:00pm (ND) Edward & Anna Gonyea by Grace Rule
& Theresa Allen

**Sunday, Mar 26 (1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41)**

8:00am (SJB) Gordy Stalter by Family
9:30am (SH) Jean A. Williams by Ceil & Bill Benware
11:00am (ND) For the People of SAB

Weekday Masses

Monday, Mar 27 (Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54)

12:05pm (ND) M/M Francis Nicklaw by Joanne & Family

Tuesday, Mar 28 (Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16)

6:45am (ND) Howard Monette by Family

Wednesday, Mar 29 (Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30)

6:45am (ND) Genevive Charland by Kieth & Phyllis
Smith
12:05pm (ND) Osabald & Viola Barney by Goldie Barney
Greene

Thursday, Mar 30 (Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47)

6:45am (ND) M/M John Young & M/M Albert Remillard
By the Estate

Friday, Mar 31 (Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)

6:45am (ND) Beverly Maguire by the Parish
12:05pm (ND) Lucille "Casey" Tatro by Linda Bigness

Next Weekend – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, Apr 1 (Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53)

8:00am (ND) Mary Lamendola by Patricia Lamendola
Ritchie
4:00pm (ND) Jennifer Connors Malley by Marian & Paul
Delisle

Sunday, Apr 2 (Ez 37:12-14/Jn 11:1-45)

8:00am (SJB) For the People of SAB
9:30am (SH) Eileen Wemette by Teresa Paquin
11:00am (ND) Jennifer (Connors) Malley by the Malone

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

***Welcome to St. André's Parish!***

No matter who you are, where you've come from, or what brings you here, we're so glad to have you with us. St. André Bessette (1845-1937) spent much of his life serving as the door-keeper of his religious community; like him, we strive to open doors for our neighbors to experience the loving mercy of God. May Jesus fill your heart with his grace and peace!



Thursday, April 6 - Friday, April 7, 2017
Notre Dame Church, Malone

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00pm Thursday until 8:00pm

Confessions

Thursday, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Friday, 6:00am - 8:00pm

Hearts on Fire—Praise & Worship Holy Hour

Friday, 7:00pm
Followed by bonfire and fellowship

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Catholic Relief Services: This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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VESPERS

The Evening Prayer of the Church
Tuesday, 6:00pm ~ Notre Dame Chapel
Open to All ~ Sponsored by André's Brothers



FIRST SATURDAY - APRIL 1

7:40am Holy Rosary
 8:00am Holy Mass
 Notre Dame Church

2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady at Fatima. Following the apparitions, the Virgin Mary expressed to one of the visionaries her desire that people make a special observance of Five First Saturdays in a row to console her Immaculate Heart, to offer reparation for the blasphemies and ingratitude of unrepentant sinners, and for peace in the world. The First Saturday observance includes: (1) confession, (2) Holy Communion, (3) recitation of the Holy Rosary, and (4) 15 minutes of meditation on one or more of the mysteries of the Rosary. To those who keep the Five First Saturdays, Our Lady has promised "to assist [them] at the hour of death with the graces necessary for [their] salvation."



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: standres.org. Thanks for your generosity!



Sugar on Snow



Sugar on Snow Brunch on Palm Sunday, April 9th, following the 9:30 Mass at St. Joseph's Church. It will be held at St. Helen's Hall in Chasm Falls from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. with continuous seating. Menu includes: sliced ham, scalloped potatoes, Fr. Joe's Famous Baked Beans, cabbage salad, devilled eggs, homemade pickles, homemade rolls, sugar on snow, homemade raised donuts, coffee, tea and milk. Cost is: \$10.00 for adults; \$8.00 for

Seniors; \$5.00 for children 5 to 10 years old; and children under 5 are free. There will also be take outs available.

Sunday, April 2nd
11:00am Mass



YOUNG ADULT SEDER MEAL

A Christian Seder meal is a way for us to experience our Jewish roots in the Passover meal, while connecting it to the Last Supper. Young adults (interpreted loosely) are invited to a Seder meal at Frassati House on Saturday, April 8th, at 5:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for Holy Week! A small donation to help cover the cost of the meal would be appreciated. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, email Catherine at catherine@standres.org

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

Holy Family Year-Round BINGO!

Saturday Nights - Doors open at 5:30PM
Early Bird ~ Progressive Bingo ~ Pull Tabs ~ Concession

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 March 30, for Bingo Team 2. **Bingo now starts at 7:00pm.**

SOCIETIES AND PARISHES' EVENT(S)

Bingo - Knights of Columbus

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

St. Andre's Bessette Rosary Society

St. Andre's Parish Rosary Society will be reciting the Rosary before the 4 PM Mass on April 1st, 2017, at Notre Dame Church. Please arrive 20 minutes before the beginning of Mass. A reminder to all members, a baby shower for Catholic Charities will be held at our meeting in April.

St. André's Parish Pastoral 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!



Stations of the Cross

Fraturdays of Lent, 11:15am
 Notre Dame Church

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

	03/19/17	03/13/16	03/15/15
Envelopes	\$ 7,129.00	\$ 7,434.25	\$ 8,558.00
Youth Env.	\$ 6.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Plate	\$ 884.67	\$ 799.15	\$ 730.46
Online Gifts	\$ 70.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,089.67	\$ 8,213.40	\$ 9,288.46
Envelopes Used	262	252	261

"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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