

ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH

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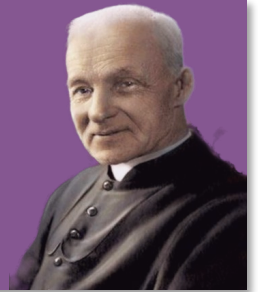
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All Hallows, Moosup

St. Augustine, Canterbury

St. John the Apostle, Plainfield



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil:

4:30 p.m. - St. Augustine

Sunday:

8:00 a.m.- All Hallows

10:30 a.m.- St. John

Monday- No public Mass

Tuesday- No public Mass

Wednesday- 6:00 p.m. Mass followed by Novena to St. Peregrine and Benediction-St. John

Thursday- 7:30 a.m. at All Hallows and 6:00 p.m. at St. Augustine (*Holy Hour to follow the 6 p.m. Mass*)

Friday- 8:00 a.m. at St. John (*Adoration after the First Friday Mass*)

Holy Days will be announced in the bulletin.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:00 p.m. at St. Augustine or by appointment.

Hospital & Home Visits: Please notify the priest of family illness. Please be advised that some institutions have an onsite chaplain.

Sacrament of the Sick: Anytime by request, in the home of the sick.

Baptism: Please contact the office for an arrangement.

Marriage: Couples should call the office at least one year in advance to reserve a date and make arrangements.

Fourth Sunday of ADVENT



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DECEMBER 23 & 24, 2023

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



All Hallows
126 Prospect St, Moosup



St. Augustine
144 Westminster Rd, Canterbury



St. John the Apostle
15 Railroad Ave, Plainfield

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Greg Jednaki
Deacon: Timothy Marshall
Secretary: Adele Comeau
Bookkeeper: Patricia LaBonte
DRE: April Gibson

Parish Contact Information

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Parish Office Hours

Adele: Mon-Fri.. from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Patricia: Wednesday 8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m.

Sites of Worship Groups

All Hallows K of C: Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Basement

St. John: Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Guild meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. in St. John's Church Hall. *No meetings in January, June, July or August.*

St. John & St. Augustine: K of C meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at St. John's Church.

St. Augustine's Ladies Guild: Meeting dates and times to be announced.

Please make all checks payable to: St. André Bessette Parish

Online Giving: 12/10/23- \$ 998.01

Offertory (12/10/23): \$5,164.00

Fuel: \$ 52.00

Christmas Flowers: \$2,252.00

Immaculate Conception: \$ 620.00

Total: \$8,088.00

Online: \$998.01 + Weekly: \$8,088.00 = \$9,086.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

The second collection this weekend (12/24):

No 2nd Collection

The second collection next weekend (12/31):

No 2nd Collection

The bulletin company had an early deadline. The collection totals for the weekend of Dec. 17th will appear in the Dec. 31st bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23rd **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

4:30 p.m. – St. Augustine: †Alice Perreault *by her husband, William Perreault and family*

Sunday, December 24th **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. – All Hallows: †Leo Dalbec *by his wife & family*

10:30 a.m. – St. John: †Cecile Bachmann *by the Trakas family*

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday, December 24th – **Christmas Vigil**

4:00 p.m. – All Hallows: The parishioners of St. Andre Bessette

6:00 p.m. – St. Augustine: The parishioners of St. Andre Bessette

Monday, December 25th – **The Nativity of the Lord**

10:30 a.m. – St. John: The parishioners of St. Andre Bessette

Tuesday – No public Mass

Wednesday, December 27th

6:00 p.m. at St. John: The parishioners of St. Andre Bessette

Thursday, December 28th

7:30 a.m. at All Hallows: The parishioners of St. Andre Bessette

6:00 p.m. at St. Augustine: The parishioners of St. Andre Bessette

Eucharistic Adoration after the 6:00 p.m. Mass

Friday, December 29th

8:00 a.m. at St. John: †Artie Holmes *by Nancy Hill*

Saturday, December 30th

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

4:30 p.m. – St. Augustine: †Raymond J. Wisniewski *(45th anniversary) by his wife, Lorraine; †Zenon Zawadzki by his wife & family; and A Mass of thanksgiving by the Senat family*

Sunday, December 31st

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 a.m. – All Hallows: †Theresa Goyette & the deceased members of the Marchesseault family *by family; and †Mary & Matthew Lukin by family*

10:30 a.m. – St. John: †Frank J. Chinigo *(11th anniversary) by Rose & Jim Soper; and †Elaine Ruffo by Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Guild*

MASS ATTENDANCE

December 9, 2023

4:30 p.m. – St. Augustine: 85

December 10, 2023

8:00 a.m. – All Hallows: 136

10:30 a.m. – St. John: 156

The bulletin company had an early deadline. The Mass Attendance totals for the weekend of Dec. 17th will appear in the Dec. 31st bulletin.

HOLY HOUR

Adoration every Thursday after the 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Augustine. *Come, spend some time with our Lord!*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

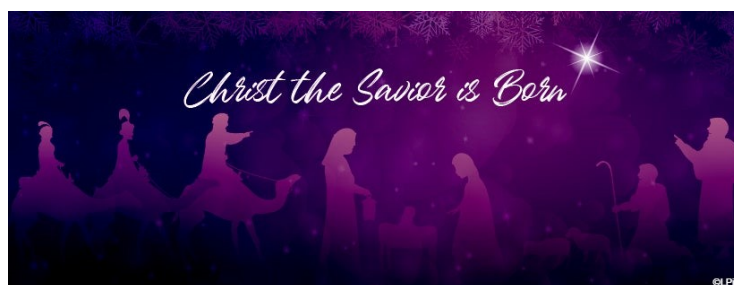
Tyler Belfleur, William Perreault, Anne Marie Messier, Claire LeNoir, Tyler Bixler, Marion Cole, Adam Koprowski, Betty Ann Dailey, Molly Hoffman, Brock Nowicki, Bev Nickerson, Carrie Grzywacz, Earl Huber, Roy Ernest Cote, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Roberts, Robert Frederick Civardi, David Chartier, Pauline Morneau, Carol Beebe Cartino, Linda Lussier, Mary Smith-Ridgway, Scott Wozniak, Ernest Charron, Robert Bernier, Rick Wheary, Susan Wallace, & Robbie. *If you have someone you would like to add to the prayer list, please call the office (860) 564-3313 or send an email to: standrebparrish@gmail.com.*

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES

If a loved one is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick/Last Rites, please do not wait until the last minute to call if possible. You may call in advance and make an appointment. Please call the office during business hours (860) 564-3313 or call Fr. Greg (860) 839-0664 to schedule a date and time.

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.




CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil 12/24
 4:00 pm- All Hallows
 6:00 pm- St. Augustine

Christmas Day 12/25
 10:30 am- St. John the Apostle



We are recruiting children in second grade and above who wish to become Altar Servers. Please see Deacon Tim if you or your child or grandchild would like to serve.

 2023 ACA update: As of November 28, 2023, **St. Andre Bessette Parish, Plainfield** has donated **\$29,241.45** or **98.76%** of its goal, and **13.85%** of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. **URGENT – PLEASE HELP US REACH GOAL - THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!** Our campaign year ends **December 31, 2023**. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, “One Faith, One Family”, or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. **Thank you to everyone for your support!**

ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE MEN’S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The Men’s Spirituality Group will meet once a month on the 3rd Sunday for the next few months at All Hallows following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The group ends by 9:40 a.m. Come join us!

ALL HALLOWS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The AHDC will have a meeting Sunday, Jan. 14th following the 8 a.m. Mass in the church basement. All are invited to attend! We are always looking for new members and ideas.

ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE ROSARY GROUP

The group meets at 10:00 a.m. in St. John’s Church. All are welcome to join us! *Occasionally, the date/place must change (in the case of a funeral or Special Mass). Please contact the parish office to confirm.*

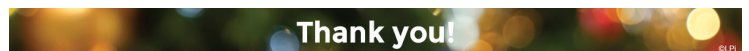
****Next dates:** Wednesdays: Dec. 27; Monday, Jan. 1st; and Wednesdays: Jan. 10, 17, & 24

Lectors Wanted- All Hallows is in need of lectors. If you are interested, please contact Deb Tavernier at 860-428-0508.



DECEMBER	
24	Christmas Pageant– before the 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass at All Hallows
24	Christmas Vigil Masses 4:00 pm– All Hallows 6:00 pm– St. Augustine
25	Christmas Day Mass 10:30 am– St. John the Apostle
26	Office Closed

JANUARY	
1	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation in the USA this year.)
10	Pastoral Council Mtg. @ 7 pm



Thank you to everyone who donated Walmart gift cards to St. Vincent De Paul! Sharon LeBeau delivered the cards on Monday, Dec. 4th. The staff at St. Vincent De Paul were very surprised and thankful!

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Entrance is handicap accessible.
Parking is available behind the school.
Hosted by K of C Council 270

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

DECEMBER 24, 2023
BEFORE THE 4 PM MASS
ALL HALLOWS CHURCH



PROJECT RACHEL ROSARY AT THE CATHEDRAL- The 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Cathedral of St. Patrick following the noon mass, join the Office of Faith Events as we pray the Project Rachel Rosary. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on hope, healing, and forgiveness for those affected by an abortion and also for an end to abortion. Please join us for this in-person Project Rachel Rosary on Tuesday, Jan. 16th following the noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. Virtual Bingo for All Ages

6th Annual Young Adult Mass with Bishop Cote- On Sunday- January 21st, St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs is delighted to host Bishop Michael Cote for the 6th Annual Diocesan Young Adult Mass & Reception. All Young Adults (ages 18 - 39, single and married) are invited and encouraged to attend and are encouraged to invite friends to join us! Mass with Bishop Cote will begin at 7:00pm and following the liturgy there will be a small reception in the Catholic Center.

If you have a birthday or anniversary, please let Fr. Greg know before Mass. He will acknowledge it during Mass.

If you are seeking to find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden or sorrow, join us for *A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows*, a virtual seven-week program that will explore each of the seven sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains. The program will meet online Monday nights from 7-8:15 P.M. January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 12, and 19, 2024. Each week will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. The program is free, but registration is required. To do so, or, for more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

Four County Catholic Weekly Newsletter

Get the latest news and announcements from around the diocese emailed right to your inbox. *Connecting area Catholics to church, faith and the common good with news, upcoming events and spiritual reflection, the new digital newsletter will keep you updated. Discover the good work being done in our two dozen ministries as well as learning about employment and volunteer opportunities.* It's informative, it's weekly and it's free! Sign up today!
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In December and January, the Spiritual Book Club will be reading The Stories of Padre Pio (\$7) by Madame Katharina Tangari. It is a small, fun book that is an easy and light read with about 20 stories/miracles of Padre Pio. In February and March, we will be reading The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ (\$5) visions from Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich. This book was used for Mel Gibson's movie, The Passion. It is a collection of visions that Blessed Anne Catherine had of Jesus' passion and death. It is a great book to read during Lent. **See or email Deacon Tim if you are interested in one or both books.**



December 24, 2023- 4th Sunday of Advent

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, **"But she was greatly troubled at what was said."** An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her *precisely when she is troubled*. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, **"Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God."** — Father John Muir ©LPI



The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.



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