

## ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH

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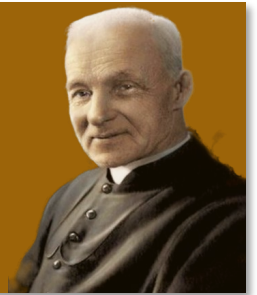
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*All Hallows, Moosup*

*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.



## THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

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## DECEMBER 30 & 31, 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

Office Phone: (860) 564-3313 Rel. Ed: 860-230-5243

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Fr. Greg: (860) 839-0664 (For emergencies only)  
(Fr. Greg's days off: Monday & Tuesday)

Email: standrebparish@gmail.com

Rel. Ed. Email: standrereligioused@gmail.com

### Mailing Address (all correspondence):

10 Railroad Ave, Plainfield, CT 06374

### Website:

<https://standrebparish.wixsite.com/standrebessetteparis>

### 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: 12/17/23- \$ 1,085.01

Offertory (12/17/23):	\$5,318.00
Fuel:	\$ 24.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 129.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 32.00
Christmas:	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$5,523.00
Online: \$1,085.01 + Weekly: \$5,523.00 = \$6,608.01	

### **Thank you for your continued generosity!**

The second collection this weekend (12/31):

**No 2nd Collection**

The second collection next weekend (1/7):

**No 2nd Collection**

The bulletin company had an early deadline. The collection totals for the weekend of Dec. 24th will appear in the Jan. 7th bulletin.



### STEWARDSHIP

*"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - Colossians 3:13*

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.



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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday, January 1st**

### **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

*Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year*

**9:00 a.m. – All Hallows:** The parishioners of St. Andre Bessette

**Tuesday-No public Mass**

**Wednesday, January 3rd**

**6:00 p.m. at St. John:** †Cecile Bachmann by Joan & Roz

**Thursday, January 4th**

**7:30 a.m. at All Hallows:** †Ronald Roberts, Sr. by Cheryl

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

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

**First Friday, January 5th**

**8:00 a.m. at St. John:** †The Holy Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner

**First Saturday, January 6th**

### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

*St. Andre Bessette*

**4:30 p.m. – St. Augustine:** †Kathryn Daigneault (1st anniversary) by Roger Daigneault, Karlyn Waskiewicz & family

**Sunday, January 7th**

### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

**8:00 a.m. – All Hallows:** †Clifford & Elaine Bellavance, Joseph & Peter Bellavance, and Danald & Kirk Lowry by Ward; and †Jack Daoust by his family

**10:30 a.m. – St. John:** †Donald Gervais (19th anniversary) by Sue & Bill; †Beth Emily by Nancy Hill; and †Patricia Mulvey & †Domenic DiMartino by their family



## **MASS ATTENDANCE**

**December 16, 2023**

4:30 p.m. – St. Augustine: 90

**December 17, 2023**

8:00 a.m. – All Hallows: 150

10:30 a.m. – St. John: 147

The bulletin company had an early deadline. The Mass Attendance totals for the weekend of Dec. 24th will appear in the Jan. 7th 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, 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: standrebparish@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.



**We would like to thank everyone for the wonderful Christmas cards and gifts! They are very thoughtful and appreciated!**

**We wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a happy & healthy New Year!**

*Fr. Greg & Maria*



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

### 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:** Monday, Jan. 1st; and Wednesdays: Jan. 10, 17, & 24

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

### BINGO EVERY MONDAY NIGHT!

All Hallows Church Hall (Basement Entrance)

**126 Prospect Street Moosup CT**

**Doors open @ 5:30 pm | Game starts @ 7:00 pm**

*Food and Drinks are available for sale!*

**Entrance is handicap accessible.**

*Parking is available behind the school.*

*Hosted by K of C Council 270*

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](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net).

## 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
17	Finance Committee mtg. @ 7 pm

## Pastoral COUNCIL

The next Pastoral Council meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 11th at 7:00 pm.

### 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 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!

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.



**ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE**

**JANUARY 6, 2024**

**FEAST DAY OF**

**ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE**

- Canonized: Oct. 17, 2010
- Beatified: May 23, 1982
- Venerated: June 12, 1978
- Born in Quebec, Canada in 1845
- At age 12, he was an orphan and took care of himself. He travelled to the US and worked in the textile mill in Moosup, CT. Soon after, he moved back to Canada and went to Holy Cross Brothers in Montreal.
- Devoted to St. Joseph  
<https://www.saint-joseph.org/en/spirituality/saint-brother-andre/>

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A poster featuring a painting of the Virgin Mary looking upwards with a halo. The text "Mary" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, "THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, followed by "PRAY FOR US" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother Of God**  
**Monday, Jan. 1st**  
**Mass at 9:00 am in All Hallows Church**

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for the "Toys For Kids". All the tags were taken. There will be many happy families this Christmas! God bless you all for your generosity!





# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

### Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

### Monday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/ Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

### Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 1:19-28

### Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Jn 1:29-34

### Thursday:

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

### Friday:

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

### Saturday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

### Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— *Father John Muir*