

## ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH

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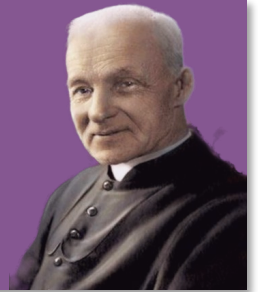
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*St. John the Apostle, Plainfield*



## 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.

# Third Sunday of ADVENT



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## DECEMBER 16 & 17, 2023



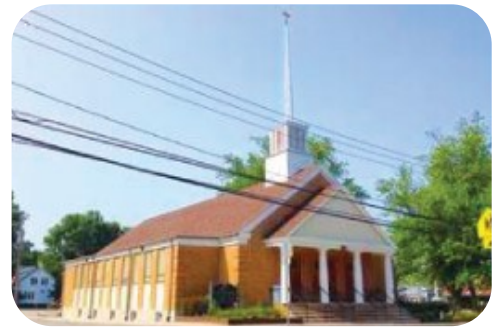
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**All Hallows**  
126 Prospect St, Moosup



**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

**Fax:** (860) 564-3314

**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

The bulletin company had an early deadline. The collection totals for the weekend of Dec. 10th will appear in the Dec. 24th bulletin.

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

The second collection this weekend (12/17):

**No 2nd Collection**

The second collection next weekend (12/24):

**No 2nd Collection**

### STEWARDSHIP

*"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 thessalonians 5:16 - 18*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.



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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, December 16th** **The Third Sunday of Advent**

**4:30 p.m. – St. Augustine:** †Loretta & Richard Mihuc *by their daughter, Sharon Pirt*

### **Sunday, December 17th** **The Third Sunday of Advent** *Gaudette Sunday*

**8:00 a.m. – All Hallows:** †Monica Ruiz *(6th anniversary) by Pat & Joe Krodell; †Richard James Grant from his wife; and †George Lukin (14th anniversary) by his wife*

**10:30 a.m. – St. John:** †Lisa Nadeau & the Gaudette family *by family; †Lou Romano by the Trakas family; and †Claire Mason by her family*

### **Monday & Tuesday-No public Mass**

### **Wednesday, December 20th**

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

### **Thursday, December 21st**

**7:30 a.m. at All Hallows:** †Ambrose, Theresa & Robert Goyette *by the family; and A Mass of thanksgiving by a parishioner*

**6:00 p.m. at St. Augustine:** †Joseph & Josephine Maclure *by Jim & Eileen*  
*Eucharistic Adoration after the 6:00 p.m. Mass*

### **Friday, December 22nd**

**8:00 a.m. at St. John:** †Brad Kiff *by his family*

### **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

## **MASS ATTENDANCE**

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### **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: standrebparish@gmail.com.*

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

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### **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  
(Jingle Bell Mass)

## Christmas Day 12/25

10:30 am- St. John the Apostle



The weekend Masses will remain as regularly scheduled:  
12/23 at 4:30 pm- St. Augustine  
12/24 at 8:00 am- All Hallows and 10:30 am at St. John the Apostle

### 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.

### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

- ☐ Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> bulletin information due by Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ☐ Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> bulletin information due by Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### 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. 20 & 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.



PRAY THE ROSARY

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Advertiser of the Week

DECEMBER	
17	K of C #6999 Pancake Breakfast @ St. John's Church 8am- 12 pm
24	Christmas Pageant- before the 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass at All Hallows
24	<b>Christmas Vigil Masses</b> 4:00 pm- All Hallows 6:00 pm- St. Augustine
25	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b> 10:30 am- St. John the Apostle
26	Office Closed



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## 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

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED-** Volunteers are needed at St. Augustine to arrange the tables for Religious Education students in the sacristy and in the overflow area after Mass on Saturday. This would include: set up a table and 8 chairs in the sacristy, move out the temporary walls in the back for the 5th grade and set up a small table across the room.

**Just a reminder...at this time, we are not collecting bottles and cans.** If you, or someone you know, are interested in this ministry for our parish, please contact the parish office (860) 564-3313. Thank you.

### 1 Year Memorial Candles in St. John's Church

St. Joseph Candles (red)- If you are interested in a memorial candle, or would like to renew one, **you must contact the parish office.** You may place the \$100.00 donation into the collection basket marked: Attn. Adele at the parish office, or bring it directly to the parish office. **The candles are on a first come, first serve basis.**



There will be a Christmas Pageant before the 4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass at All Hallows.

K of C Council 6999

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY  
DEC. 17TH  
8 AM to 12 PM

St. John's Church Hall

Pancakes, Tater Tots,  
Scrambled Eggs, &  
Sausage, Coffee,  
Juice, Tea

Any donations will be  
gladly accepted!

Donations to benefit the  
ASAP (Aid & Support After  
Pregnancy) Program



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



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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.**

## ATTENTION

When using any of the buildings in all 3 sites of worship for meetings, etc., please be sure to turn off all the lights and lock the doors before leaving. Thank you.



## IN SYMPATHY

*Our condolences to the family of:*

†Sophie LaFlesh, whose funeral Mass was on Dec. 9, 2023 in St. John the Apostle Church.



Please share your e-mail address with The Office of Faith Events of the Diocese of Norwich! Be the first to know about all the faith enriching programs, virtual and live, that we offer throughout the year. This will also enable you to receive our bi-weekly Hope and Faith Video series. Email Marianne at: [manicholas@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) to be added to the list today!

**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).

*Thank You* for joining us

**The December 17th Healing Mass at Church of the Holy Family in Hebron with Fr. Ray Introvigne and Fr. Michael Philippino is CANCELLED.** Please join us again in the New Year on January 21st at Church of the Holy Family, 185 Church St., Hebron at 2 PM.

## **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL NEEDS YOUR HELP TODAY!**

We all know how important the ministries and programs of the ACA are, to provide spiritual, educational, physical, financial and emotional support to the people of our Diocese and Haiti. Unfortunately, less than 14% of us are making the commitment to donate and help do the work of Christ. Looking back at the last 5 years, an average of 21% of our parishioners donated! We know that together, we can do better! Our programs will be threatened without your help. We ask you to do what you can to bring us closer to our 2023 ACA goal. We are currently only months away from the end of the year and still close to \$500k shy of our goal. If you, who are members of the 86% who have not yet given, decide to contribute, we will be all set! You can make your gifts by calling Heather Harris, ACA Campaign Manager at 860-886-1928 ext. 111 or online at [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org). Thank you very much for sharing your blessings.



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](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org). **Thank you to everyone for your support!**

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES ASKS YOU TO HELP OUR FAMILIES CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS**

Catholic Charities will be providing “A Very Merry Christmas” to our families and we are asking the parishioners to join in this special celebration of gifts and prayers for our many families and individual in financial need. Your gift of an unwrapped children's toy, for a child up to the age of 12 or a gift card to Walmart or Target for a teenager will be greatly appreciated. Grocery store gift cards are also enjoyed by the families. Our Food Pantry is busy throughout the year as food assistance is the single largest service provided and it is often the entry point for people to receive additional necessary services, utility, rental assistance, Financial Empowerment classes for self-sufficiency to identify a few services. Please bring your unwrapped toy to Catholic Charities 331 Main Street Norwich CT, 06360 or send the gift cards or checks with Christmas 2023 written in the memo line to the same address. Our kids, parents and grandparents look forward to Christmas as much as your family and our staff, as we all prepare for the true meaning of Christmas, the Birth of our Lord and the Holy Family. Thank you from the staff at Catholic Charities and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.