

## ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH

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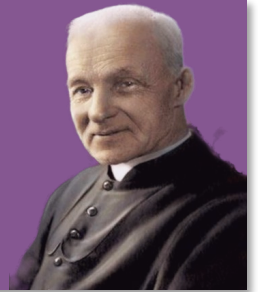
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*All Hallows, Moosup*

*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.

# *First Sunday of* ADVENT



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## DECEMBER 2 & 3, 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

**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

#### Online Giving: 11/19/23- \$1,075.01

Offertory (11/19/23):	\$5,160.00
Fuel:	\$1,828.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 5.00
<u>All Saints:</u>	<u>\$ 6.00</u>
Total:	\$6,999.00
Online: \$1,075.01 + Weekly: \$6,999.00 =	\$8,074.01

#### Online Giving: 11/26/23- \$ 718.01

Offertory (11/26/23):	\$5,031.00
Fuel:	\$ 111.00
<u>All Saints:</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
Total:	\$5,144.00
Online: \$718.01 + Weekly: \$5,144.00 =	\$5,862.01

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

The second collection this weekend (12/03):

#### **Fuel Collection**

The second collection next weekend (12/10):

#### **Christmas Flowers**

*Thank You* for joining us

### STEWARDSHIP

*"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33*

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.



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Online  
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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **First Saturday, December 2nd**

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

**4:30 p.m. – St. Augustine:** †Ann Morin *by the St. Augustine Ladies Guild*

### **Sunday, December 3rd**

#### **The First Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 a.m. – All Hallows:** †Ray, Henriette & the deceased members of the Deojay family *by their children & grandchildren; and* †Jack Daoust *by Richard & Mary Poitras*

**10:30 a.m. – St. John:** †Rita Holmes *(12th anniversary) by Sue & Bill; and* †Edgar & Cecile Bodo and the deceased members of their family *by friends*

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

*Monday – St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

### **Wednesday, December 6th**

*St. Nicholas, Bishop*

**6:00 p.m. at St. John:** **NO MASS OR NOVENA**

### **Thursday, December 7th**

#### **Vigil Mass @ 6 pm– Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

**7:30 a.m. at All Hallows:** †Ronald Roberts, Sr. *by Cheryl; and* †Nathan Chamberland *(1st anniversary) by his family*

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

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

### **Friday, December 8th**

#### **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8:00 a.m. at St. John:** †Elaine Ruffo *by Nancy Hill*

### **Saturday, December 9th**

#### **The Second Sunday of Advent**

*St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoazin*

**4:30 p.m. – St. Augustine:** †Clyde Bodo *(22nd anniversary) by Lil & Paulette*

### **Sunday, December 10th**

#### **The Second Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 a.m. – All Hallows:** †Johnny Clapper III *(13th anniversary) and* †John Clapper, Jr. *by family; and* †Tom, Mary Lou, & Brendan Smith *by the LaFrance families*

**10:30 a.m. – St. John:** †Ernest Romano *by the Trakas family; †The family of Lenny King & The family of Al Tetreault by friends*



## **MASS ATTENDANCE**

### **November 18, 2023**

4:30 p.m. – St. Augustine: 89

### **November 19, 2023**

8:00 a.m. – All Hallows: 133

10:30 a.m. – St. John: 162

### **November 25, 2023**

4:30 p.m. – St. Augustine: 73

### **November 26, 2023**

8:00 a.m. – All Hallows: 141

10:30 a.m. – St. John: 157

### **HOLY HOUR**

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

**THERE WILL BE NO 6:00 PM MASS OR NOVENA AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH.**



### **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION- DEC. 8, 2023**

#### **Vigil Mass– Thursday, Dec. 7th**

6:00 pm in St. Augustine Church.

#### **Feast Day Mass– Friday, Dec. 8th**

8:00 am in St. John's Church.

### **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: standreparish@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.



**TOYS FOR KIDS**

Toys for Kids serves families in  
Plainfield, Canterbury, and Sterling.

**We have 150 tags between our 3 churches.**

Please donate TOYS ONLY  
NO CLOTHING

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE**  
**UNWRAPPED AND PLACED IN**  
**A BAG.**

**All items are due by: Dec. 10th**

The weekend Masses remain as normally scheduled:

Sat. 12/23– 4:30 pm at St. Augustine  
Sun. 12/24– 8:00 am at All Hallows  
10:30 am at St. John



## 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

DECEMBER	
3	Walmart Cards for St. Vincent De Paul due
6	<b>NO 6 PM MASS AT ST. JOHNS</b>
8	Immaculate Conception– HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Office Closed
10	Christmas Flower Envelopes Due
12	<b>Toys For Kids Due</b>

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

### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

- ☐ Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> bulletin information due by Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ☐ Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> bulletin information due by Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ☐ 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>.



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.**

### 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!



### CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES DUE: DEC. 10TH

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### 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. 6, 13, 20 & 27.

### ALL HALLOWS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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



### IN SYMPATHY

*Our condolences to the families of:*

†Marie Alice Mercier, whose funeral Mass was on Nov. 29, 2023 in St. John the Apostle Church.

†Cecile Bachmann, whose funeral Mass was on Dec. 01, 2023 in St. John the Apostle Church.





## 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 this year. More details to come soon...

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



## Four County Catholic Weekly Newsletter

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

## THANK YOU!

On behalf of the AHDC, we want to thank you all for your attendance, donations, time, and treasures during, before, and after our Holly Jolly Craft Fair. A great time was had by all. Happy Holidays!!!



## Advent Mission

Featuring Fr. Jeffrey Ellis speaking on Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus.

Join us for the Virtual Mission

Tuesdays December 5, 12, & 19  
7:00 - 7:45PM

To register, contact Marianne at  
manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or  
call 860-848-2237 ex.304







2023 ACA update: As of October 31, 2023, **St. Andre Bessette Parish, Plainfield** has donated **\$29,056.45** or **98.13%** of its goal, and **13.62%** of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. **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 go online to [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org). **Thank you to everyone for your support!**



**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!** All are invited to join Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the diocese in our annual bilingual celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Tuesday, December 12, 2023. The celebration begins with the Rosary at 6:30pm, followed by Holy Mass at 7:00pm. Fiesta following. We look forward to honoring Our Lady with you. For more information, please contact the Office for Hispanic Ministry, Tel: 860-456-3349 / email: [aposthispano@gmail.com](mailto:aposthispano@gmail.com)

### Advent Wreath

**Question: What's the story behind the Advent wreath?**

**Answer:** Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreaths adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of ever-green boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas. ©LPi



### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

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**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).

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.

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