



NATIONAL SHRINE of OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

SHRINE - WELCOME CENTER - RETREAT CENTER

A MINISTRY OF THE MISSIONARIES OF LA SALETTE

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DECEMBER 2018

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE - Nov 23, 2018-Jan 6, 2019

<p>MASSES</p> <p>Saturday & Sunday 12:10, 4:00, & 5:30 PM</p> <p>Monday - Friday 12:10 & 4:00 PM</p>	<p>RECONCILIATION</p> <p>1:00-5:00 PM Daily</p> <p>There will be no Reconciliation on: DEC 25 & JAN 1</p>	<p>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will resume in January 2019</p>	<p>NO HEALING MASSES DURING THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL</p>
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"COME NEAR MY CHILDREN, DON'T BE AFRAID." -Our Lady at La Salette

Father Andre Patenaude, M.S. - Superior

Fr. Ted Brown, M.S. - Shrine Director

Father Bernie Baris, M.S. - Retreat Center Director

THOMAS MERTON on Advent



"In our time, what is lacking is not so much the courage to ask this question as the courage to expect an answer... We may at times be able to show the world Christ in moments when all can clearly discern in history, some confirmation of the Christian message. But the fact remains that our task is to seek and find Christ in our world as it is, and not as it might be. The fact that the world is other than it might be does not alter the truth that Christ is present in it and that His plan has been neither frustrated nor changed: indeed, all will be done according to His will.

Our Advent is a celebration of this hope."

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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**THERE WILL NOT
BE ANY PRAYER GROUPS
HELD DURING THE
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
OF LIGHTS. THEY WILL
RESUME IN JANUARY.**

DANCE ACADEMY OF NORTH ATTLEBORO

will be performing at the Welcome Center
on December 22, 2018 at 7:00PM



LOOKING FOR SINGERS TO SING AT THE NATIVITY

We're looking for experienced vocalists to lead Shrine visitors in "Silent Night" (commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Christmas hymn) at 4:45PM at the Outdoor Chapel marking the nightly illumination of the lights. If you're interested in helping, and would be available on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday nights through January 6th, please contact Fr. Ted Brown at lasalettेशrinedirector@gmail.com. Though not required, a vocal recording is encouraged! Thank you!

RYAN TREMBLAY IN CONCERT

**Thursday, December 13th 2018
at 7:00PM**



**Adults \$10
Children (Under 12): \$5**

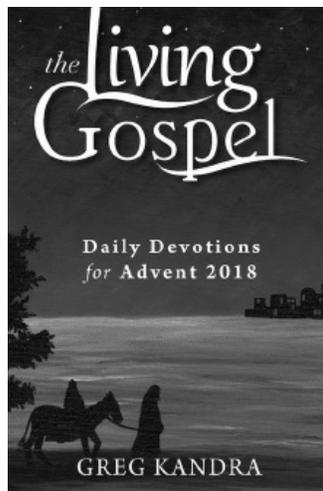
**Tickets available online at
ryantremblaymusic.com**

BOOK OF THE MONTH

LIVING THE GOSPEL MEDITATIONS FOR ADVENT

By DEACON GREG KANDRA

Award-winning journalist and popular blogger Deacon Greg Kandra accompanies you in prayer and reflection through the busy days and long nights of the Advent season to help you spiritually prepare for Christmas. In Daily Devotions for Advent 2018, he comforts, challenges, and leads you toward the undying hope of Christ's birth.



Daily Devotions for Advent 2018 offers prayerful guidance from the first Sunday of Advent to Christmas Day through a daily reflection on the gospel reading, a focused spiritual exercise, and a brief prayer that sums up the day's theme and asks for God's blessing.

Deacon Greg Kandra, creator of The Deacon's Bench will challenge you to celebrate Advent with patience and help you be ready for a happy and holy Christmas. He keeps you focused on the mystery of Christ's coming and shows you how to prepare your heart to welcome him.

Each two-page daily devotion offers brief Bible verses, prayers, wise and practical reflections on the Word of God, and an easy-to-do spiritual exercise that you can usually accomplish in a single day. Kandra's daily reflections will help root your Advent journey in the daily gospel readings and lead you to spiritual renewal as you get ready for Christmas.

Now Available in our Gift Shop!

WALKING IN HOPE

SUPPORT GROUP:

Bereavement Group for those who have
lost loved ones from drug use

OUR NEXT MEETING

WILL TAKE PLACE ON **THURSDAY,**
DECEMBER 27 AT 7:30 PM
MEET IN THE WELCOME CENTER

The epidemic of drug use has hit this area hard. There have been many deaths from drug use. The loss is often quite devastating for parents, siblings, and friends. We have a support group for those who have lost someone to this horrible disease.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

First Saturday of each month, Reconciliation Chapel
from 11:00-12:00 PM

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary,
and other Prayers*

The Five First Saturdays devotion involves a unique combination of confession, communion, and the rosary, and it holds a special place in Our Lady's plan. As Mary our Mother invites us through her message at La Salette, "Come near, my children..."

**"AT THIS CHRISTMAS WHEN
CHRIST COMES, WILL HE FIND A
WARM HEART? MARK THE SEASON
OF ADVENT BY LOVING AND SERV-
ING THE OTHERS WITH GOD'S
OWN LOVE AND CONCERN."**

-Mother Teresa,

"Love: A Fruit Always in Season"

FAITH IN ACTION

The cold winter season is coming, and it is time to think of our brothers and sisters in need of our help. Our winter collection of blankets, comforters, and sleeping bags has begun. There are large collection boxes in the church foyer for your donations. Thank you for your generosity. God bless you.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 1ST

Coastline Singers, 1:00PM, Shrine Church
St. Thomas More Church, 4:00PM Mass

DECEMBER 11TH

Chorus of East Providence – 7:00PM

DECEMBER 13TH

Ryan Tremblay, 7:00PM, Welcome Center

DECEMBER 16TH

Las Posadas, 5:00PM

DECEMBER 21ST

Fontbonne Academy Chorus, 4:00PM Mass

DECEMBER 22ND

Bishop Feehan High School Jazz Choir, 4:00PM Mass

DECEMBER 22ND

Attleboro Academy Dance Show, 7:00PM,
Welcome Center

DECEMBER 23RD

St. John Jubilation Ringers, 4:00PM Mass

DECEMBER 23rd

St. Patrick's Singers, 6:30PM, Welcome Center
Cuellar Family Concert, 7:00PM, Welcome Center

DECEMBER 27TH

Revive Concert, 7:30PM, Welcome Center

DECEMBER 29TH

Ornament Concert, 7:00PM, Welcome Center

HAITIAN NEW YEAR'S MASS

December 31, 2018

10:00pm in the Shrine Church

Come welcome in 2019
with the Haitian Community!



ORNAMENT

CHRISTMAS CONCERT!

Sat, Dec 29 @ 7:00PM in the Welcome Center

Tickets can be purchased at the Welcome Center. or
on their website at: WWW.ORNAMENTBAND.COM

Currently looking forward to their twelfth year of touring, Ornament is an 11-piece Rock Orchestra specializing as a Tribute to the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. Ornament is a full musical production complete with a full sound system and a light show consisting of dozens of lights, strobes, lasers, fog machines, and snow machines.

Based out of southeastern Massachusetts, Ornament performs throughout the North East and Mid-Atlantic US each year during the winter holiday season. Using traditional holiday carols and songs set to rock, blues, and gospel music, Ornament's show (like a TSO show) tells the tale of a real Christmas story; a story of Christmas wishes being answered. In keeping with the holiday spirit of giving back, Ornament often performs to help raise much needed money for area schools, programs, and charities.

**YOU MAY NOTICE THAT THE
MISSALS IN THE PEWS HAVE NOT BEEN
CHANGED EVEN THOUGH WE'VE ENTERED A
NEW LITURGICAL YEAR...**

**WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN ABOUT THEM BUT
ARE DELAYING PUTTING THEM OUT TO
REDUCE WEAR AND TEAR!
SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE!**

RETREAT CENTER

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Day of Prayer: "STATIONS OF THE NATIVITY"

December 8, 2018
led by Dottie Levesque

Give yourself an early Christmas gift by responding to the invitation to "come aside and rest awhile". We will journey through the Stations of the Nativity that begin with Gabriel's visit to Mary, and end with the Magi's round trip. Today, this journey continues through you and me. From 8:30am (registration) to 4:00pm. Lunch included. Suggested donation: \$ 45 per person.

WEEKEND CHRISTMAS RETREAT "A JOURNEY TO THE MANGER: WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE INSIDE THE CHRISTMAS STORY"

December 14-16, 2018, Friday, 7PM to Sunday, 2PM
led by the La Salette Retreat Center Team

Through insightful biblical readings related to the "Christmas Narrative" and inspiring reflections from contemporary spiritual masters (Henry Nouwen, Thomas Merton, and others), the retreat will breathe new life into the familiar Christmas stories, weave them into the fabric of our lives and spiritual formation, and draw out implications for our day-to-day living. Suggested donation: \$225 per person. Registration and Deposit required.

**Register for any of the above programs by calling
508-222-8530.**

**KEEP ON THE LOOKOUT FOR OUR NEW
2019 PROGRAMS BOOKLET
WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE RACKS
AND ON OUR WEBSITE VERY SOON!
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.com**

GRIEF EDUCATION

December 10, 2018
from 6:30-8:30PM

"THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS AFTER LOSS"

Grief Education is a safe, compassionate, and confidential forum where you will be given the opportunity to learn, share, explore feelings, and find ways to accept and to cope with the loss of a loved one. Cost: \$10 per session.

Pre-registration required.

To register please call Sr. Judith Costa at 508-345-2660

SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE SEPARATED & DIVORCED

Meets on December 11 & 18
from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Retreat Center.
Led by Dorothy Levesque

Come join us for this new support group for those in our community who are touched directly or indirectly by divorce and/or separation. Please visit our website at www.lasaletteretreatcenter.com or call 508-642-1928 for more information.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Meeting with a spiritual director or spiritual companion can often help you discover God's movement within your life journey and encourage you to draw closer to God. It can help you integrate spirituality into your daily life, discern and make difficult choices, and share your hopes, struggles, and losses. Spiritual directors include ordained, religious and lay people trained in helping you discover what God has been waiting for you to seek in a closer relationship. Here is a list of the Spiritual Directors available at the Retreat Center:

- Fr. Flavio Gillio, MS - 508-222-5410
- Sr. Annette Langlois, SASV - 508-236-9093
- Joy Jennings - 508-236-9000
- Ethel Fraga - 508-822-2410
- Dottie Levesque - 508-222-8530

To make an appointment, please contact any of the above directors at the number provided.

For more information or to register for any of the above programs/retreats, please call us at 508-222-8530 or visit our website at www.lasaletteretreatcenter.com

MUSIC MINISTRY



We're looking for people to sing or play at the 4:30 PM Mass. Please contact Fr. Pat at 508-222-5410. If you are interested in helping at the 12:10 PM Sunday Mass, please contact us at:

ryantremblaymusic@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS ARTICLE BOOKSTORE

The La Salette Religious Article Bookstore is the perfect place to find a gift for every occasion! Our selection includes rosaries, crucifixes, medals, statues, Willow Tree Angels, jewelry and music boxes. Books include a variety of Bibles, missals and prayer books, spiritual reading and self-help books. With the Advent & Christmas seasons now upon us, we're getting new items in every day! Come visit us in the La Salette Welcome Center!



For what occasion do you need a special gift, book, or greeting card?

YOU'LL FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR AT
LA SALETTE.

We are casting our nets out for new liturgical ministers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, and other volunteers to help out with Mass!

If you've ever considered offering your time, gifts, and talents for use here at the Shrine, please contact us at 508-222-5410 or visit us online at lasaletteattleboroshrine.org.

CANDLE NOTICE

Due to several changes of staff over the past few years, our annual candle database has not been properly kept up to date. Please be patient with us as we attempt to resolve this matter. If you have any questions regarding your candle plaques, please call 508-236-9068.

As you do your estate planning, remembering us in your will is a way of creating a lasting legacy of your life and helping to continue our good work.

Our legal title is:

Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, Inc.
947 Park St.
Attleboro, MA 02703

SNACK BAR

OPEN YEAR ROUND

Wednesday to Sunday - 1:00 - 4:00 PM

The Snack Bar in the foyer of the Welcome Center is a great place to stop when visiting the Shrine. It serves fresh sandwiches, small meat pies, pizza, and soup as well as ice cream, chips, and candy!

Brother Roger Moreau, M.S.
Snack Bar Manager