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St. André Bessette Parish

Sunday Masses:

Saturday 4:00 pm at Holy Cross
Sunday 9:00 am at St. Bernard
11:00 am at St. Rose of Lima (Live Stream)

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 6:30 pm at St. Bernard
Wednesday 6:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima
Thursday 9:00 am at St. Bernard followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon
Friday 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon

Confessions:

St. Bernard:
Tuesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Thursday 9:40 - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)
First Friday of the month - 7:00 - 8:00 pm
St. Rose of Lima:
Wednesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Friday 9:40 - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)
First Saturday of the month - 10:00 - 11:00 am
Holy Cross:
Saturday 3:30 - 3:50 pm (prior to the 4:00 pm Mass)
... or by appointment

WELCOMING COMMUNITIES OF FAITH AND WORSHIP

St. Bernard Church, Enfield
St. Rose of Lima Church, Fall River
Holy Cross Church, Middle Musquodoboit

Pastor
Fr. Gerald David
frgerald@standrebessette.net

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Dan Bowden
dangbowden@gmail.com

Parish Offerings:
To register with our parish Pre-Authorized Debit program, please contact Lynette at the parish office. You can also e-transfer contributions using stbernardsenfield@gmail.com. These are alternatives to the traditional collection envelopes, which of course are still available.

Parish Office:

Troy Marshall 902-860-0475 Ext 2 office@standrebessette.net
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Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time – September 29, 2024

As we reflect on the Scriptures this Sunday, there seems to be an alarming concern in the Book of Numbers (Old Testament) with Joshua and in the Gospel of Mark with the beloved disciple John, over who is speaking in Christ's name. The responses back to Joshua from Moses and to John from Jesus were to put them at ease. Moses hoped that more would take up the prophetic mission after "the Lord would put his spirit on them." Jesus' response to John as well was very similar "... for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me." The whole intent of Christ, the whole purpose of Moses' sojourn leading the people out of the wilderness into the Promised Land, was the proclamation of good deeds of power in God's name - that the joy would fill the soul of the one who is freed from bondage, from sin to rejoice and want that very same gift for others.

Blessing of the Pets — We have a custom in our Church, following the way of St. Francis of Assisi, to gather our pets and offer a blessing on them in gratitude to God for them. The Memorial Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is Friday, October 4. This year, I invite all who wish to have their pets blessed to bring them to the parking lot of **St. Bernard Church in Enfield for 1:30 pm on Sunday, October 6.** We will hear a reading from Sacred Scripture and say a prayer of blessing for God's creatures who bring us such comfort and unconditional love.

Catechetical Sunday — Throughout the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, October 5, 2024 is Catechetical Sunday. Let us pray for all who will share the Faith in and with our families in Faith Formation and our Adult Faith Formation Programs here at St. André Bessette Parish. On **Sunday, October 6** at our 9 am Mass at St. Bernard and 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima, **we will welcome, thank and pray for all those who have come forward to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and the Teachings of His Church.**

Congratulations and Welcome to the Faith — This Sunday at St. Bernard we welcome to the Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism - Kyla, Harrison, Allistair, and Blair. We give thanks to God with Clarissa and Jacob for the care and concern of their family and for bringing them to the Church to grow with our family of faith here at St. André Bessette Parish. We pray God will bestow His most gracious blessings on you all.

First Thursday/First Friday/First Saturday — In the Roman Catholic Tradition, we have in our Church a way of intensifying what we believe in Faith about Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament (Body, Blood Soul & Divinity) present in the Eucharist. We have a long tradition of many and varying devotions. All of these opportunities help us to grow deeper in our Faith and build a stronger relationship with God.

- On the **First Thursday of the month**, we are able to celebrate a votive Mass in honour of the Eternal High Priest, Jesus Christ/Holy Eucharist. The Church permits the use of particular prayers which help deepen our understanding of Jesus Christ, High Priest, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. **Mass is at 9 am at St. Bernard, with a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 pm. Confessions are heard following Mass for 45 minutes.**
- On the **First Friday of the month**, we are able to celebrate a Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We remember from the side of Christ came water and blood – signs of Baptism and Eucharist, the Sacrifice Christ made for you and me that we would draw close to His Most Sacred Heart and be protected and guided, that our Hearts could be formed and one with His. **Mass is at 9 am at St. Rose of Lima, with a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 pm. Confessions are heard following Mass for 45 minutes. We also offer a time of prayer at St. Bernard, a Holy Hour from 7 to 8 pm (Confessions throughout the time of Adoration and Benediction at 8 pm).**
- On the **First Saturday of the month**, we are able to celebrate a votive Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary. This enables us to grow in a greater awareness of Mary, the Mother of God, entrusted by Jesus to his Beloved Disciple at the foot of the Cross and because of that, to us. We honour Mary for Christ her Son, we do not worship Mary. Mary will always guide us back to her Son Jesus – **“Do whatever he tells you...”** Through Mary to Jesus. **Mass is at 9 am, followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:45 to 10:45 am, with confessions heard during this time.**

Masses are offered on these days in our Parish and it would be great to see more people taking advantage of what is being offered for your benefit in Faith and for the glory and honour of God.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed — Have you ever considered how *beloved* you are by Our Lord Jesus Christ? Have you ever considered becoming a **Eucharistic Minister** in response to His Awesome Love for you? Eucharistic Ministers only serve one Sunday per month, in a rotation with other friends and parishioners who have answered Our Lord’s call to feed His people. Instruction is provided in one session (about a half an hour) outside of Sunday Mass. Perhaps the first response to this call is: **I am not worthy!** The answer to this thought is: **No one is worthy! But He calls us anyway because He Loves us.** If you have any questions about becoming a Eucharistic Minister please contact Don LeBlanc at donleblanc500@gmail.com (St. Rose of Lima) or Claire Guyette at guyettec@gmail.com or 902-883-9701 (St. Bernard).



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) — I have received and am in the process of meeting each one who has come forward to discern joining the Roman Catholic Church. Some are preparing for Baptism and all the Initiation Sacraments (Confirmation and Eucharist) and some have been validly baptized in other Christian denominations and are seeking to complete and join the Roman Catholic Church through Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. I ask you as Parishioners of St. André Bessette Parish to pray for this process, and to pray for the team who will accompany our Candidates and Catechumens through their sharing and witnessing to the Catholic Faith. We hope to begin after Thanksgiving weekend. The team will meet before Thanksgiving to pray together and discern our participation in the process. If there are any who have not contacted/met with me yet and who are hoping to be part of the process, please do so this week.

Parish Directory — Preparation work continues on the directory. Please contact the office if:

1. you did not get your picture taken but would like your name listed as a parishioner (no contact information included);
2. you did not get your picture taken but would like a copy of the directory (cost to be determined).

St. André Bessette Annual Kitchen Party — This family fun event will take place on **Sunday, November 3 at 2 pm at the Enfield Legion**. Tickets will be available in early October. Cost is \$5 for children, \$10 for adults and \$30 for a family. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance by contacting Sarah White (smwhitey@outlook.com/902-499-7216) or Penny Francis (pennyfrancis@eastlink.ca/902-861-1629). **We are also looking for entertainers!** Contact Sarah or Penny if interested.

Knights of Columbus 2nd Annual Francis White Hockey Pool — Please join us as we initiate the 2nd annual Francis White hockey pool. Tickets will be sold at the entrance of St. Rose of Lima Church this weekend and next. \$40 each.

Meet and Greet — Please join the St. Rose of Lima CWL and KoC as they host a meet and greet after Mass on **Sunday, October 27**. Come see who we are and what we do. Tea, coffee and sweets will be provided.

St. Bernard Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast — Save the date: October 6, 2024 at the Enfield Fire Hall.

Mass Intentions for the week of September 30 to October 6, 2024

- Tuesday, October 1 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Wilfred Dillman †
- Wednesday, October 2 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Jim Henley †
- Thursday, October 3 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Roderick MacDonnell †
- Friday, October 4 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Bill Fraser †
- Saturday, October 5 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Christena Tsimiklis †
- Sunday, October 6 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the People
- Sunday, October 6 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Sharon Walsh Grady †

2024/2025 Family Formation Program

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| October 6 | St. Rose of Lima | 1st Class for both Parents & Students | 9:45 am at Mitchell Hall |
| October 13 | NO CLASSES | THANKSGIVING WEEKEND | |
| October 20 | St. Bernard | 1st Class for both Parents & Students | Following Mass in basement |
| October 20 | St. Rose of Lima | Class for students only | 9:45 am at Mitchell Hall |
| October 27 | St. Bernard | Home Lesson | |
| October 27 | St. Rose of Lima | Family Social | 9:45 am at Mitchell Hall |

Please note: On Sunday, November 3, students may come to class and Mass dressed at their favorite Saint. Treats will be available after Mass.

We are in need of **CATECHISTS** to help grow our program and to serve the families of our Parish. Please contact Maria McDonald (maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net) for more information.

Meeting of the St. Bernard CWL — The St. Bernard CWL will meet following Mass on **Tuesday, October 1**. All members and non-members are welcome!

Marian Gathering: October 11-12, 2024 — Join us for a celebration of the Eucharist with Archbishop Dunn, prayerful presentations, joyful Christian music, Holy Rosary and Adoration. The topic is **Mother of the Eucharist: Mary’s Role in Eucharistic Devotion**. Location is St. Vincent de Paul Church in Dartmouth. Register online at www.atlanticmariangathering.ca.

Arimathea Funeral Cooperative Open House — Arimathea is celebrating its 30th anniversary on **Tuesday, October 15** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, 8741 Highway 224 in Upper Musquodoboit. Stop in and meet the board of directors and staff who will be there to answer any questions you may have. Everyone is welcome!



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