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frgerald@standrebessette.net

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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.

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - August 3, 2025

Today's Gospel helps us to realize a necessary, however often ignored, teaching from Christ – the life we are called to live on earth is not defined by the possessions we have amassed. What tunes us in to the will of God is what's most important. Too often we are interested more in accumulating physical possessions than the love of God. In the parable of today's Gospel, we see this very reality played out. The rich man's windfall of a bountiful harvest does not turn his attention to God and heavenly things. Jesus wants us to ponder and consider the things of God because the things of this world are passing and fleeting. The things of God and heaven are eternal.

Major Reliquary of Saint André Bessette — This past week we were blessed by the visit of friends from Saint Joseph's Oratory with the major Reliquary of our Patron Saint, Saint André Bessette. I want to thank all who attended the various times we had offered in our Parish. I want to thank especially Deacon Dan Bowden who was very involved in making this happen for our Parish as well as for other Parishes in our Archdiocese. May the many graces and blessings received from such a visit remain with us, working in our lives a deeper attentiveness to the work of God in our midst and Saint André Bessette's and Saint Joseph's ongoing intercession for our Parish. Saint André Bessette and Saint Joseph, continue to pray for us and bestow upon us God's healing graces!!!

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) — If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or discerning through completing the Sacraments of Initiation, please call or email Fr. Gerald to register for our process starting in the fall. If you know of someone who might be considering becoming a Catholic, Fr. Gerald would love to know. Reach out to him at 902-860-0475 Ext 5 or by email at frgerald@standrebessette.net.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament — On Thursdays and Fridays during the month of August, we will have an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass. We will revisit the time we offer Adoration again in the fall.

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 12 noon at St. Bernard followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 pm
Friday 12 noon at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 pm

Confessions:
St. Bernard:
Tuesday 6:00 – 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Thursday 11:30 – 11:55 am (prior to the noon Mass)
First Saturday of the month following the 9 am Mass

St. Rose of Lima:
Wednesday 6:00 – 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Friday 11:30 – 11:55 am (prior to the noon Mass)

Holy Cross:
Saturday 3:30 – 3:50 pm (prior to the 4:00 pm Mass)

Parish Office:
Secretary 902-860-0475 Ext 2 office@standrebessette.net
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Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Maria McDonald 902-860-0475 Ext 4 maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net
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Proposed New Hall/Administration Offices (Fall River)

Late last Fall (2024), I spoke at the end of Mass about the concept and timeliness of constructing a new Parish Hall. During the past 10 months, we have been very busy planning and developing concepts around how to build and finance the project.

The time is near to report to you what we have learned, what we propose, and the impact on our Parish. In general terms, we have determined our property in Fall River contains about 5 acres of surplus land. Sale of this surplus land becomes part of the overall concept to be shared with you.

I plan to speak for a few minutes at St. Rose of Lima at the end of Mass on September 7 to bring you up to date on our findings and proposals. We hope you will be able to attend this important update about a future hall in our Parish.

Jim McAllister, Hall Committee

St. Rose of Lima Foyer Refresh Coming Soon! Over the next few months, we'll be making some exciting updates to our church foyer to create a more welcoming and inviting space. These changes are designed to better reflect our parish mission and foster connection, hospitality, and community. Thank you for your patience as we work to make our shared space more vibrant and meaningful for all!

St. Rose of Lima CWL Christmas Bazaar — Saturday, November 15, 2025

The CWL ladies would like your help over the summer!!!

- Craft Table: Sewing, knitting or crafting? Make a project or two for them.
- Bake Table: Making your preserves, canning or pickling? Save a couple for them.
- Silent Auction Table: Donate a new gift with a value of \$15 or more.
- Religious Items Table: Donate any gently-used or new items, including religious books and holy cards.
- Children's Corner: Donate small items that cost less than \$3 for the fishpond. Helpers are also needed.

Thank you for your support!!! Please see any CWL member for inquiries or donations!



Grand-In-Hand Fundraiser (Thomas Bagley Council of the KoC) Update — We are pleased to announce the winner of our most recent draw, in support of the church window project. The lucky person is Paul Murphy of Lantz, NS. Thanks to all who supported this worthy cause. Stand by for another Grand-In-Hand coming up soon.

Thomas Bagley Council of the KoC (St. Bernard) Bursaries — The Scholarship/Bursary Committee is pleased to announce the names of the successful candidates for our council bursaries awarded in honour of four deceased knights - SK D. Hinch, Br. R. Brazzeau, SK J. Gignac and Br. R. MacDonnell. The following individuals submitted excellent applications and were each awarded \$500 - **Martin Heukshorst, Daniel Quinn, Jack Walker and Jaiden Fazio.**



Annual Masses for the Faithful Departed — Each summer, the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth hosts outdoor Masses at our Catholic cemeteries to remember and honour the faithful departed buried there. These Masses are scheduled for:



Mount Olivet Cemetery: Saturday, August 9 at 10:00 am, 7076 Mumford Road, Halifax
Mass will be held outdoors and attendees are asked to bring their own lawn chair.



Gate of Heaven Cemetery: Wednesday, August 13 at 7:00 pm, Beaverbank Road, Lower Sackville
Mass will be held outdoors and attendees are asked to bring their own lawn chair.

Holy Cross Cemetery: Monday, September 15 at 5:00 pm, 1259 South Park Street, Halifax
This Mass will take place in Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel that sits in the middle of the cemetery.

Please note that because the Mass at Gate of Heaven Cemetery will be held on Wednesday, August 13, in the evening, the 6:30 pm Mass at St. Rose of Lima on that day will be moved to noon.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje — September 6 to 18, 2025 with Fr. Mark Cherry, Spiritual Chaplain, and Rhonda-Lynn Clarke, group leader. Cost - \$3699.00 includes airfare and all airport taxes from Halifax; twin accommodation, breakfast and dinner daily, professional local guide, day trip to “Little Lourdes” shrine and Makarska. Single room supplement - \$300.00. Contact Rhonda-Lynn for information and to secure your spot: 902-448-3660.

The Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank — The food bank is always in need of non-perishable food. Items can be dropped off at Holy Cross Church at Mass on Saturdays. Financial donations can also be e-transferred to mvfoodbank2020@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions for the week of August 4 to 10, 2025

- Tuesday, August 5 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Helena Sullivan †
- Wednesday, August 6 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Brock Brown †
- Thursday, August 7 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Peter Kravis †
- Friday, August 8 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Audrey DeMone
- Saturday, August 9 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Daniel Thibault †
- Sunday, August 10 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Wayne MacAskill †
- Sunday, August 10 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - For the people

Family Formation

Get Ready to Connect!

We're excited to announce the launch of a new Youth Group for grades 7-12 right here at St. André Bessette Parish this fall. Stay tuned for more information in September regarding when, where and how to sign up.



A reminder that money raised from dropping off your refundables at Green Tree Recycling (at the intersection of Cobequid Road and Windsor Junction Road) goes directly to the activities of the youth of our parish!

Calling all CATECHISTS and those wanting to learn more.... Place yourself in this revealing work of art; pray, listen and “do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5). Is God asking you to be a witness of faith, hope and love to the families/children of our parish? If you would like to learn more about the family faith formation program at our parish or about becoming a catechist, please contact the coordinator, Maria McDonald, at maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net.



Beacon House Top 10 Most Wanted — mayonnaise, pasta sauce, juice boxes, cookies, granola bars, fruit cups, Kraft Dinner, canned beans in tomato sauce, diapers sizes 4, 5, 6 and shampoo/conditioner. School supplies are also needed, in particular, new/gently used backpacks and washable markers, etc. Your donations are very much appreciated - neighbours helping neighbours - thank you!

Caring and Sharing (Enfield) food bank — All non perishables accepted. Baskets and donation envelopes can be found by both St. Bernard Church entrances.

Marriage Encounter Weekend: September 26-28, 2025 — A Marriage Encounter Weekend experience is a special opportunity for husbands and wives to reconnect, deepen your love, and rediscover the joy of being together. It's not marriage counseling, a retreat, or a group therapy session - this is private time just for the two of you to grow as a couple. Where: Between the Hearts Renewal Centre, Amherst. For more information, contact Joanne or Ron Arsenault, 506-451-8489 or email ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org.



3rd Annual Rainbow Bridge Pet Memorial Service — This will be held at Atlantic Funeral Home, 1110 Old Sackville Road, on August 28 at 7 pm. You can email a picture for the memorial video (include name, year of birth and/or passing) to ealguire@arbormemorial.com. Bring a framed photo for display. Refreshments will be served.

Blueberries Tea Party — St. Thomas Anglican Church, 3534 Highway 2 in Fall River on Saturday, August 23 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Cost is \$13 per person or two for \$25. Youth ages 6 to 12 is \$10. Children 5 years and under are free. Call 902-403-6420 for more information.

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