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dangbowden@gmail.com

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

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - September 21, 2025

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes. (Psalm 118, 4-5)

Parish Ministry Fair — St. André Bessette Parish will be holding a Ministry Fair next weekend, **September 27/28**. All parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to and participate in parish life. Any questions, please call Annette Lewis at 902-440-2246.

A Reminder to Committees and Groups using Parish Facilities — You need to book any meetings held in the churches or halls through the office. This will help avoid conflicts and will ensure we know who is using parish facilities at all times. Thanks for your cooperation.

Death of Deacon Danny MacDonald — Deacon Danny MacDonald died on Sunday September 15, 2025. He was an employee of Chalice and served as a deacon at Christ the King Parish. A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, September 20 at 11:00 am at St. Thomas More Church in Dartmouth. *May eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Oval MacLean tartan plate with crest missing from last Saturday's Picnic — This plate belongs to Betty Lou Tilley from Holy Cross Church, and she is really hoping to get it back. If you picked it up by mistake, please contact the office.

Catholic Register Starts a Podcast — The Catholic Register, Canada's oldest Catholic newspaper, has started a podcast called REGISTERED. The podcast is available at podcast.catholicregister.org.

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 1:30 pm
Friday 12 noon at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1:30 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 at St. Bernard

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: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Maria McDonald 902-860-0475 Ext 4 maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net
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This fall, parishes across the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth have been invited to celebrate this Jubilee Year of Hope by recognizing the many ways our parishes are signs of hope for their communities and our whole diocesan Church. Archbishop Brian Dunn has invited each parish to host four Jubilee gatherings between September and December. Each Jubilee will feature both a blessing and commissioning of parish volunteers and staff during the Sunday Liturgy, as well as a gathered event where parishioners can share their own signs of hope and hopes for the future in the areas related to pastoral priorities.

The first Parish Jubilee Gathering focusing on **Catechesis**, the call to pass on and deepen our Catholic faith, is taking place this Sunday (10 am @ St. Bernard and 12 pm @ St. Rose of Lima). Catechesis does not just mean children's religious education, but includes all ministries related to the transmission of faith and making disciples.

The other three pastoral priorities of the diocese — **Evangelization, Social Justice, and Liturgy** — will be featured in the coming months.

St. Bernard Church Windows Replacement Project

The committee has worked hard over the past year planning for the replacement of the windows in the body of the church. Two proposals were presented to the Parish Leadership Team, who then made the decision to move forward with the quote from Metro Windows and Doors. The current quote, which includes installation and taxes, is \$186,143.18. This quote is guaranteed for the next 4 weeks and requires a 50% deposit when the contract is signed.

While we wait for the official approval from the Archbishop to move forward with the project, we have decided to try and raise the funds for the project with the goal of raising 100% of the funds. Due to the time constraints, we are asking parishioners to consider donating to this project.

There are three options to donate:

- Donate using envelopes available at the churches or send an etransfer to stbernardsenfield@gmail.com (indicate the etransfer is for windows).
- Donate a window. We have created a form that details the prices of the different-sized windows. Plaques will be placed below the donated window acknowledging the donor/in memoriam.
- Purchase a plaque for the Prayer Wall.

There are other maintenance projects that need to be completed, and we will be forming a committee to look at these projects and prioritize their completion. As well, we need to form a committee to look at fundraising initiatives to support these projects.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 902-860-0475 or Sarah White at smwhite@outlook.com.

Parish Leadership Team



Board Members needed for Hand in Hand Thrift Store — The St. Vincent de Paul - Halifax Particular Council is seeking volunteers to serve on the new Board of Hand in Hand located at 440 Herring Cove Road in Spryfield. Hand in Hand Thrift Store has long been a valued part of the Special Works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Halifax Particular Council. Service would involve approximately 6-8 yearly meetings. The focus of the board will be to provide guidance and a renewed vision for the future. Please consider contributing your time and talents to this very worthwhile cause. Contact Ray Burke, Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Halifax Particular Council President at 902-646-0155 or rhburke.54@gmail.com.

4th Annual Empowered Men's Catholic Conference: Saturday, October 18 — St. Thomas More Church, Dartmouth. Join keynote speakers Fr. James Mallon and Fr. Isaac Longworth for the 4th Annual Empowered Men's Conference — a full day of faith, fellowship, and formation for Catholic men. For full details, visit: www.empoweredccfm.ca.

4th Annual Pro-Life Conference: Saturday, October 25 — St. Thomas More Church, 15 Caledonia Road, Dartmouth. Nova Scotians United for Life invites you to attend their 4th annual Pro-Life Conference, bringing together people from across the province who are passionate about promoting the dignity of life at all stages. Visit nsul-pr.com for more details.

Mass Intentions for the week of September 22 to 28, 2025

Tuesday, September 23 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Sister Agnes Grace †
Wednesday, September 24 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Kimberley Maguiness †
Thursday, September 25 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Francis MacNeil †
Friday, September 26 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Irene LeFort †
Saturday, September 27 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Walter Vos †
Sunday, September 28 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Gordon & Ginny Walsh †
Ervin and Velma Mumford †
Sunday, September 28 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - For the people

Family Faith Formation Registration — Sunday, September 21!!!

Registration will take place following Mass at both St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima. Julie and Maria will be at the back of the church to greet you and to help with registrations. See you then! Please feel free to Register online if that is easier.



Mark your Calendars! The Family Faith Formation Program **Kick Off/Ice Cream Social** is on **Sunday, September 28**, following the 9 am Mass at St. Bernard and from 9:45-10:45 am at St. Rose of Lima. We have some fun activities planned so please join us!

Get Ready to Connect! St. André Bessette Youth Group

We're excited to launch a new **St. André Bessette Youth Group** for grades 7-12 right here in our parish. We need students and volunteers to make this possible, so please contact Maria McDonald to learn more about this exciting initiative!

Calling all CATECHISTS and those wanting to learn more... 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.



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!

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.

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. 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.

Life Chain — On **Sunday, October 5**, Canadians will gather at 350+ locations to peacefully raise awareness about the truth of abortion, during the 35th annual nation-wide Life Chain. In Halifax, Life Chain will happen from 2:00 to 3:00 pm on Robie Street, at the Halifax Commons. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by the organizer and given signs to hold. Participants are encouraged to spread out along the sidewalk and spend time in quiet prayer. This is a unique, family-friendly event advocating for innocent pre-born children. As Christ reminds us in Matthew 25:40: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

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