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frgerald@standrebessette.net

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dangbowden@gmail.com

Parish Offerings:
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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 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:

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6th SUNDAY OF EASTER – May 25, 2025

HAPPY EASTER - The Lord is Risen!!! Truly He is Risen!! ALLELUIA ALLELUIA!!!

Throughout this past week, we have been reflecting with John's Gospel on what is known as the Jesus' Farewell Discourse. Jesus is leaving his apostles and disciples with some parting advice. As believers, we are being invited to abide in Christ. What does this mean other than to remain in him, stay close to him, do not forsake him, trust in him? There is a natural sense of fear when Jesus tells his disciples that he is going away: "I am going away, and I am coming to you." Jesus is going to the Father, which should be reason for the disciples to rejoice and not let their hearts be afraid or troubled. The gift of the Holy Spirit sent by the Father will be the gift that reminds the disciples of everything that Jesus taught. May we too remember the words of Jesus and not let anything take away the peace that he has come to give us. This weekend, we pray for our youth who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation – the fullness of the gift of God's presence. May our youth know they have access to all of God's gracious and unconditional love. May we be renewed in the Holy Spirit's power. Let's choose to remain in Christ, to stay close to Christ, to not forsake Christ, and to trust in Christ. We have the Sacraments, we have the Church, we have prayer and we have God's Holy Word. May our best efforts meet God's will and may wonderful things happen for the glory of God!!! **Come Holy Spirit, enkindle in our hearts the fire of God's love.**

Prayers for our Confirmandi - Please remember in your prayers our young people who will be confirmed this Sunday: **Audrey Gibson, Julia Lace, William MacInnes and Lucas Prim.** May God's Holy Spirit inspire and nurture in their hearts that continual longing to stay close to the Lord and to witness to His Love. May God be given the glory, by lives of faithfulness and joy and hope. Enkindle in our youth the fire of Your Love, O God we pray!!!

Month of May — The [Memorare](#) prayer is attributed to Saint Bernard of Clairvaux. This prayer can be prayed each day. It is a prayer seeking the intercession of Our Blessed Virgin Mary. We entrust those we love, our family and friends, those who have asked us for prayers, as well as those we feel a separation from - where reconciliation is needed - or any request. It's a simple prayer seeking the help and intercession of our Blessed Mother.



The 4-day parish pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and to Saint Joseph's Oratory is fast approaching. As a way of uniting our prayers to God, the Pilgrims of our Parish would like to take the **YOUR intentions and petitions**, the parishioners of Saint André Bessette. If you wish, you may write your petitions down on a piece of paper and, over the next two weekends, place them in the box at the entryway of our Churches. Our plan is to take those petitions on the Pilgrimage, and at Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and Saint Joseph's Oratory we will place them at the Altar as we offer our Masses. We leave for our Pilgrimage early Wednesday, June 4 and return Saturday, June 7. Let us continue to pray for each other.

St. Bernard's Park — A working committee, spearheaded by Gerrard Garden, has been formed. The responsibility for St. Bernard Park has been returned to St. Bernard Church. We are in the initial stages of first of all discovering how to take care of the grounds to the best of our ability. In that vein we welcomed people who would like to assist in this endeavor for the summer/fall months. Presently we have asked our landscaping company, Coastal Elegance, to take care of the mowing and trimming of the grass. We do not have a groundskeeper or maintenance person, so the responsibility of keeping the Park clean and inviting will be the responsibility of us all. There will be more discussion with our leadership groups to discern the long-term plan.

Summer Months — We will soon be entering into the Summer months: better weather, vacation plans, and hopefully a bit more time to relax. Please keep in mind with your plans to travel or relaxation, the importance of Sunday Mass. Wherever you may be travelling, if away from home, there will surely be a Catholic Church not too far away — check out the Mass times. Please do neglect the gift of Faith that has been given to you. Make a priority for Sunday Mass.

 **Heavenly Scoops** — [Heavenly Scoops Ice Cream Stand](#) is now open on the weekends!

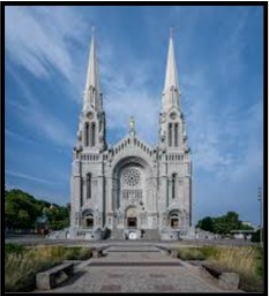
The St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus are **selling tickets on two adirondack chairs** valued at \$300. Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20. The draw will be held on Father's Day, June 15.



**HEAVENLY FATHER,
WE ASK YOU TO SEND
YOUR GRACE,
COMFORT AND
PROTECTION FOR
THOSE CONSIDERING
EUTHANASIA. HELP
THEM TO RECOGNIZE
THE DIGNITY THAT
FLOWS COMES FROM
BEING MADE IN YOUR
IMAGE, LORD. GUIDE
THOSE AROUND THEM
TO BE YOUR LOVING
HANDS IN THEIR TIME
OF NEED AND
VULNERABILITY.**

AMEN

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known, that anyone who
fled to your protection, implored your help,
or sought your intercession was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I
come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but in your mercy
hear and answer me. Amen



Mass Intentions for the week of May 26 to June 1, 2025	
Tuesday, May 27 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard)	- Margaret Dwyer †
Wednesday, May 28 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima)	- Carmen Symington †
Thursday, May 29 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard)	- Aaron Nimeck
Friday, May 30 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima)	- Francie Curtis
Saturday, May 31 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross)	- Linda Osborne
Sunday, June 1 @ 9 am (St. Bernard)	- For the people
Sunday, June 1 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima)	- Marie Pelham

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Family Formation

Get Ready to Connect!

We're excited to announce the launch of a new **Youth Group** right here at St. André Bessette Parish this fall. Whether you're looking to connect with friends, explore your faith, or have some fun, **THIS IS THE PLACE FOR YOU!!** We'll be hosting a variety of activities (including trivia nights, game nights, movie nights) and offering a supportive and welcoming environment for youth grades 7-12. Stay tuned for more information in September regarding when, where and how to sign up.

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? Cast out your nets to the deep with complete trust that God will send us faithful and willing catechists. 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.



Family Formation Early Registration for 2025-26 will continue through May.

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 mvmfoodbank2020@gmail.com.



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Beacon House Top 10 Most Wanted — mayonnaise, pasta sauce, juice, oatmeal, granola bars, fruit cups, Kraft Dinner, beans in tomato sauce, diapers sizes 4, 5, 6 and cat food. Donations can be placed in the blue box located near the washrooms at St. Rose of Lima Church. Your donations and kindness directly impacts lives in the community. Thank you.

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