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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 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon, Benediction and close
Friday 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon, Benediction and close

Confessions:

St. Bernard:

Tuesday 6:00 pm - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Thursday 9:40 am - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)
First Friday of the month - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

St. Rose of Lima:

Wednesday 6:00 pm - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Friday 9:40 am - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)
First Saturday of the month - 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Holy Cross:

Saturday 3:30 pm - 3:50 pm (prior to the 4:00 pm Mass)
... or by appointment

WECOMING 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 Claire at the St. Bernard 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.

Enfield Office:

Claire Guyette 902-883-2660
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Tues. to Fri. 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Fall River Office

Lynette McMullin 902-860-0475
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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 22, 2023

Some points to reflect upon as we pray the Scriptures for this Sunday:

1. We are created in the image and likeness of God. All we say and do reflects God's image in us. Through our actions we show others how God rules with justice and equality.
2. God created us. We belong to God and no one else. In all we say and do, we give glory and honor to God.
3. God extends a personal call to mission to each one of us. Our unique call from the one, true God compels us to praise God in the work of Faith we do and the labors of love we perform. God works through our human hands.

And so, we might also use the above statements to assist us in a good examination of our conscience. Are we aware that we belong to God? How do we demonstrate and allow the actions of our hands, minds, and hearts show that we belong to Him?

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) — We will meet each Thursday at St. Bernard Church Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Please contact Fr. Gerald at frgerald@standrebessette.net if you have any questions or concerns.

Commissioning of Faith Formation Program Volunteers of our Parish — Once again, a big thank you to all those who came forward to share the gift of our Faith, the Scriptures and the Teachings of the Church to our young children and to the families of our Parish. I invite all of you to pray with me - that this year will be a good year of growing closer to God and that our families (Domestic Church) may be strengthened as the Body of Christ as we come together to Worship, Praise God and give Glory to His Holy name!!!

Changes to Mass Schedule for the Week of October 23, 2023 — The funeral for Cathy MacIsaac-Murphy will be held on Tuesday, October 24 at 10:00 am at St. Rose of Lima. As Fr. Gerald will be away for study days following that until the 26th, there will be **no** Mass Tuesday and Wednesday evening and Thursday morning this week. There **will** be Mass at St. Rose of Lima on Friday morning, the 27th.

Blessing of the Pets — This **Sunday, October 22 at 2:00 pm**, we will gather in the St. Bernard Church parking lot in Enfield. Let's thank God for the gift of all his Creation, especially those we have been blessed to have along our journey who give us comfort and share in the joys of our family life.


Fall Adult Faith Program — Our fall adult faith program, Metanoia, runs **Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima's Mitchell Hall**. Contact the St. Rose office to register with your name, phone number and email. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend!

St. Rose of Lima volunteer church cleaners need your help! Looking for a way to contribute but don't have a lot of time? The St. Rose of Lima volunteer church cleaners are trying to put together a Saturday morning crew. It involves only 1 to 1½ hours every 5 weeks. To sign up or get more information, contact Barry at 902-800-0707 or barryirvine46@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast — This will take place on **Sunday, October 22, 2023** at the Enfield Fire Hall from 9:00 am until noon. Come on out and enjoy scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, baked beans, bacon, pancakes, toast, juice, tea or coffee - all for the low price of \$8 for adults (13 years & older) and \$5 per child (5 to 12 years). Children 4 years and under are free. C'mon out and meet a neighbour!

Francis White Memorial Hockey Pool — In December 2022, Grand Knight Francis White was unfortunately and suddenly taken to his eternal rest. Francis was known for his generosity of time, talent, and treasure. Following his passing, numerous people came forward with their tales of his selfless generosity, both to members of his faith community and the broader community at large. Francis White was dedicated to his wife Tanya and son Adam and was a driving force in the council. He was a staunch supporter of the principles on which the Knights of Columbus order was founded and the personification of a fine Christian gentleman. It is only proper that we honour his memory through the charitable activities the K of C are known for. It is a privilege to recognize his legacy by naming this fund-raising activity in his memory. Go to officepools.com/invite/classic/m/A3TP8RD to complete your pool online or pick up a form at St. Rose of Lima or St. Bernard church. Cost is \$20 per entry. **Deadline has been extended to October 31.**

St. Bernard CWL Penny and Bake Sale — This fun event will take place on **Saturday, October 28, 2023** from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the St. Bernard Church basement. The Knights of Columbus will also be holding a food drive in the St. Bernard parking lot. Mark your calendars!

 The first annual **Family Kitchen Party** for St. André Bessette Parish is coming sooner than you think! We are now accepting acts from all 3 churches, and we know there is plenty of talent out there! Get those voices and instruments tuned up, and get ready for a fun-filled musical afternoon! This is happening on **Sunday, November 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Enfield Legion**. If you would like to share your talent or know of anyone else who would, please contact Sarah White at smwhitey@outlook.com or Ann Steele at annahalloran-steele@hotmail.com. You will be asked for details about your contribution when you register. Let's make this an event to remember!!!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) — This is an international organization formed mainly of Catholic volunteers. St André Bessette Parish has 17 active members who assist those living in poverty in our area. So far this year, we have assisted over 30 individuals and families with expenses such as groceries, gas, rent, power, oil and other necessities totaling almost \$20,000. Thank you for supporting St. Vincent de Paul.

Assembly of the People of God — Archbishop Dunn want to see you at our 2023 Assembly of the People of God! It takes place on **Saturday, November 4, 2023**. Register by October 27 by visiting www.halifaxarmouth.org/assembly.

Magnificat Brunch — You are invited to a Magnificat Brunch on **Saturday, November 18, 2023**, taking place for the first time in Truro! It will run from **10:00 am to 1:00 pm** (Mass at 9:00 am in Campbell Hall, doors open for brunch at 9:30 am). Location is Immaculate Conception Church on Prince Street. Guest speaker is Maria Thibault. Bring a friend, sister, mother, aunt, grandmother. Registration is \$20 - RSVP by November 10, 2023. No tickets at the door and no refunds. To register: Email and Etransfer: magnificathalifax@gmail.com Phone: Maria @ 902-860-3304
Cheque: Magnificat Ministry, Halifax Chapter c/o 184 Ross Road, Halifax, NS B3M 3Y5
Save the Date: Spring Magnificat Meal - May 25, 2024, Halifax

Breakaway Adult Program at The Open Gate, 5 Miller Lane, Fall River — Breakaway is a program for seniors held Monday mornings from 9:30 to noon, September to the end of June. The morning consists of a variety of social activities, fun, gentle exercises, special events and a light lunch, all run by volunteers. We can offer support for those with mobility issues or mild dementia, if needed. Suggested donation - \$5 a week. To register, call The Open Gate at 902-860-2662. To learn more about the program from a parishioner/volunteer, call Eleanor Hanlon 902-860-3957.

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance
lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together
to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.


Family Faith Formation News

October 22 at 9:45 am — St. Rose of Lima, Family Formation Class AND Gr. 2 Parent Meeting on the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation
October 22 at 12 noon — Confirmation Class
October 27 from 4:00 to 9:00 pm — Confirmation Class NET Retreat
October 29 at 9:45 am — St. Rose of Lima, Family Formation Class/Family Social
October 29 at 10:00 am — St. Bernard Church, Family Formation Class following the 9:00 am Mass

For more information about the family faith formation program at our parish, please contact the coordinator, Maria McDonald, at maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net.

Caring & Sharing — St. Bernard church is again accepting food and hygiene items for the Caring & Sharing program in Enfield. The Food Bank Baskets are located at the two main entrances to the church and are checked weekly. Please consider renewing your commitment to the underprivileged of our community with a donation, as the number and need continue to grow. **Also, the Caring & Sharing-Angel Tree Food Bank is now taking registrations for the 2023 Christmas season. See next week's bulletin or the bulletin board to learn how you can help!**

Beacon House — Beacon House would like to re-establish a list of churches that take turns volunteering at the Retail Store on Saturday mornings. The main tasks would be sorting hangers and removing new shoes from boxes and bagging them with a size sticker. Please contact Karen at (902) 401-1994 or kcreelman@eastlink.ca if you are interested in helping out in this way. **Most needed donations are canned goods, pasta and pasta sauce, Kraft Dinner, boxed cereals, nut-free school snacks, baby food, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6), hygiene items, and toilet paper.**



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Mass Intentions for the week of October 23 to 29, 2023

Friday, October 27 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Deacon Jim Briand †
Saturday, October 28 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Raymond Benvee †
Sunday, October 29 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the people
Sunday, October 29 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Jean MacNeil †