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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 pm at St. Bernard
6:30 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 **No 6:30 pm Mass on June 21 at St. Rose of Lima**
Thursday **No 9:00 am Mass or Adoration on June 22 at St. Bernard**
Friday 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament until noon, Benediction and close

Confessions:

Tuesdays from 6:00 to 6:20 pm – St. Bernard Church
Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:20 pm – St. Rose of Lima Church
Saturdays from 3:15 to 3:45pm – St. Bernard Church
or by Appointment

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.

Communications (Bulletin):

standrecommunication@gmail.com
Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JUNE 18, 2023

The message we are given in the Scriptures this Sunday invites us to recognize how Jesus summons us to offer compassion. We are being invited to open ourselves to the world around us, paying particular attention to the people whose paths we cross and those whom we feel God is calling us to put ourselves in a place to encounter. We will know where God calls us to act compassionately when it becomes very natural for us to be present every moment of every day.

The Annual Gathering of Priests with the Archbishop will take place this week beginning the morning of Wednesday, June 21 and concluding Thursday, June 22 in the afternoon. Therefore, there will be **no 6:30 pm Mass on Wednesday evening** at St. Rose of Lima and **no 9:00 am Mass or Adoration time on Thursday morning** at St. Bernard. Please pray for us as we gather with Archbishop Dunn.

Happy Father's Day – This Sunday we celebrate Father's Day. May we take this opportunity to thank God for the gift and vocation of fatherhood. We pray that God strengthen all fathers by his grace, to hold and fulfill their role in the family and in society.

Liturgical Ministries and the Summer Months — Because of the little adjustment in our regular Sunday Mass schedule and with the normal vacation times for many people, we ask that if you are around and attending Mass that you offer your service to assist in your particular ministry. If you are a Reader or Eucharistic Minister, check with the Greeters to see if there is a need for your assistance at that particular Mass.

2023 High School Graduates — Let us keep in our prayers the young women and men who are graduating at the end of June and preparing for the next phase of their lives, remembering Adam White, Maria Kinney, Dominic Sorhaindo, Jack Brown, Jacqueline Steele and Josh Chisholm. May they use their skills and knowledge for the Glory of God and to help make our world a better place. May God guide them as they further their education or enter the work world. May God Bless and grant you all a bright future, and may he bless you with a strong Faith.

Messages from Father Gerald

Congratulations – With all the joy of graduations and accomplishments of our young people, we extend a congratulations to Jack Brown who has been selected for a Schulich Leader Scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year at Dalhousie University. Jack is a young person who has been involved in the many different aspects of our Faith Community at St. Rose of Lima Church and continued under the new Parish of St. André Bessette. A very big thank you Jack and blessings on your future.

Parish Leadership Meeting — On Saturday, June 3, St. André Bessette Leadership (members of the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and Parish Leadership Team) came together for a morning of reflection and discussion. The primary purpose was to understand the roles and responsibilities of each of these groups, and more importantly, their interconnectedness. These are the three groups that I rely heavily upon as Pastor for advice, good counsel and collaborative ministry, to enable the Parish of St. André Bessette to serve the needs of the people and to identify the various pastoral realities of our Mission in this portion entrusted to me as Pastor. For these two Councils and one Team to be effective, we need people who have a heart for the Church and want to grow the Church's Mission here in our midst. I am slowly trying to bring members from each of the three respective areas of our Parish to participate – not to represent their own area – but to participate in the greater mission of our Church. If the presence of anyone serving on these councils or team is primarily to safeguard his/her own community and agenda, then we will be at a loss to serve appropriately the Parish of St. André Bessette. I ask you to pray for all of the members who serve the Parish in these leadership roles, and for all who serve in these capacities in other groups and organizations. Remember why we are here – to serve Christ and His Church and to build up the Body of Christ for the Glory of God. **St. André Bessette, pray for us!!!**

Daily Bread Outreach at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica — We received a beautiful thank you letter from Bernie Murphy, Coordinator of the Daily Bread Outreach at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. There is a team that was formed some years ago at St. Rose of Lima, under the leadership of Sheila Geddes, who continue to serve faithfully "supplying home-cooked hot meals each Friday" to the guests who so very much need them. I want to thank the team, on behalf of St. André Bessette Parish, and pray the Lord continues to bless you for your kind and generous care for those in need. The letter will be posted on church the bulletin board.

Summer Months' Mass Schedule: July 1 to September 3, 2023 inclusive

After considering the various possibilities, the following is the weekend Mass schedule for the summer of 2023:
 Saturday at 4 pm – Holy Cross (Middle Musquodoboit)
 Sunday at 9 am – St. Bernard (Enfield)
 Sunday at 11 am – St. Rose of Lima (Fall River)

As we enter into the summer season, I pray that each of you has some good and relaxing time with family and friends, a good rest and time for rejuvenation of body, mind and soul. Just a reminder to keep Sunday as a Holy Day, wherever you may be on the weekend, check for the nearby Catholic Church and participate in the Eucharist.

St. Bernard Prayer Wall — The Ways & Means Committee is creating a prayer wall at St. Bernard. This will raise funds for the parish as well as provide a peaceful area to pray. Plaques will be engraved and placed on the bricks. They can be purchased in memory of a loved one or on behalf of a person/family. There are 3 levels of donations - Gold is \$1000, Silver is \$500 and Bronze is \$250. For more information, please contact Sarah White at smwhite@outlook.com or 902-499-7216.

Mass Intentions for the week of June 19 to 25, 2023

Tuesday, June 20 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Claire Doyle** - Deceased
 Wednesday, June 21 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **No Mass**
 Thursday, June 22 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **No Mass**
 Friday, June 23 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Troy Marshall** - Mass for the Living
 Saturday, June 24 @ 4 pm (St. Bernard) - **Jim Crowne** - Deceased
 Saturday, June 24 @ 6:30 pm (Holy Cross) - **Bud Richard** - Deceased
 Sunday, June 25 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **For the people**
 Sunday, June 25 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **For the people**

North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) — From July 15 to 23, 2023, Nova Scotia will welcome Indigenous athletes from all over the continent for the North American Indigenous Games. There will be competitions in 16 sports within 21 venues across Kijipuktuk (Halifax), Dartmouth, Millbrook First Nation and Sipekne'katik. NAIG 2023 will bring together more than 5,000 athletes, coaches and team staff from 756+ Indigenous Nations celebrating, sharing and reconnecting through sport and culture with the help of 3,000 volunteers. For more information visit: <https://naig2023.com/>.

At the request of members of our Mi'kmaq communities, Archbishop Dunn will offer the 12:15 Mass on Saturday, July 15 at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica for all involved in NAIG. All are welcome!

Looking for work? — Check out the postings on the HR page of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth website.

Family Formation News

Catechists/Teachers Needed!

Are you a Catechist at Heart? Do you enjoy and feel elevated when you share and witness to who Jesus Christ is and the teachings of the Church? The Last instruction that Jesus gave to his disciples was: 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.' (Mark 16:15) By volunteering to be a catechist, you are doing one of the most important tasks that Jesus asks us to do. Besides helping the children and families of our parish to grow in their understanding of our Faith, you will find that you also will grow in your relationship with God. **Interested?** Please contact Maria McDonald with the parish for more information: maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net or at 902-576-2192.



National Indigenous History Month — June is National Indigenous History Month. In particular, nationally we recognize June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Indigenous peoples. Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs. Find out more about the history and significance of this day on the Government of Canada website.

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