



St. André Bessette Parish

Welcoming Communities of Faith and Worship

Parish Office: 9 Jamieson Drive, Fall River, Nova Scotia B2T 1E5
Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 9 am to 2 pm www.standrebesette.net

St. Bernard Church
253 Highway 2, Enfield
▪ Sundays at 9 am
▪ Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
▪ Thursdays at 12 pm
followed by Adoration
until 1:30 pm



St. Rose of Lima Church
1400 Fall River Road, Fall River
▪ Sundays at 11 am
▪ Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



Holy Cross Church
11645 Highway 224, Middle Musquodoboit
▪ Saturdays at 4 pm



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Confessions

St. Bernard

Tuesdays from 6:00-6:20 pm (prior to 6:30 pm Mass)
Thursdays from 11:30-11:55 am (prior to noon Mass)
First Saturday of the month following the 9 am Mass

St. Rose of Lima

Wednesdays from 6:00-6:20 pm (prior to 6:30 pm Mass)
Fridays from 11:30-11:55 am (prior to noon Mass)

Holy Cross

Saturdays from 3:30-3:50 pm (prior to 4:00 pm Mass)

... or by appointment

Your Financial Support

Your generous donations support the vital ministries, programs and outreach efforts of our parish. With your contributions, we can nurture spiritual growth, provide community services, and maintain a welcoming space for all. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact on fulfilling our mission. There are many ways to donate:

- Weekly offertory envelopes – Cash or cheques (payable to St. André Bessette Parish)
- Etransfers – stbernardsenfield@gmail.com
- PAR (pre-authorized remittance) – PAR is invaluable to the parish, as these contributions still arrive even if you can't. PAR provides a steadier and more predictable stream of funds, which is extremely helpful for budgeting and planning for larger projects.
- CanadaHelps – Open your phone's camera. Scan the QR code below. Tap the link to donate securely. A charitable tax receipt will be provided.

Thank you!

Mass Intentions for the week of October 5 to 11, 2026

Tuesday, October 6	6:30 pm @ St. Bernard	Audrey McNeil †
Wednesday, October 7	6:30 pm @ St. Rose of Lima	Claude Landry
Thursday, October 8	12:00 pm @ St. Bernard	Michael MacNeil †
Friday, October 9	11:00 am @ St. Rose of Lima	Funeral Mass for Clary Flemming
Saturday, October 10	4 pm @ Holy Cross	Christina Tsimiklis
Sunday, October 11	9 am @ St. Bernard	Anna, Alex and Emily Cormack
Sunday, October 11	11 am @ St. Rose of Lima	For the people



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 4, 2026

OCIA/RCIA 2026-27 — Sessions will begin this **Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 7 pm** at St. Bernard Church Hall (Basement). The sessions will be held each Thursday evening until Easter. Please pray for the Team as they present the Catholic Faith and for our enquirers.



Update on the Windows Project at St. Bernard — The original quote listed the need for 5 little square windows at \$3484.95 each plus tax. Because only 3 were replaced, the invoice was adjusted and reduced by \$7945.68. So the final bill is now \$178,197.49. To date, we have raised \$176,035.00. If you are able to assist in helping us reach this goal please consider making a donation toward the windows — we have only **\$2,162.49** as the remaining amount to be raised. Thank you for your generosity!!

A Big Thank You — We would like to acknowledge and thank Barry Irvine, David Marshall and Frank Carmichael for the time and effort they put in to repair the confessional at St. Rose of Lima. They restored the space following damage from a long-term water leak in the chapel roof. Their dedication and commitment to the church and to St. André Bessette Parish is commendable.

St. Rose of Lima Church Cleaners Needed!

The team of cleaners at St. Rose are in desperate need of new members. If you feel you can help in this capacity or for more information, contact Barry Irvine at 902-800-0707 or barryirvine46@gmail.com.



Newly-Married in our Parish — Congratulations to Monica and Peter Veinot, who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Rose of Lima on Saturday afternoon. May God look with kindness on this newly-married couple. May He increase His love in them, strengthen their bond of peace, and let their home be a reflection of His love for His Church.

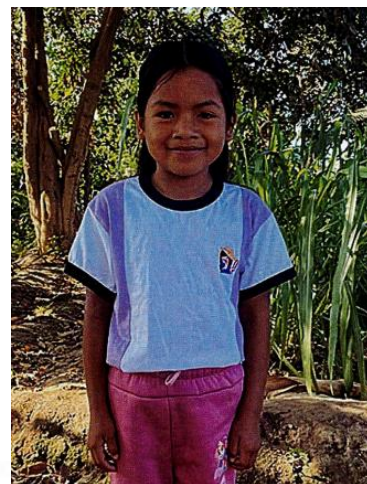
Chalice 2026 Sponsorship Update

Eliana Ester Santisteban Chozo

Age: 7

Country: Peru

Dear Saint André Bessette Parish,
Cristina, Eliana's mother, greets you. We hope that you are in good health and that you have had a beautiful Christmas with your family. I am happy to tell you about my little girl Eliana. She is a very obedient and playful child. In her studies, she is doing very well; she is already learning to read and to add. In the Olympics, she participated in soccer with her friends and had a very nice time. At Christmas, she sang carols with her friends and won first place. I feel very happy that she continues learning more, and I thank you for your generosity. My daughter sends you many hugs, and I ask God to always bless you and guide your path. Cristina Chozo Chapoñan (Eliana's mother).
Eliana Ester Santisteban Chozo (sponsored child).



Malar Marimuthu

Age: 16

Country: India

My dear Sponsor Saint Andre Bessette Parish,

My loving greetings. I am your Malar. This year, I am studying in the 11th grade. In my 10th standard public examination, I scored 340 marks out of 500. To achieve my goal, I have chosen my desired group and am continuing my studies. I also participated in the Youth Group Meeting organized through Chalice. In that meeting, I learned more about Chalice, about achieving my goals, and anaemia. The money you sent was received through DFF, and I am using it for my education nutrition, medical and family needs. In the essay writing competition conducted at my school, I wrote about Kamarajar and received a tiffin box as a prize. Our family happily celebrated the Tamil New Year and Pongal festival together. It is only because of your support that I am able to continue my studies. We are praying for you always. Kindly continue to pray for me as well.

Thank you.

With Love and Prayers,

HBC1546 Malar.

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CWL Penny Sale, Luncheon and Bake Sale — On Saturday, October 24, St. Bernard's Catholic Women's League will hold its famous Penny Sale in the church basement. Registration is 11 am to 2 pm, with prizes following. There will be a luncheon table as well as a bake sale. The Knights of Columbus will hold a Food Drive in the church parking lot from 11 am to 1 pm. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off on Friday the 23rd between 9 am and noon or 6 and 7 pm. Donations for the Penny Sale can be given to any CWL member or put in the basket at the main entrance to the church. Thank you for your contributions.

Family Faith Formation: October at a Glance

October 11	No Classes	Have a blessed Thanksgiving!
October 18	First Communion (with parents)	St. Rose/Mitchell Hall from 9:45 to 10:45 am
October 18	Family Mass	St. Rose of Lima Church at 11 am
October 18	Confirmation Class	St. Rose/Mitchell Hall from 12:10 to 1:30 pm



We are looking for more families to participate in the music ministry during our Family Masses. Please contact Julie at familyfaith@standrebesette.net.

KoC 2 Grand in the Hand Tickets – Get your tickets soon from the Tom Bagley Knights of Columbus Council of Enfield. Only 400 tickets sold. See Grand Knight John Steele, Gerry MacDonnell (902-883-8148) or any other knight. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Draw date is December 6.

October 4: Life Chain – On October 4, Canadians will gather at 375+ locations nationwide to peacefully raise awareness about the truth of abortion during Life Chain, now in its 35th year in Canada. Below are the Life Chain locations and times across near us. Upon arrival, participants will be greeted by the organizer and given signs to hold with messages such as "Abortion Kills Children," "Abortion Hurts Women," and "Adoption: A Loving Option." Participants will 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."

DARTMOUTH Main Street at Caledonia Road 2-3 pm

HALIFAX Robie Street at Halifax Commons 2-3 pm

TRURO Willow Street in front of Sobeys Wholesale 2-3 pm

SOUP LUNCHEON & CRIB



Holy Cross Catholic Church
Middle Musquodoboit

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Turkey Soup Lunch with Dessert



11:30 am to
1:00 pm
\$10

Crib
1:00 to 3:00 pm
\$2



AN OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS

PENNY SALE LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH
11:00AM - 2:00PM

253 HWY #2, ENFIELD AT ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH BASEMENT
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE IN THE ST.
BERNARD'S PARKING LOT FROM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SPONSORED BY ST. BERNARD'S CWL

Parish-Supported Food Banks

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, shampoo/conditioner, diapers sizes 4, 5, 6. Your donations are very much appreciated!

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



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