



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 12 to 18, 2026

Monday, October 12	10:00 am @ St. Bernard	Thanksgiving Day Mass
Tuesday, October 13	6:30 pm @ St. Bernard	Cassie & Cathal McNaughton
Wednesday, October 14	6:30 pm @ St. Rose of Lima	Claude Landry
Thursday, October 15	12:00 pm @ St. Bernard	Anne Marie Frame
Friday, October 16	12:00 pm @ St. Rose of Lima	Dook Kim †
Saturday, October 17	4 pm @ Holy Cross	Jennifer Walker
Sunday, October 18	9 am @ St. Bernard	For the people
Sunday, October 18	11 am @ St. Rose of Lima	Mimi & Bill Johnson



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – October 11, 2026

Thanksgiving Day Mass – Please note that Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day, **Monday, October 12 at 10 am** at St. Bernard Church.

OCIA/RCIA 2026-27 — Sessions will continue this **Thursday, October 15, 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.

Welcome Socials – St. André Bessette Parish will hold a Welcome Social **following the November 1st Masses** at both St Bernard and St Rose of Lima. A warm welcome is extended to all to join in, in particular the new families in our Parish. Please join us for refreshments and conversation and to meet your church family.



Update on the Windows Project at St. Bernard — The Parish has received a donation in the amount of \$2,200 to cover what was the remaining amount to be raised! The final cost total of the windows was \$178,197.49. We are preparing to pay the final invoice of \$85,125.91. Thank you all for your generosity!!



Prayer for Mission Month 2026

Father, make us one in Christ, rooted in his love that unites and renews. May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and daily embodying your faithful love for all creatures.

Bless all missionary men and women, support them in their efforts, and watch over them in hope.

Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work of evangelization in every corner of the Earth: make us instruments of peace, and grant that the whole world may recognize in Christ the light that saves. Amen.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot, pray for us.

POPE LEO XIV



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October 18, 2026 – World Mission Sunday

One in Christ, United in Mission

World Mission Sunday calls Catholics worldwide to support the Church where it's young or challenged. Your prayers and donations provide essential resources for communities that cannot sustain themselves—funding church construction, pastoral care, education, and healthcare. When you participate, you join Catholics everywhere in making possible the work of missionaries who build churches, train seminarians, support catechists, and serve vulnerable communities.

2026 is especially significant because it is the 100th year anniversary of World Mission Sunday. It was established by Pope Pius XI nearly a century ago. This event remains unique as the only worldwide effort directly sustaining 1,124 mission territories where the Church is young, vulnerable, or facing persecution.

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

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CWL Penny Sale, Luncheon and Bake Sale – On Saturday, October 24, St. Bernard 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!

Knights of Columbus 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.

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.



Family Faith Formation: October at a Glance

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@standrebessette.net.

Atlantic Marian Gathering at St. Bernard Church – The St. Bernard Catholic Women's League invites you to Mass on the First Saturday of the month of November (November 7) in honour of our Blessed Mother Mary. Mass will be held at St. Bernard Church at 9 am, followed by a time of adoration and confession. The Atlantic Marian team will join us and Heather will lead us in song.

Letter to parishioners regarding the 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, *Finding Rest*

Dear Friends,

As we prepare to begin our 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, *Finding Rest*, launching **November 1**, we want to pause and give thanks. Thank you for the many ways you supported the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth through our 2025 BOLD IN FAITH Annual Appeal. Whether through your prayers, your generosity, your encouragement, or your participation in the life of your parish and our Archdiocese, you helped make our shared mission possible.

Your generosity supports the many ministries that allow us to nurture faith, strengthen parish communities, accompany those in need, and share the love of Christ throughout our Archdiocese. Every gift, no matter the size, is part of something much greater, a community of faithful people working together to build a vibrant Church and bring hope to others.

We are deeply grateful for your trust and continued support. We also give thanks for our clergy, religious, staff, volunteers, and lay leaders whose dedication brings this mission to life every day.

As we look ahead to the appeal, we invite you to join us once again. In a world that can leave us feeling weary and uncertain, the Church is called to be a place of refuge, renewal, and hope a place where we can rest in Christ and help others find rest as well. Thank you for being part of this mission! We are grateful for your prayers, your generosity, and your continued commitment to our community.

With Gratitude,
Jennifer Derwey Deane, Development Coordinator
Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth

Invitation from the East Hants Community Chorale – Do you love to sing? This choir is hosting an open house rehearsal on October 15, 2026 at Riverview United Church (760 Highway 2, Elmsdale) from 7 to 9 pm. No audition is required. For more details, contact Eva Mack (choir director) at mackcj@hotmail.com.

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



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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