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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.

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

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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Communications (Bulletin): standrecommunication@gmail.com
Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

www.standrebesette.net

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Fr. Gerald is away until October 5. In the event of an emergency, please call the parish office and someone will tend to it during office hours. Please note that there will be no Mass on September 26 at St. Bernard and on September 27 at St. Rose of Lima. Deacon Dan will have Liturgy of the Word and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on September 28 at St. Bernard and September 29 at St. Rose of Lima.

God's generosity with us should model our interaction with each other. We see this in Paul's willingness to stop calculating what would benefit him and forego his personal preference, so he can imitate Christ and give to the Philippians. God's extravagant generosity and more than abundant grace should be received by you, by me, by our community with deep and abiding gratitude. We gather in the Community of the faithful, as Church, each and every Sunday in response to that generosity of God — to give God the praise, to give God the glory, and to give God permission to keep working in us that gratitude and as we accompany others we meet on the journey of life, our pilgrimage toward Heaven.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) — Father Gerald had an initial meeting with some who are interested in taking the journey through RCIA this year at St. André Bessette Parish. In our final bulletin before summer began, and in our last few summer updates and September bulletins, we issued an invitation for any adults who are not fully initiated in the Catholic Faith (1. baptized but never carried through with the remaining sacraments; or 2. not baptized, but interested in learning more) who have an interest in becoming a Catholic during the celebration of Easter 2024. There were a few others who indicated interest. Please contact the parish office in Enfield or Fall River and leave your name and contact information and Father will contact you when he returns from vacation. The start-up date for regular meetings will be on Thursday, October 5, so if you did not attend the meeting last Tuesday, you are still invited to join the group on Thursday, October 5.

Fall Adult Faith Program — Our 10-week fall adult faith program, Metanoia, begins this **Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima**. Contact the St. Rose office to register with your name, phone number and email. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend!

Parish Variety Show — A family variety show is being planned by the St. André Bessette Ways & Means Committee for **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 smwhite@outlook.com.

Assembly of the People of God — The annual Assembly of the People of God will be on **Saturday, November 4, 2023**. All the faithful are invited to come together for a day of prayer, listening and learning. The theme is "accompaniment." This year the Assembly will happen in McNally Theatre on the campus of Saint Mary's University. There will also be three Assembly hosting sites: Corpus Christi Parish in the Annapolis Valley, Immaculate Conception Parish in Truro, and Saint Ambrose Co-Cathedral Parish in Yarmouth. Everything is happening in Halifax will be livestreamed to the hosting sites. The time is 8:30 am to 4:00 pm (concludes with Mass). Cost is \$25 (includes lunch). To register, visit www.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly.

St. Thomas Anglican Church Dinner Theatre — "Superhero Support Group" will be held on November 2, 3 and 4, 2023. Cost is \$50. Phone number for tickets is 902-860-0092.

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.

Beacon House — This very busy food bank is looking for **volunteers** to help put food away and pack orders. You must be energetic, empathetic and able to work in a confined, fast-pace environment. For more information, contact Anne Marie at 902-864-3025 or foodmgr@beaconhouses.org. The shelves are quite empty right now.

Food donations would be greatly appreciated. Most needed items: Kraft Dinner, pasta sauce, diced tomatoes, cereal, baby food and canned goods (vegetables, fruit, ham/chicken, beans, stew, and chicken noodle, tomato or mushroom soup). Thank you!

On November 14, 2022, the settlement of the class action suit against the Episcopal Corporation of Halifax and the Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth was approved. Now we are in the Claims Period. Individuals who want to make a claim of abuse can do so for the next 3 months. This begins another period of notification to the public which requires action on the part of the Archdiocese as well as the parishes. This notification period begins on Monday, December 19, 2022 and concludes on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

This notice was approved by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT IN CLASS ACTION

To all individuals who were sexually abused by a priest of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth between April 14, 1954 and March 31, 2020 and have not previously settled or otherwise released either the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth.

The Court has approved a settlement which provides compensation to eligible class members who file a claim for sexual assault and meet the requirements of the claims process.

If you opted out of the class action, the settlement will not impact you.

If you are part of the lawsuit as a Class Member, you can submit a claim for a payment of money as compensation. The amount of money that you may receive will depend on the specifics of the claim you submit. The potential amount of money to be paid to a Class Member whose claim is accepted will likely range from \$30,000 to \$350,000.

For further information, visit <https://kmlaw.ca/cases/catholic-priest-sexual-abuse-class-action/> or call 1-833-630-1785, or email catholicabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca.

You must submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023. If you do not submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023, you will lose your right to compensation.

Mass Intentions for the week of September 25 to October 1, 2023

Saturday, September 30 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Christena Carmichael Tsimikles

Sunday, October 1 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Giovanna Maschi †

Sunday, October 1 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - For the people

Family Faith Formation News



Faith Formation

Register today!! Forms are available online.

Registrations for Family Faith Formation Classes are ongoing for the month of September. You can register online by visiting our parish website: www.standrebesette.net (under the Faith Formation tab). You can also print out the registration form and fill it out by hand. Forms are also available at the entrance of the church on the Family Formation table. Please leave completed forms in the folder provided.

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.

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.



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