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St. Rose of Lima Church, Fall River
Holy Cross Church, Middle Musquodoboit

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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

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Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — NOVEMBER 5, 2023


Month of November — We are drawn to remember all souls of the Faithful Departed - family, friends, parishioners, those we may not even know but who strived to build a community of Faith right here where we are. November can be a heavy month, especially for those whose loss is very recent. Going through grief and the loss of a loved one is never easy. There are many people who have impacted our lives, who have helped us grow in our Faith, who have maybe even introduced us to a relationship Christ. There may be people who we were at odds with, unable to forgive. There may be people we want to apologize to for having hurt them. There may be numerous other realities. The month of November can indeed be a very heavy -laden month acknowledging loss. However, in tune with what Christ calls us to, it can be a month that can bear much fruit when we pray for the dead. Our hope is in Christ and in Him Risen from the Dead. Our hope for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died is that they would be with God - our family member, our friends and yes even those we might consider our enemies. Eternal Rest, grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!!

St. André Bessette Remembrance of Faithful Departed in the Past Year — In the third week of November, we will have an opportunity to gather with those who have lost loved ones in the past year. We will have a special Mass for those who died and were buried from St. André Bessette Parish and we also place an invitation to parishioners who have lost immediate family members from outside our parish. Our first Mass will be at **St. Bernard on Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 pm**. Our second Mass will be at **St. Rose of Lima on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:30 pm**. We invite family members of those who have died in our parish to attend Mass at the church they were buried from. Those who have lost immediate family members in the past year, whose funeral and burial took place elsewhere, are invited to come to either celebration. So that we can be organized and ready light candles, I ask any in the above category to call the parish office and indicate which Mass you will be attending and ensure we have the name of those not buried from here. Let us remember to pray for the dead, that they may share in eternal life with God, and for the families who are mourning the loss of loved ones, that they may truly be consoled.

Remembrance Day, November 11 — Our prayers for the dead (Faithful Departed) continue through the month of November. In the coming week, we honor those who have fought bravely in the various World Wars. November 11 is truly a day we dedicate to remember and honor those who have lost their lives in the fight for freedom and peace. On this day, we also remember those who are presently engaged in peace-keeping forces, those who are engaged in the war in Israel and the Gaza Strip, Ukraine and Russia. It is a day we can gather at the Cenotaph and enter into the ceremonies. It is also a day we can set some time aside with our families and our communities to pray and remember. The words *Lest We Forget* contain and emphasize a particular need to remember. Our Faith teaches us ... to remember all that Jesus Christ did and said for our sake, that we might live our lives so as to be models of living the Christian life in the midst of the broken world in need of mending and healing. It is imperative to always have gratitude in our hearts and in our minds on that November day for fallen soldiers and for those who valiantly sacrificed so that our world might be a better place. Our failure to remember all that God has done has dire consequence for our lives and for our world. Forgetting what those who have gone before us did for our world too, has dire consequences. *Lest we Forget* — We will Remember them.

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.

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.

 The first annual **Family Kitchen Party** for St. André Bessette Parish is happening on **Sunday, November 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Enfield Legion**. We are now accepting acts from all 3 churches! 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 annhalloran-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, they have assisted over 30 individuals and families with expenses such as groceries, gas, rent, power, oil and other necessities totaling almost \$20,000. **Special envelopes are available now in the churches for you to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul.** Thank you!!


St. Bernard CWL Membership Fees — Fees (\$35) for January 1 to December 31, 2024 are now being accepted. Pay by January 1 and you could win back your dues!

In Flanders Fields
John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



St. Vincent de Paul Society
Phone: 902-476-8626
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Caring & Sharing — St. Bernard 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. Adopt a family by contacting Allison Gilby at caringsharingaaf@gmail.com or call Pam Hutchinson at 902-476-7982. Monetary donations can be sent c/o 50 Old Enfield Road, Unit 2, Enfield, NS B2T 1C9 or transferred to caringandsharinghants@gmail.com. Additional details can be found on the letter posted on the bulletin board.

Magnificat Brunch — You are invited to a Magnificat Brunch on **Saturday, November 18, 2023, 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 in Truro. 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: magnificathalfax@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

Beacon House — Beacon House is looking for a new volunteer treasurer to provide oversight of financial management and operations. For more information, please contact Cheryl Newcombe, Board Chair at cherylnewcombe@gmail.com.

Top 10 for November: Kraft Dinner, boxed cereal, mayonnaise, granola bars, crackers, canned beans or stew, canned meat, diapers, fruit cups, and hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razors, deodorant, shampoo, tampons/pads, shaving cream)

Mass Intentions for the week of November 6 to 12, 2023

Tuesday, November 7 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Mona Maatouk †**
 Wednesday, November 8 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Donna Landry †**
 Thursday, November 9 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Wayne Keddy †**
 Friday, November 10 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Catherine Connelly †**
 Saturday, November 11 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Joe Keevil †**
 Sunday, November 12 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **For the people**
 Sunday, November 12 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Leona Barrett †**

Family Faith Formation News

November 5: **St. Rose of Lima Student Classes/Parent Session at 9:45 am**
 St. Bernard Family Formation Coffee Social in the hall ~ All Welcome
 Confirmation Class @ Mitchell Hall following the 11am mass

November 12: **St. Rose of Lima: Home Lesson - No classes**
 St. Bernard Parent Session/Student Classes
 Confirmation Class @ Mitchell Hall

November 19: **Student Classes St. Rose of Lima**
 St. Bernard - Home Lesson - No classes
 Confirmation Class @ Mitchell Hall

November 26: **St. Rose of Lima Family Social at 9:45 am**
 St. Bernard Student Classes
 Confirmation Class @ Mitchell Hall

Christmas Eve Nativity Play

We are hoping to have a short Nativity Play before the Christmas Eve Masses at both St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima. Mass times are still to be determined, but we wanted to put this out to the students/families who may want to plan. This will be a family-led activity, so please let Maria McDonald know if your child/ren are interested.

Sunday Morning Coffee Social at St. Bernard Church! — All parishioners are invited to join us for a cup of coffee following the 9:00 am Mass on **Sunday, November 5** in the hall at St. Bernard. It has been far too long since we had coffee together and the families in our Family Formation Program are happy to host. Please bring a small snack to share if you are able to do so.

The next Coffee Social at St. Bernard will be on **Sunday, December 17**, and will be combined with our Family Formation Christmas Party. All are Welcome!



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