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frgerald@standrebessette.net

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Rev. Mr. Dan Bowden
dangbowden@gmail.com

Parish Offerings:
To register with our parish Pre-Authorized Debit program, please contact Lynette at the parish 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.

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - September 7, 2025

If you are new to the parish, **WELCOME!** Please introduce yourself to the greeters, Father Gerald and Deacon Dan. We also invite you to register with the parish by contacting the parish office. A reminder to all that the parish has an email list that we use to send out notices regarding Mass times/changes, etc. If you would like to receive these notices, please make sure the office has your correct email address.

Parish Picnic next weekend!! The St. André Bessette Parish Picnic will be held at Holy Cross Church next Saturday, September 13 at 1:30 pm. Food and drinks will be provided. Tables will be set up in the hall, but bring a chair if you would like to sit outside. Mass will follow at 4 pm. Plan to attend this family-friendly event!



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) — If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or discerning through completing the Sacraments of Initiation, please call or email Fr. Gerald to register for our process starting soon. If you know of someone who might be considering becoming a Catholic, Fr. Gerald would love to know. Reach out to him at 902-860-0475 Ext 5 or by email at frgerald@standrebessette.net. **On Thursday, September 18, the team that will be assisting with the OCIA this year will meet at 7pm in St. Bernard Hall.**

Parish Ministry Fair — The St. André Bessette Pastoral Council will be holding a Ministry Fair the weekend of September 20/21. We ask all parishioners to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to and participate in the parish life. Any questions, please call Annette Lewis at 902-440-2246.

Father Gerald will celebrate **Mass at The Magnolia** in Enfield on Wednesday, September 10 at 11 am. Please keep the residents of this home in your thoughts and prayers.

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 12 noon at St. Bernard followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 pm
Friday 12 noon at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 pm

Confessions:

St. Bernard:

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

St. Rose of Lima:

Wednesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Friday 11:30 - 11:55 am (prior to the noon Mass)

Holy Cross:

Saturday 3:30 - 3:50 pm (prior to the 4:00 pm Mass)

Parish Office:

Secretary 902-860-0475 Ext 2 office@standrebessette.net
Lynette McMullin 902-860-0475 Ext 3 businessoffice@standrebessette.net
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Faith Formation

Maria McDonald 902-860-0475 Ext 4 maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net
Julie Gosselin familyfaith@standrebessette.net

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Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

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St. Rose of Lima Foyer Refresh is coming! Over the next few months, we'll be making some exciting updates to our church foyer to create a more welcoming and inviting space. These changes are designed to better reflect our parish mission and foster connection, hospitality, and community. Thank you for your patience as we work to make our shared space more vibrant and meaningful for all!

St. Bernard Church Windows Replacement Project

The committee has worked hard over the past year planning for the replacement of the windows in the body of the church. Two proposals were presented to the Parish Leadership Team, who then made the decision to move forward with the quote from Metro Windows and Doors. The current quote, which includes installation and taxes, is \$186,143.18. This quote is guaranteed for the next 4 weeks and requires a 50% deposit when the contract is signed.

While we wait for the official approval from the Archbishop to move forward with the project, we have decided to try and raise the funds for the project with the goal of raising 100% of the funds.

Due to the time constraints, we are asking parishioners to consider donating to this project.

There are three options to donate:

- Donate using envelopes available at the churches or send an etransfer to stbernardsenfield@gmail.com.
- Donate a window. We have created a form that details the prices of the different-sized windows. Plaques will be placed below the donated window acknowledging the donor/in memoriam.
- Purchase a plaque for the Prayer Wall.

There are other maintenance projects that need to be completed, and we will be forming a committee to look at these projects and prioritize their completion. As well, we need to form a committee to look at fundraising initiatives to support these projects.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 902-860-0475 or Sarah White at smwhitey@outlook.com.

Parish Leadership Team



Thank you! — Joyce Kim would like to thank Fr. Gerald and all parishioners for their prayers during a very difficult time with her illness. She is so appreciative of your care and support.

St. Rose of Lima CWL Christmas Bazaar — Saturday, November 15, 2025

The CWL ladies would like your help over the summer!!!

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| Craft Table: | Sewing, knitting or crafting? Make a project or two for them. |
| Bake Table: | Making your preserves, canning or pickling? Save a couple for them. |
| Silent Auction Table: | Donate a new gift with a value of \$15 or more. |
| Religious Items Table: | Donate any gently-used or new items, including religious books and holy cards. |
| Children's Corner: | Donate small items that cost less than \$3 for the fishpond. Helpers are also needed. |
- Thank you for your support!!! Please see any CWL member for inquiries or donations!



Life Chain — On Sunday, October 5, Canadians will gather at 350+ locations to peacefully raise awareness about the truth of abortion, during the 35th annual nation-wide Life Chain. In Halifax, Life Chain will happen from 2:00 to 3:00 pm on Robie Street, at the Halifax Commons. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by the organizer and given signs to hold. Participants are encouraged to 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."

4th Annual Empowered Men's Catholic Conference: Saturday, October 18

St. Thomas More Church, 15 Caledonia Road, Dartmouth, NS
Join keynote speakers Fr. James Mallon and Fr. Isaac Longworth for the 4th Annual Empowered Men's Conference — a full day of faith, fellowship, and formation for Catholic men. Events like this are essential for spiritual renewal, helping men grow in their faith, discover their mission in Christ, and strengthen their roles in family and community life. For full details, visit: www.empoweredccfm.ca.

Mass Intentions for the week of September 8 to 14, 2025

- Tuesday, September 9 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Jim Coughlan †**
Wednesday, September 10 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Denis Gauthier †**
Thursday, September 11 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - **Petra Hoeven †**
Friday, September 12 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Roddie MacDonnell †**
Saturday, September 13 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Christena Tsimiklis**
Sunday, September 14 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Francis MacNeil †**
Sunday, September 14 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **For the people**

Family Faith Formation Registration — Sunday, September 21!!!

Registration will take place following Mass at both St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima. Julie and Maria will be at the back of the church to greet you and to help with registrations. See you then! Please feel free to Register online if that is easier.



Mark your Calendars! The Family Faith Formation Program **Kick Off/Ice Cream Social** is on **Sunday, September 28**, following the 9 am Mass at St. Bernard and from 9:45-10:45 am at St. Rose of Lima. We have some fun activities planned so please join us!

Get Ready to Connect! St. André Bessette Youth Group

We're excited to launch a new **St. André Bessette Youth Group** for grades 7-12 right here in our parish. We need students and volunteers to make this possible, so please contact Maria McDonald to learn more about this exciting initiative!

Calling all CATECHISTS and those wanting to learn more.... Is God asking you to be a witness of faith, hope and love to the families/children of our parish? 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.



A reminder that money raised from dropping off your refundables at Green Tree Recycling (at the intersection of Cobequid Road and Windsor Junction Road) goes directly to the activities of the youth of our parish!

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, diapers sizes 4, 5, 6 and shampoo/conditioner. Your donations are very much appreciated - neighbours helping neighbours - thank you!

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

Marriage Encounter Weekend: September 26-28, 2025 — A Marriage Encounter Weekend experience is a special opportunity for husbands and wives to reconnect, deepen



your love, and rediscover the joy of being together. It's not marriage counseling, a retreat, or a group therapy session - this is private time just for the two of you to grow as a couple. Where: Between the Hearts Renewal Centre, Amherst. For more information, contact Joanne or Ron Arsenault, 506-451-8489 or email ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org.

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