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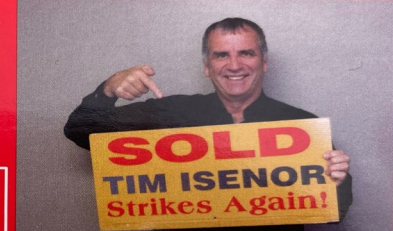
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St. André Bessette Parish

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

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

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 pm at St. Bernard
6:30 pm at Holy Cross
Sunday 9:00 am at St. Bernard
11:00 am at St. Rose of Lima (Live Stream)

Confessions:

Tuesdays from 6:00 to 6:20 pm - St. Bernard Church
Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:20 pm - St. Rose of Lima Church
Saturdays from 3:15 to 3:45pm - St. Bernard Church
or by Appointment

Parish Offerings:

To register with our parish Pre-Authorized Debit program, please
contact Claire at the St. Bernard office. You can also etransfer
contributions using stbernardsenfield@gmail.com. These are
alternatives to the traditional collection envelopes, which of course
are still available.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 30, 2023

Good Shepherd Sunday — This Sunday we continue through the Easter Season with a particular focus on the call of the Good Shepherd. The voice of the shepherd is known by the sheep – the sheep hear his voice and they follow him. There is reference today as well to the *Gate*– that Jesus is the Gate by which we enter a place of protection and fullness of care. Today is also referenced as *World day of Prayer for Vocations*. Please remember to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Offer your rosary, some time before the Blessed Sacrament, and pray that from our own Parish Community the Lord would raise up Shepherds after the Heart of Jesus, Priests and Religious whose life of vocation is through sacrifice and obedience to Christ and His Church. Also remember to pray for the Holy Father, Bishops and Pastors/Priests we have, that the Lord would sustain and strengthen them to serve the Church and its pastoral life which is entrusted to their care.

Priests of the Archdiocese Retreat — The Priests Retreat is a little later than normal this year. It will take place from **May 7 to 12 at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre in PEI**. Please remember to pray for all priests on retreat and for those unable to attend because of illness. Know that you will be remembered in our daily Masses and prayer times. Because of the retreat, there will be no Masses as scheduled throughout the week. More info and reminders in next week's bulletin.

Parish Logo and Parish Mission Statement — We have arrived at a logo that will be representative of our Parish. The work now is making the adjustments needed to fit the signage. Thanks again to the Pastoral Council for the discussions to best describe the three Communities brought together to be St. André Bessette Parish. Our conversations with Tanya White will continue regarding our Mission Statement.

Messages from Father Gerald

Parish/Church Signage — As we have received a new name for our Parish, St. André Bessette - which is inclusive of what was formerly two parish churches and one Mission church – there is an interest in changing the present signage at two of our church locations with an electronic sign. I want to thank Hal Benson and the people who worked on the committee for taking the lead on that work with St. Bernard. Also, thanks for sharing and communicating with St. Rose of Lima so similar work can be accomplished and preparation for the electronic sign can be made ready. Within the next short while we will see the work begin at St. Bernard and soon at St. Rose of Lima. The electronic signage will allow us to place current events and various updates and invitations to the people of Enfield and Fall River areas, and to whomever takes an interest when driving by. With Holy Cross Church in Middle Musquodoboit, we will try to modify the signage to have the name St. André Bessette Parish added.

Catholic Women's League and the Crowning of our Blessed Mother — On Wednesday, April 26, Memorial of Our Lady of Good Counsel, the women of our Catholic Women's Leagues came together following the 6:30 pm Mass and did the Crowning of our Blessed Mother. We prayed the Rosary and the Litany of Our Lady of Good Counsel, seeking our Blessed Mother's help through her intercession. This was a time of prayer to the Blessed Mother for our Church and for the vocation of Motherhood. A strengthened sense of this vocation can lead to a healthy and holier Church and a stronger society. Thank you Georgena MacIsaac, Troy Marshall, Ellen Hibberts and Sisters in the Catholic Women's League for leading and organizing this time of prayer. Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!!!

Knights of Columbus and the Icon of St. Joseph — A big thank you to the Knights from St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima for having the Icon of St. Joseph with us at St. André Bessette these past couple of weeks. Thanks for the combined efforts for a prayer service held last Sunday afternoon. We prayed for St. Joseph's intercession for our families and for all fathers in our parish. May the leadership of a strengthened fatherhood bless our families and strengthen us as a Church in the midst of the world that seems to have lost a sense of fatherhood and respect for the role/vocation of Fatherhood. Thank you Dave Lewis, Gary Curtis and Brother Knights for leading and organizing us in this time of prayer. Good Saint Joseph, pray for us!!!

St. Bernard Cemetery and Church Grounds — I want to take this opportunity to thank **Lenny Gallant**, who took the lead in repairing the areas of our lawn that got disturbed through the paving process last fall, as well as work near the columbarium and cemetery. A big thank you goes out to **Dan Graham** and **Steve Miller**, who assisted in this endeavor. This year we had to find a new landscaper to take care of this property throughout the summer months. Thank you to **Richard Sherman** for inviting various bidders to come forward to assist the Parish in making the decision. We are in the process of combining the various jobs we have contracted out to be under one contract for all of our Churches, simply to make things a little more organized and hopefully receive some kind of savings for the Parish.

St. Rose of Lima Church Building — The work has been completed on the piece of concrete at the top of the Church near the Cross which was deteriorating after 30+ years. Thanks to **Tony Chesal** and the Building Committee for seeking out bids and getting the work done. The ventilation system has been cleaned and some necessary work has been done or is being tended to. Thank you to **Gerard Doyle** from the Building Committee for lending his expertise in identifying and getting necessary bids to get the work completed.

Thank you from Pat McCarvill — Thanks so much to Deacon Dan, Father David and parishioners of St. André Bessette Parish for the beautiful handmade Divine Mercy prayer card presented to me by Father David after Mass on Saturday, April 22. The expressions of best wishes, the prayers offered and the card, I will hold onto dearly and were very much appreciated and heartfelt. God Bless all of you.

Knights of Columbus Council 11625 of St. Bernard Mother's Day Community Breakfast and 50/50 Draw
Where: Enfield Fire Hall (257 Highway 2, Enfield) When: **9:00 am until noon on Sunday, May 14**
Cost: \$8.00 for adults (13 years and older) and \$5.00 for children (12 and under)
Menu: scrambled eggs, home fries, baked beans, toast, pancakes, apple juice, tea or coffee.

Knights of Columbus Yard Sale — This year's yard sale will take place on **Saturday, May 27 from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Rose of Lima Church**. If you have **any suitable items you are willing to graciously donate for the sale** please contact one of the following individuals to arrange for pick-up – St. Rose parishioners: Rick Karst 902-456-2744 rajkarst@yahoo.com, Albert Gibson 902-471-8514 agibson@caseyltd.ca, David Marshall 902-580-1600 davidmarshall12@bellaliant.net. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support KoC charitable activities in our community. **The CWL will also host plant and bake sales during the event.**

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism — This weekend, we welcome RENÉE MICHELLE LAVOIE into our St. André Bessette Parish community of the Faithful, as she is baptised at St. Rose of Lima. Please hold Renée Michelle and her parents, Alexander and Erin LaVoie, in your prayers.

Catholic Women's League High Tea & Social — The St. Bernard CWL invites everyone to its High Tea & Social on **May 27, 2023 from noon to 2 pm**. Cost is \$10 per person. Please register by May 19. E-transfer payments can be made to st.bernardscwl@gmail.com. For more information, contact Paula King at 902-324-8758. Remember to wear your hat or fascinator!

Catechists/Teachers Needed for the Family Formation Program for 2023-24!!

What is a Catechist? A catechist is a person who 'hands on' the faith to another. This involves not just educating about Church teaching and doctrine, but also helping another person to encounter Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit. What a great blessing it is to serve the Lord and others in this way! For more information, please contact Maria McDonald at the St. Rose parish office.

Diocesan Feast Day Change — The Archdiocese is in the process of seeking permission from Rome to change the patronal feast of the Archdiocese from the Feast of the Assumption (August 15) to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8). This change is recommended because August 15 is a special day for the Acadians and they are involved in other festivities. As well, December 8 is the date of the establishment of the new merged Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. The clergy have agreed with this change and this announcement is a way to consult all parishioners to see if you have any comments on this change. Please respond to Pauline (pamirault@halifaxyarmouth.org) by Monday, May 15.

Family Formation News

First Communion: April 30 - Wrap-up Class and First Communion rehearsal at 9:45 am, St. Rose of Lima

Confirmation : April 30 - Confirmation rehearsal and parent/student meeting at 12:15 pm, St. Rose of Lima (lunch provided)

May dates to note:

Sacrament of First Holy Communion is Sunday, May 7 at the 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church.
Confirmation is Sunday, May 14 at the 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church, Archbishop Dunn presiding.

Attention Youth ages 14-17!!

STEOBENVILLE ATLANTIC: July 7-9, 2023 THEME: REFUGE based on Matthew 11: 28 "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you rest."

The Steubenville Youth Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, are a series of conferences across North America that help teens encounter the love of Christ every summer. Our mission is to build the Church by evangelizing, equipping and empowering God's Children to become radical and joyful disciples. For more information please contact Maria McDonald at maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net or call 902-576-2192.

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