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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 Benediction then Adoration of the the Blessed Sacrament until noon
Friday 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon

Confessions:

St. Bernard:
Tuesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Thursday 9:40 - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)
First Friday of the month - 7:00 - 8:00 pm
St. Rose of Lima:
Wednesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Friday 9:40 - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)
First Saturday of the month - 10:00 - 11:00 am
Holy Cross:
Saturday 3:30 - 3:50 pm (prior to the 4:00 pm Mass)
... or by appointment

WELCOMING COMMUNITIES OF FAITH AND WORSHIP

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

Pastor
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Rev. Mr. Dan Bowden
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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.

Parish Office:

Lynette McMullin 902-860-0475 strose@standrebessette.net
Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 21, 2024

HAPPY EASTER - The Lord is Risen! Truly He is Risen!! Alleluia Alleluia

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also referred to as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. We reflect today on the beautiful passage from John's Gospel. Jesus gave his life freely in order to re-establish our intimate relationship with God. Jesus' passion, death and resurrection accomplishes for us what we could not do ourselves. As we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, he teaches us to trust him, and in this very act to Trust in God who has always our best interest at heart. The evil one came to catch and scatter the sheep. Christ, on the other hand, frees and unites us. **The Fall of Adam and Eve came about as a result of their lack of trust in God. Jesus Christ came to win back that trust** (taken from the Better Part: A Christ centered Resource for Personal Prayer). The Vicar of Christ on earth is the Pope, the one who occupies the Chair of Peter. The Catholic Church is to remain united, one with the Vicar of Christ – protected by his staff which keeps us from being scattered, separated sheep. At times, there are many wolves attacking the Church, trying to destroy it, trying to scatter the sheep and even attacking the Shepherd. As members of the Church who share communion with each other, we are invited to remain under the protective help of the Good Shepherd, whose fullness is present in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that he remains under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit united to Jesus Christ and faithfully leads the Church into the fullness of Truth.

Mystagogia — For the next few Thursdays, we will continue to meet, discerning more deeply the precepts of the Church, the Creed, and the great mysteries of our Faith as they continue to unfold from the Easter Sacraments. I invite your continued prayers for Wayne Hillier and Alex Carmichael as they engage in this phase of formation.

St. André Bessette Parish Directory — The Ways & Means Committee is working with **Universal Portrait Studios** to create a **St. André Bessette Parish Directory**. There is still time to book an appointment the week of April 22 at St. Rose of Lima Church Hall. The photo shoot and final directory are free. You will have an opportunity to view proofs and purchase portrait packages, if interested. The number is 1-888-769-7339 ext. 1 or 2. You can also book online at www.universalportraits.com.

Heavenly Scoops Summer Student Employment Opportunity — Heavenly Scoops is an ice cream stand located at St. Bernard Church. They are hiring a summer student for part-time employment. The applicant must be 16 years old and have, or be willing to take, a food handler course. They are looking for someone who enjoys working with the public and is comfortable handling money. You must be able to work evenings and weekends. If interested, send your resume to Sarah White at smwhitey@outlook.com by April 29.



Knights of Columbus Yard Sale

This year's yard sale will take place on **Saturday, June 1 from 9 am to 3 pm** at St. Rose of Lima Church, Fall River. Proceeds will be used in support of KoC charitable activities in our community. The CWL will also host plant and bake sales during the event. 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:



Fall River area: Rick Karst - 902-456-2744 or rajkarst@yahoo.com
 Albert Gibson - 902-471-8514 or agibson@caseyltd.ca
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Eucharistic Video and Discussion at Holy Cross — We will discontinue the Eucharistic Program on Tuesdays at Holy Cross. Hopefully, we will conclude the four sessions left in the Fall of 2024.

NSCC & University Students — We take this opportunity to wish all our College and University students a good summer. For those of you seeking employment, we pray you find work. For any graduating, congratulations on your achievement and prayerful best wishes for the next steps on your journey. Hopefully the spring/summer will be an opportunity of rest and a time for some relaxation.

Beacon House Top 10 items required: boxed cereal, pasta sauce, mayonnaise, Kraft Dinner, peanut butter, peanut-free granola bars, crackers, canned fruit, instant coffee/tea, diapers size 4,5,6.

Magnificat Breakfast — Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 9 am to 12 pm

Ladies, you are invited to a Magnificat Meal at St. Agnes Church, Mumford Road! Mass is at 8 am and the gym opens at 8:30 am.

Please join us at Magnificat where the spirit of gratitude and praise of our God will be shared together. After a meal, a witness talk by Maria Thibault will be given. She will testify to the transforming love of Christ through her own personal experience. Bring a friend, sister, mother, aunt, grandmother. Registration is \$25. **RSVP by Friday, May 3, 2024.**

Mass Intentions for the week of April 22 to 28, 2024
 Tuesday, April 23 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Maev Kennedy †**
 Wednesday, April 24 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Sandra MacFarlane**
 Thursday, April 25 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **David Garden †**
 Friday, April 26 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Mary Jesso**
 Saturday, April 27 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Elizabeth Connolly †**
 Sunday, April 28 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **For the people**
 Sunday, April 28 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Austin McNamara †**

To register:

Email and e-transfer: magnificathalifax@gmail.com Phone: Maria @ 902-860-3304
 Cheque: Magnificat Ministry – Halifax Chapter c/o 184 Ross Street, Halifax, NS B3M 3Y5
 Unfortunately, there will be no refunds or sales at the door.

Registration Form Link: <https://forms.gle/7QCdwftDrXJ35h9a8>
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Family Formation Program

April 21 Wrap-up and Closing Social for Parents and Students/Registration for next year First Holy Communion Rehearsal @ St. Rose of Lima @ 9:45 am, followed by a meeting in the Hall *Please bring your children's completed workbooks so they can receive a prize.*

Steubenville Atlantic: For Youth Grades 8-12 July 5-7, 2024

We are hoping to bring a group from St. André Bessette this year, so **if you would like to learn more please contact Maria McDonald at 902-860-0475 Ext. 4 for details. The Theme: *Illuminate*** is based on John 1:5 "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

Christ promised that even when our days or situations seem dark, He shines brightly to strengthen us and guide our way forward. Christ's light can never be extinguished! Engaging speakers, music, and worship will help us to break open this theme and recognize that Christ's Light illuminates us so that we can share that light with others and make our world a brighter place!

For more information about the Steubenville Conferences, visit steubenvilleconferences.com.

As By a New Pentecost Seminars

These seminars are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide an opportunity for people to find out more about that life, and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new relationship with the Lord. The talks can serve as an introduction to Christianity and a time to make a first commitment to Jesus Christ. For those who are already Christians, they offer help in finding a fuller release of the Holy Spirit to live a deeper Christian life. Seminars/talks will take place **following the 6:30 pm Mass on Wednesday evenings** as follows:

- April 17 Session 1: Introduction & God's Love
- April 24 Session 2: Salvation
- May 1 Session 3: The New Life
- May 8 Session 4: Receiving God's Gifts
- Session 5: Prayer for the Baptism in the Spirit
- May 15 Session 6: Growth
- May 22 Session 7: Transformation in Christ (reception to follow)

This series of talks will help each of us prepare for Pentecost in a new way and with a deeper understanding and appreciation for WHO the Holy Spirit is and how he works in our lives. ALL are WELCOME! **Please contact Maria McDonald at 902-860-0475 Ext. 4 or maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net for more information.**

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