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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

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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:

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Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 10, 2024

This Sunday, we will use the Gospel from Year A – the Gospel of the man born blind. This Gospel is used whenever we have Catechumens preparing to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil and celebrating the Rites of Christian Initiation. This Sunday we also enter the Second Scrutiny with Wayne Hillier. We use this Gospel because in the midst of this world we become blinded by the darkness of hatred and lies. We all pray that we may be touched by and filled with the light and truth upon the human family, and may always live as children of the light. As Wayne prepares to be baptized as an adult, he is invited to prepare his heart, mind and soul to receive the Sacraments; that God may guide him and us along the paths of right Faith, safe from error, doubt and unbelief. Let's also keep Alex Carmichael, who was baptized in another Christian denomination, in our prayers as he will be received into the Catholic Church and be Confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Shelby Hillier, who is already a Catholic and has been Baptized and received Communion, is now preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation when Archbishop Dunn comes to visit and confirm our candidates in May.

The Way of the Cross — This Friday, March 15, we will gather at St. Bernard Church at 7 pm for the Praying of the Way of the Cross. The Catholic Women's League will be leading us in our reflection. Thank you to all who come together to pray as a community and for those who lead us in reflection.

Much Appreciated Work — I want to thank Laureen Nicholson for organizing the cleaning of the Fr. Granville S.J. Room at St. Bernard. Thank you to Gerry MacDonnell, Darrell Nicholson, and Sarah White for assisting in the work. Thank you to Sarah Prim for organizing the Altar Servers' robes and tending to some necessary clean-up in the vestry area at St. Rose of Lima.

Formed.org — Just a reminder to all parishioners that we have this site for Faith Formation, family conversation starters, small group discussion, family movie night, and so much more. This gift is easy to use in the comfort of our own homes. Please take advantage of it!

Praying of the Rosary — Each Tuesday night prior to the 6:30 pm Mass at St. Bernard, members of the Knights of Columbus will lead the praying of the Rosary. Please join at 6 pm.

The Way of the Cross and Rosary at Holy Cross — These will be offered at 3 pm on Fridays during Lent.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Chaplet of Divine Mercy/Benediction — During Lent, every Thursday at St. Bernard and Friday at St. Rose of Lima, we will extend the time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **until 3 pm, when those gathered will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and close off time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction.** Please come and spend some time before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Each week we need to make sure that there are at least two people before the Blessed Sacrament at all times. My hope is that in addition to those scheduled there will be many others coming to spend time with the Lord ... 10 min... 15... 30 1 hr. This extended time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is for the benefit of the entire parish. Please plan to join in some quiet reflective time.

Holy Cross during Lent — We continue our series on the Eucharist. This Tuesday, March 12, we will view and reflect with **Session 4** entitled **Miracles of Exodus: Manna and Water.** We will begin at 12 noon with a Liturgy of the Word led by Deacon Dan, followed by lunch and the video reflection and discussion. Please join us if you are able.

The Forgiveness Video Series — Last week we viewed and had some discussion/comments about Part V – Body-Soul-Spirit and Part VI – Feeling! Excuse for not Forgiving. This coming Wednesday, March 13, after Mass, we will view and reflect with Part VII – Decide to Forgive and Part VIII – Perfect Forgiveness. Please plan to join us as we go deeper with the call to Forgiveness.

Lectio Divina Group — The group will meet on Tuesday, March 12, following the 6:30 pm Mass in the Residence Living Room at St. Bernard. We will reflect with the Gospel John 11: 1-45.

Holy Week Schedule — This year, as we celebrate the Triduum, we will celebrate one Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30 pm and one Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8 pm. I invite all Parishioners to come together for these celebrations, to begin that journey as one parish that celebrates together. The celebrations are being held at St. Bernard Church in Enfield, because it is the Church that is kind of in the middle of our three communities. I would like and I pray that those involved in various ministries would combine for our Holy Thursday Mass and Easter Vigil. A sharing in the responsibilities for ministries is another way of establishing better and closer relationships with our fellow parishioners of St. André Bessette Parish. We are a Parish, we have three communities in our Parish, and we worship the same God. I pray that this Holy Week will be a time for us to come together to celebrate the great mystery of Faith. Our schedule throughout the year is established right now so as to offer varying times and locations to come to Sunday Mass and weekday Mass. I pray also that we will see that we are free and able to attend any of the three Churches and not feel like a stranger. On Good Friday, I have decided to have three Services this year, so as to offer more of an opportunity for those who do not attend Mass regularly with us, in the three respective areas, to come to the Service, to reflect on the Passion Narrative and to be welcomed by those present to join us regularly. Good Friday Services will be 1 pm at Holy Cross, 3 pm at St. Bernard and 3 pm St. Rose of Lima. The schedule of Masses and Services will be posted in each of our Churches and on the Website.

Easter Flowers — To prepare our churches for Easter, please consider a monetary donation for flowers (St. Rose of Lima) or a donation of flowers (St. Bernard) in memory of a loved one. Place your monetary donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers," include your name and the name of your loved one, and place it in the Sunday collection. Make cheques payable to St. André Bessette Parish. A list of those being remembered will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

Small Groups — We continue to invite and encourage any of you who may wish to lead a small group to do so. We invite you to use the gift of Formed.org - call the office or check your email for instructions on how to sign up. There are many options to use with family and with anyone you may wish to invite to your small group.

Chrism Mass — Every year during Holy Week the whole Archdiocese is invited to gather at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. Archbishop Dunn has asked all Pastors to encourage their parishioners to attend and participate in the celebration. At this Mass, all the Priests will renew their priestly commitment before the Archbishop and the Sacred Oils are blessed and consecrated for our use in celebrating the Sacraments in our Parish. Our Chrism Mass will be **Tuesday, March 26, at 12 noon.** The Cathedral is located at 5221 Spring Garden Road in Halifax. Immaculate Conception Parish in Truro is planning to **rent a bus** and has invited Saint André Bessette parishioners to join if we wish. The advantages of the bus is not having to drive in Halifax and find parking (which can be limited) and being dropped off and picked up right in front of the Cathedral. A full bus would be \$20 per person – Immaculate Conception is advertising \$15/ person. Children under 12 could be free. The bus will stop at the St. Bernard parking lot, so you could leave your cars there and hop on. **If you are interested in possibly securing a seat on the bus to attend the Chrism Mass, please send an email to the Parish Office to indicate your interest.**

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Month of March: Family Formation Program

March 10	March Break
March 17	No classes either site
March 24	P-8 classes (students/parents) @ St. Bernard following the 9 am Mass Confirmation Class (students) following 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima
March 31	Easter Weekend — No classes

St. André Bessette Parish Directory — The Ways & Means Committee is working with **Universal Portrait Studios** to create a **St. André Bessette Parish Directory**. Representatives from the company will be contacting parishioners after March 18 to book a sitting time and location. Photo shoots will take place at all three churches from April 2 to 6 and 9 to 13. The photo shoot and final directory are free. You will have an opportunity to view proofs and purchase portrait packages, if interested. If you need to update your contact information, someone will be at the entrance of the church after Mass to speak with you and answer any questions you may have. You may also send updated information to the parish office this week.

Merchandise Bingo @ Holy Cross Church — This will happen on April 26, 2024 at 7 pm (doors open at 6:15 pm). Lots of great prizes!!! 50/50 tickets and door prizes. Canteen will be open for refreshments. Plan to attend and have some fun!

Caring and Sharing Foodbank in Enfield — A reminder to parishioners of St. André Bessette Parish that they can support the foodbank by placing donations in the baskets found at the entrances of St. Bernard church. Baskets are checked weekly.

Beacon House Food Bank — Top 10 items needed: Canned soup, meat, beans/stew, boxed cereal, pasta sauce, fruit cups/cans, Miracle Whip, nut-free granola bars, diapers, and baby food. A collection bin is located at the back of St. Rose of Lima church.

Mass Intentions for the week of March 11 to 17, 2024

Tuesday, March 12 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) **Eddie Benere †**
 Wednesday, March 13 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **John McEachern**
 Thursday, March 14 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **John Rochon †**
 Friday, March 15 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Patricia Zinck †**
 Saturday, March 16 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Bill McDonald †**
 Sunday, March 17 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Mona Maatouk †**
 Sunday, March 17 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **For the people**

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