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Fr. Gerald David
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 etransfer 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 12 noon at St. Bernard followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1:30 pm
Friday 12 noon at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1:30 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 at St. Bernard

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:

Carla Donadoni 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

Communications (Bulletin): standrecommunication@gmail.com

Deadline for
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BAPTISM OF THE LORD - January 11, 2026

Water is everywhere. Water gives us life, and it also powerfully connects us to God. Jesus' baptism teaches us that God is with us and in solidarity with us. God is not a distant God but rather comes to our lives, our wounds, our fears, and even our hopes. God enters the spaces where we feel abandoned, overwhelmed, or unworthy. God does not abandon us, but enters the waters with us. God does not flee from the world's pain but comes to be with us. And in a world where so many people feel erased or cast aside, Jesus' baptism declares that everyone is important.

Right now, the Earth is crying under a climate crisis, people suffer from racism, refugees flee for their lives, and the poor are simply trying to survive. Marginalized communities are fighting for their safety and dignity. The waters of baptism flow outward toward justice, repair, and courage. At His baptism, Jesus is named Beloved, and so are we. As God calls us beloved, we must also stand with every person who has been told they are not. God tells us who are baptized: I love you, you are mine, and I am pleased with you.

May we live out of God's love and join the Spirit's work of healing, justice, and renewal. May the waters that touched Jesus continue to renew us as we live out God's calling. (Excerpts from a reflection by Grace Ji-Sun Kim, US Catholic)

The Lord will bless His people with peace. (Psalm 29)

The Remembrance Tree — The Ladies of the St. Rose of Lima CWL would like to thank the parishioners for participating in the Christmas tradition of praying for and honouring our holy souls through the Remembrance Tree, where those souls benefitted from the Holy Masses over the Christmas liturgical season. The tree has been taken down and the special ornaments are on the cabinet at the entrance of the church. Please take yours home to place on your Christmas tree next year.

St. Bernard CWL Membership Dues — Fees (\$35) for January 1 to December 31, 2026 are now being accepted. Contact Maureen Tidgwell at 902-860-0656. New members welcome!!
Congratulations to Paula King for winning her dues back by paying early!

Knights of Columbus 2026 Calendars — Cash calendars are now available. Cost is \$20 and gives you a chance to win multiple draws. Contact Rick Karst (902-456-2744) or Gerry MacDonnell (902-883-8148) to get yours.




Knights of Columbus Council 11625 of St. Bernard Community Breakfast — The next breakfast will be held at the Enfield Fire Hall (257 Highway 2) on **Sunday, February 1** from 9 am to noon. Menu includes scrambled eggs, home fries, baked beans, bacon, toast, pancakes, juice, tea or coffee. Cost: \$10 for adults (13 and older) and \$5 for children (ages 5 to 12). Make sure to also pick up some goodies from the **St. Bernard CWL Bake Sale** which will take place during the breakfast!

Offering Envelopes — A reminder that envelopes for 2026 are here and are ready to be picked up. If you no longer want envelopes, please contact Lynette at the parish office.

Mass Intentions for the week of January 12 to 18, 2025

Tuesday, January 13 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **NO MASS**
Wednesday, January 14 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **NO MASS**
Thursday, January 15 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - **Roddie MacDonnell †**
Friday, January 16 (St. Rose of Lima) - **Kate Plumb**
Saturday, January 17 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Christena Tsimiklis**
Sunday, January 18 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **For the people**
Sunday, January 18 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Bernadette Hollett †**

SOUP LUNCHEON

 Holy Cross Catholic Church
Middle Musquodoboit



Thursday, January 29, 2026
11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Eat in or Take out!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament — We have been blessed to be able to offer some time of prayer before Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. In a world that seems so absorbed into itself, leading people into self-adoration, time spent before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, is time where Jesus increases and we decrease. The joy when Jesus increases is a joy that God wants to develop in our hearts. When the Son of God (JESUS) increases, he makes the rough spots smooth, he lowers those impossible-to-climb mountains, and he lifts us from the depths of sadness and valleys of despair to be filled with a joy that the world cannot give. Utilize the times for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - take time out of your busy schedule to slow down and listen to what the Lord is saying and what the Lord can do to make your life even more filled with His grace. Take a few minutes, an hour, whatever you can give to the Lord freely and ungrudgingly.
Thursdays - 12 noon Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1:30 pm (St. Bernard)
Fridays - 12 noon Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima)
First Friday of the Month - same as above but Adoration until 3:00 pm (St. Rose)
First Saturday of the Month - Mass at 9 am followed by an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (St. Bernard)

Family Faith Formation Schedule

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| January 11 | Student Classes (p-8) | St. Bernard following the 9 am Mass |
| January 11 | Home Lesson | St. Rose of Lima students |
| January 18 | Student Classes (p-8) | St. Rose of Lima from 9:45 to 10:45 am |
| January 18 | Family Mass | St. Rose of Lima at 11am (details to follow) |
| January 18 | Home Lesson | St. Bernard students |
| January 25 | Student Classes (p-8) | St. Bernard following the 9 am Mass |
| Youth Group: Friday, February 6 at Mitchell Hall at 6:30 pm (details to follow) | | |
| February 8 | Family Mass | St. Bernard at 9 am (details to follow) |

Words of Appreciation from Daily Bread Outreach — The parish volunteers from Daily Bread would like to thank parishioners for their ongoing involvement and support for this Ministry. We have an incredible amount of support from the various groups of parishioners who cook and provide food for the hot lunch, which our coordinator calls *Chef's Surprise*. We are so thankful for all the food. As well, there are parishioners who contribute boxes/cases of treats and snacks for our guests and who share the bounty from their home gardens. Every effort on your part goes a long way to help those in need. For that we thank you!

Father Eric Theriault Christmas Gift Ministry for Mental Health & Addictions Program — A big thank you from the organizers of this program. Your donations made for a lot of happy faces on Christmas morning!

Parish-Supported Food Banks

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 — boxed cereal, granola bars, canned meat, canned beans, juice boxes, crackers, cookies, pasta, pasta sauce, toilet paper. Your donations are very much appreciated!
Caring and Sharing (Enfield) food bank — All non perishables accepted. Baskets and donation envelopes can be found by both St. Bernard Church entrances.



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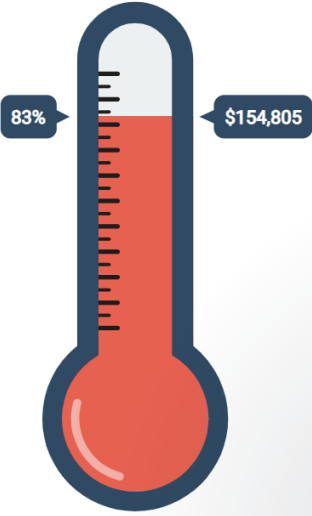
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St. Bernard Church Windows Replacement Project

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...Fr. Gerald

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