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St. Bernard Church, Enfield
St. Rose of Lima Church, Fall River
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Pastor
Fr. Gerald David
frgerald@standrebessette.net

Deacon
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.

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 submissions is Wednesday at noon.

Website:
standrebessette.net

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Phone: 902-476-8626

Email and e-transfers (include in message box your name and address): ssvdpfallriver@gmail.com
Make cheques payable to *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - February 8, 2026

Light rises in the darkness for the upright. (Psalm 112)



Each year on February 11, Catholics around the world recognize the World Day of the Sick. On this 34th World Day of the Sick, we are mindful of all who are sick and ill in any way and those who care for them. Each year the Pope releases a message to commemorate this day. Pope Leo's message for 2026 can be found by visiting the Vatican website: www.vatican.va. In his message, the Holy Father offers us the following prayer:

*Sweet Mother, do not part from me.
Turn not your eyes away from me.
Walk with me at every moment and
never leave me alone.
You who always protect me as a true
Mother,
obtain for me the blessing of the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.*

Mass Intentions for the week of February 9 to 15, 2026

Tuesday, February 10 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Georgena MacIsaac**
Wednesday, February 11 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Austin McNamara †**
Thursday, February 12 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - **Catherine White †**
Friday, February 13 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Helen Morgan**
Saturday, February 14 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Deacon Dan Bowden**
Sunday, February 15 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **For the people**
Sunday, February 15 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Catherine Barrett**

You are invited...

All parishioners are invited to join in upcoming faith formation programs covering *The Search* and Father James Mallon’s *Thriving Faith: Discipleship in Uncertain Times*.

The Search will be offered:

- Wednesdays, from February 18 to April 1, at St. Bernard at 10 am.
- Thursdays, from February 19 to April 2, at St. Rose of Lima/Mitchell Hall at 7 pm

For people who have previously been involved in *The Search*, we will be offering a book club format of *Thriving Faith: Discipleship in Uncertain Times*. Participants will read chapters of the book and the recommended scripture readings associated with them. The group will then get together for discussion. This will be offered:

- Wednesday evenings at 7 pm from February 25 to April 1 at St. Rose of Lima

Please seriously consider getting involved. Sign up sheets are at the entrances of the churches or call the office to register.

Parish Survey

Saint André Bessette Parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ’s vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.



The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Saint André Bessette Parish. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The 10 to 15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link from **Wednesday, February 18 until Tuesday, March 31, 2026** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish’s efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the

launch of the survey. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

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Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

Pancake Supper

Holy Cross Catholic Church
Middle Musquodoboit

Adults - \$12
Kids 5 to 12 - \$8



Sausages
Pancakes
Baked Beans
Biscuit
Dessert (cake)

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
4 to 6 pm

Eat in or Take out!

**ASH WEDNESDAY
BEGINNING OF LENT**
February 18 marks the first day of Lent. Masses will be as follows:
12 noon @ Holy Cross
12 noon @ St. Bernard
7 pm @ St. Rose of Lima

You're Invited!
Skate for Shelter
Saturday, February 14, St. Valentine's Day
1:00-3:00 PM
Emera Oval, Halifax

Join us for an afternoon of skating, hot cocoa, and sweet treats - **all by donation**. No skates? No problem, skates and helmets are available on-site at no cost (bring a valid government-issued photo ID to borrow equipment).

♥ All proceeds support the **Emergency Shelter Project** of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth

Bring your friends, your family, or your Valentine, and help us warm up winter for those in need.

Scan to Give

If cancelled due to weather, notice will be posted on the on the Archdiocese Facebook Page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/HalifaxYarmouth>

Family Faith Formation Schedule

February 8	Family Mass	St. Bernard at 9 am
February 8	Student Classes (p-8)	St. Bernard following Mass
February 8	Home Lesson	St. Rose of Lima students
February 15	Student Classes (p-8)	St. Rose of Lima/Mitchell Hall at 9:45 am
February 15	Home Lesson	St. Bernard Students
February 18	ASH WEDNESDAY	Note times and locations listed in the bulletin
February 22	Student Classes (p-8)	St. Bernard following the 9 am Mass
February 22	Home Lesson	St. Rose of Lima students

Navigating and Surviving Eldercare Workshop — As parents, grandparents, neighbours, and parishioners age, many of us find ourselves asking hard questions. What kinds of support and advocacy are needed? How do we respond well? What role do families and faith communities play? This workshop, led by Mr. Patrick Cassidy, KC, draws on both his professional expertise and personal experience to address the challenges of navigating and sustaining eldercare with compassion and care. This workshop is available by zoom or on campus at Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax.

When: March 3, 2026 Time: 1:30pm
Cost: \$25 | Free for students
For more information, contact Lydia at lydia.hood@astheology.ns.ca.

St. Thomas Anglican Church Pancake Supper — The church is hosting its annual pancakes and sausage supper on February 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Location is 3534 Highway 2 in Fall River. Eat in or take out. Contact: 902-860-0092.

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.

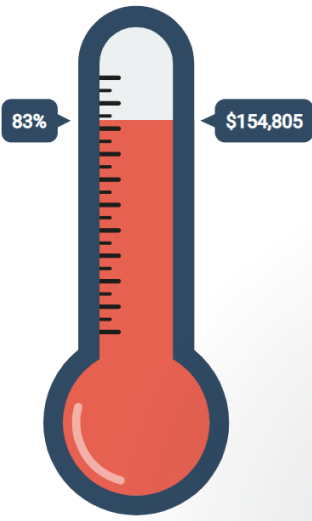
Beacon House Top 10 Most Wanted — Canned soups, canned meat, pasta, canned milk, boxed cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, fruit cups, juice, crackers/cookies. Beacon House is also in need of **gently used winter coats**. Your donations are very much appreciated!

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

**Councillor
Cathy Deagle Gammon**
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St. Bernard Church
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Project

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...Fr. Gerald

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