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frgerald@standrebessette.net

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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.

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - September 28, 2025

Jesus' parables tell us much about the real world. He takes common elements of human experience - sons and fathers, judges and kings, the rich and the poor, buying and selling, planting and harvesting, fishing and wine-making - and uses these elements to teach theological points. In the parable of Lazarus and the rich man, Jesus uses human experiences of life and human experiences of death to teach that one's life affects one's fate, that one's fate is sealed at death, and that those who will not listen to God's word will not take heed of his own Resurrection either. (www.catholic.com) The Scriptures and the teachings of the Church are clear enough: daily prayer, daily Scripture, weekly Eucharist, frequent confession and repentance all lead to a change of heart wherein we begin to love the kingdom of God and its values more fully. We become more merciful, kind, generous and loving toward the poor and needy, patient, chaste, devout and self-controlled ourselves. (Msgr. Charles Pope)

October 1: Treaty Day — Treaty Day in Nova Scotia is recognized each year on October 1. As part of the day's events, a Treaty Day Mass will be celebrated at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. Archbishop Dunn will preside, and members of the Mi'kmaq community will provide the various ministries. This year's Treaty Day Mass will be at 10:00 am. All are welcome!

Technology at St. Rose of Lima Church — We would like to create a volunteer team dedicated and trained on the technology used at St. Rose for projecting music on the screens and livestreaming the Mass on Facebook. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, you can speak with Phil Francis or call Lynette at the office. Our hope is to have everyone trained so there are always people at Mass who can work the equipment/provide the service and someone who can troubleshoot when there are issues. This is one more way you can participate in your parish's activities!

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:
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St. Bernard Church Windows Replacement Project

The committee has worked hard over the past year planning for the replacement of the windows in the body of the church. Two proposals were presented to the Parish Leadership Team, who then made the decision to move forward with the quote from Metro Windows and Doors. The current quote, which includes installation and taxes, is \$186,143.18. This quote is guaranteed for the next 4 weeks and requires a 50% deposit when the contract is signed.

While we wait for the official approval from the Archbishop to move forward with the project, we have decided to try and raise the funds for the project with the goal of raising 100% of the funds. Due to the time constraints, we are asking parishioners to consider donating to this project.

There are three options to donate:

- Donate using envelopes available at the churches or send an etransfer to stbernardsenfield@gmail.com (indicate the etransfer is for windows).
- Donate a window. We have created a form that details the prices of the different-sized windows. Plaques will be placed below the donated window acknowledging the donor/in memoriam.
- Purchase a plaque for the Prayer Wall.



If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 902-860-0475 or Sarah White at smwhitey@outlook.com.

Parish Leadership Team

Board Members needed for Hand in Hand Thrift Store — The St. Vincent de Paul - Halifax Particular Council is seeking volunteers to serve on the new Board of Hand in Hand located at 440 Herring Cove Road in Spryfield. Hand in Hand Thrift Store has long been a valued part of the Special Works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Halifax Particular Council. Service would involve approximately 6-8 yearly meetings. The focus of the board will be to provide guidance and a renewed vision for the future. Please consider contributing your time and talents to this very worthwhile cause. Contact Ray Burke, Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Halifax Particular Council President at 902-646-0155 or rhburke.54@gmail.com.

4th Annual Empowered Men's Catholic Conference: Saturday, October 18 — St. Thomas More Church, Dartmouth. Join keynote speakers Fr. James Mallon and Fr. Isaac Longworth for the 4th Annual Empowered Men's Conference — a full day of faith, fellowship, and formation for Catholic men. For full details, visit: www.empoweredccfm.ca.

4th Annual Pro-Life Conference: Saturday, October 25 — St. Thomas More Church, 15 Caledonia Road, Dartmouth. Nova Scotians United for Life invites you to attend their 4th annual Pro-Life Conference, bringing together people from across the province who are passionate about promoting the dignity of life at all stages. Visit nsul-pr.com for more details.

Life Chain — On **Sunday, October 5**, Canadians will gather at 350+ locations to peacefully raise awareness about the truth of abortion, during the 35th annual nation-wide Life Chain. In Halifax, Life Chain will happen from 2:00 to 3:00 pm on Robie Street, at the Halifax Commons. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by the organizer and given signs to hold. Participants are encouraged to spread out along the sidewalk and spend time in quiet prayer. This is a unique, family-friendly event advocating for innocent pre-born children. As Christ reminds us in Matthew 25:40: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

St. Thomas Anglican Church in Fall River is hosting a Halloween-themed **ROCK-A-THON** on Saturday, October 25 from 10 am to 2 pm. Live music (kitchen jamming style) includes Wilf Carr, Marcie Davis and Lauren & Brent Crause. For more information, contact Leslie at lkristiansen@eastlink.ca.

Mass Intentions for the week of September 29 to October 5, 2025

Tuesday, September 30 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Pius Campbell †
Wednesday, October 1 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Catchal McNaughton †
Thursday, October 2 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Francis MacNeil †
Friday, October 3 @ 1:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Funeral for Leonard David Metham
Saturday, October 4 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Wade DeWolfe †
Sunday, October 5 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the people
Sunday, October 5 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Jim Barrett

There is no noon Mass at St. Rose of Lima on Friday, October 3.

Family Faith Formation Registration is on!



The Family Faith Formation Program **Kick Off/Ice Cream Social** is this **Sunday, September 28**, following the 9 am Mass at St. Bernard and from 9:45-10:45 am at St. Rose of Lima. We have some fun activities planned so please join us!

We're excited to launch a new **St. André Bessette Youth Group** for grades 7-12 right here in our parish. We need students and volunteers to make this possible, so please contact Maria McDonald to learn more about this exciting initiative!

Calling all CATECHISTS and those wanting to learn more.... Is God asking you to be a witness of faith, hope and love to the families/children of our parish? If you would like to learn more about the family faith formation program at our parish or about becoming a catechist, please contact the coordinator, Maria McDonald, at maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net.



A reminder that money raised from dropping off your refundables at Green Tree Recycling (at the intersection of Cobequid Road and Windsor Junction Road) goes directly to the activities of the youth of our parish!

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 — mayonnaise, pasta sauce, juice boxes, cookies, granola bars, fruit cups, Kraft Dinner, canned beans in tomato sauce, diapers sizes 4, 5, 6 and shampoo/conditioner. Your donations are very much appreciated!

The Beacon House Interfaith Society's Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 30 at 7:00 pm at St. John's United Church, Fall River. This meeting is open to parishioners and provides an opportunity to learn about the ministries of Beacon House.

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

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Hector Caissie: May 13 - 24, 2026 — Cost of \$3780 includes all airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from the Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$250/p.) Early Booking Special! Book and pay in full by October 14, 2025 and avail a rebate of \$450.00 Limited to the first 5 paying pilgrims only. INFO: Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@gmail.com or 506-857-2295.



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