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## St. André Bessette Parish

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

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

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 pm at St. Bernard  
6:30 pm at Holy Cross  
Sunday 9:00 am at St. Bernard  
11:00 am at St. Rose of Lima (Live Stream)

### Confessions:

Tuesdays from 6:00 to 6:20 pm - St. Bernard Church  
Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:20 pm - St. Rose of Lima Church  
Saturdays from 3:15 to 3:45pm - St. Bernard Church  
or by Appointment

### Parish Offerings:

To register with our parish Pre-Authorized Debit program, please contact Claire at the St. Bernard office. You can also etransfer contributions using stbernardsenfield@gmail.com. These are alternatives to the traditional collection envelopes, which of course are still available.

### Holy Week Schedule

**Holy Thursday (April 6)**  
7 pm at St. Bernard  
7:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima

**Good Friday (April 7)**  
3 pm at all three locations

**Easter Vigil (April 8)**  
8 pm at St. Bernard

**Easter Sunday (April 9)**  
9 am at St. Bernard  
9 am at Holy Cross  
11 am at St. Rose of Lima

## PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 2, 2023

This Sunday we begin the trek through one of the most important weeks of the year. The central reality of our Faith in God, in His Son whom He sent, and the Holy Spirit continues to keep us focused. This week we are called to pray about our Mission as a Church in the midst of a broken world. We are invited to understand even more deeply the reason we as a Church exist and have been called into being. On a personal level, each of us is being given an opportunity to appreciate more deeply what God has done for us, how he continues to call us back to him, only to give us more and to do more for us as we participate in His saving mystery. As we gather for the upcoming days of the Sacred Triduum (Three Days), may we come with an open mind and a clear heart - ready to allow God to be placed in the center of our lives. As we focus on Palm Sunday this weekend, let our Hosannas ring out as we process throughout the Church waving our Palms. Let's make that commitment to take the full journey together and sing the Praises of our Good and Gracious and Awesome God - He who loves, sent His Jesus to show us the way back to the Father, never abandoning us, but always with us to the end of time. Happy Palm Sunday & Happy Holy Week!!! ...Fr. Gerald

**The Way of the Cross** - Thank you to all the groups that led the Way of the Cross every Friday. Thanks also to those of you who came out to pray the Way of the Cross as our Lenten devotion. May our Good, Gracious and Awesome God continue to fill our Hearts and imbue our minds with a deeper knowledge of the mystery of Faith demonstrated in Jesus' journey, to strengthen us on our pilgrim way!

## Messages from Father Gerald

**Financial Report for St. André Bessette Parish** — Our Financial Report is prepared and will be presented to the Parish this weekend. This report contains some of the complexities of the reality of two former parishes amalgamated along with our mission. It is reflective of the way in which our Church has been affected by Covid. I want to thank you for your patience, but most importantly I want to thank you for your generous support to keep our mission as a Church working in this portion of the Vineyard of the Lord that we call St. André Bessette Parish. If you have any questions, please feel free to email them to the Parish Offices and they will be forwarded on to those on our Finance Council.

**Chrism Mass** — We are invited to join Archbishop Dunn and the Priests of the Archdiocese at the celebration of the Chrism Mass at **Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica on Tuesday, April 4 at 12 noon**. At this Mass, the Priests will renew their Priestly Commitment and the Archbishop will bless the Oil of Catechumens and Oil of the Sick and consecrate the Sacred Chrism. These are oils used in all of our Parishes for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Ordination throughout the year. These oils will be processed to the altar at the beginning of our Holy Thursday celebration. Please mark you calendars and plan to attend. The liturgy will also be broadcast by live stream and available on the diocesan website and Facebook. **Note: Archbishop Dunn has invited all staff to join in this celebration so the parish offices will be closed that day.**

**Holy Week Celebrations at St. André Bessette Parish** — This will be our first fully-open Holy Week since the naming of the new Parish of St. André Bessette. I pray that we will gather for all the liturgies that make up the Holy Week experience — that we may be able to experience the sense of family we have been called to be. The Triduum (three Holy Days) contains the necessary continuity to draw us through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are one liturgy — the Last Supper — institution of the Eucharist and Jesus' call to service, the crucifixion (the Cross) is central on Good Friday, and the new light, new water and new life at the Easter Vigil. The beauty of the journey of these three days and then on Easter Sunday — being blessed to be able to renew our own Baptismal Promises, receiving the new water leading us to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. I realize that many travel on Easter weekend to be with family, however, I really encourage and urge all of you to participate fully in celebrating. So, if you are here, make it a point to come to Church. Times and locations are listed on the front page. May we pray for a deeper acceptance and understanding of God's Mercy and Love as we journey through Holy Week into the joy of being an Easter people!!!

**Divine Mercy Novena and Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour** — Beginning on Good Friday, we are encouraged to pray a nine-day Novena of Divine Mercy. Each day there is a specific prayer intention accompanied by the prayers and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This will bring us to focus on the many and varied needs to be brought before the throne of God's Mercy. On April 16, the Second Sunday of Easter, designated now as the Divine Mercy Sunday, we will gather and offer a Holy Hour at 3:00 pm at St. Rose of Lima Church — to bless and revere the image of Mercy, pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany of Mercy and receive Benediction.

**Easter Flowers** — To prepare the church for Easter, please consider a donation for/of flowers in memory of a loved one. Contact one of the parish offices and leave your name and the name of your loved one(s). A list of those being remembered will be displayed on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.

**Collection of Email Addresses** — Email addresses are still being collected from parishioners to compile an up-to-date list. The email list will be kept confidential, and your address will never be made public. Please take a minute after Mass to provide it. Thanks!

**Pilgrimage to Eskasoni with Mi'kmaq** — See the video for information on this Way of the Cross annual tradition: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUMk1ys67V8>.

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## Family Formation News

### Chalice Fundraiser: Ticket Sales for a Paw Patrol Easter Basket

This is the final weekend that the Families of St. André Bessette Parish will be selling tickets on a Paw Patrol Easter Basket. Proceeds will go to support the Parish's Chalice children. The draw will take place on April 2. Thank you to Fr. Phil Thibodeau for donating the basket to our Parish!

### St. Rose of Lima P-8

April 2 and 30 (wrap up Class and First Communion rehearsal at 9:45 am in the Church)  
9:45 to 10:45 am

### St. Bernard P-8

April 16 and 30 (First Communion rehearsal at 10:00 am in the Church)  
10 to 11 am

There will be no P-8 classes on Easter Weekend (April 9).

### Confirmation Classes for April (6:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima)

April 2 - regular Class

April 9 - no Class

April 15 - Confirmation Retreat from 11:15 am to 4:30 pm with Mass to follow, Holy Trinity in Sackville  
\*\*Please hold the Confirmation students in your prayers\*\*

April 16 - no Class

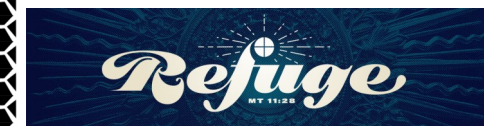
April 23 - final Class/preparation for Confirmation

April 30 - Confirmation rehearsal and parent/student meeting at 12:15 pm, St. Rose of Lima (lunch provided)

### May dates to note:

Sacrament of First Holy Communion is Sunday, May 7 at the 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church.

Confirmation is Sunday, May 14 at the 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church, Archbishop Dunn presiding.



### Attention Youth ages 14-17!!

**STEOBENVILLE ATLANTIC: July 7-9, 2023**

**THEME: REFUGE** based on Matthew 11: 28 "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you rest."

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