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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

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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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Note change: **Tuesday to Friday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time – January 21, 2024

The theme this Sunday is keeping the focus on what God wants for us - to turn away from our sins and return to God the Father. As with Jonah in his preaching to the Ninevites and St. Paul reminding the community of the Corinthians, we must be ready and live every day as if it were the day Christ returns. The Gospel reminds us to make a distinction between how we relate to earthly things and our relationship with God. We really have work to do to insure that our relationship with God is first and foremost. We must make the decision to remain close to God, despite all the challenges and struggles that the world throws our way, with all the allurements and attractions that take us away from keeping God primary in our lives. God helps our desires to be right centered. He is constantly giving us grace to grow in our faithfulness. Let's be sure to remember that God is always faithful to us and he never leaves us. And because God has loved us first and is faithful to all of us, let us turn first to him for direction in our lives.

Thursday and Friday Benediction — Each Thursday and Friday following the 9 am Mass, we offer a time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Immediately following the Mass, Benediction (Blessing) will be offered. Adoration will then continue until 12 noon, when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed (returned to the Tabernacle) by a designated layperson. I would like to invite everyone from the Parish to come, if you are able, and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Spend an hour, half an hour, or even drop in for 15 minutes with the Lord. I pray that your time before the Lord would be blessed and certainly those intentions, individuals and situations you are praying for will be placed in faith, and in the goodness of God will be granted. For those of you who feel you have nothing to pray for, please keep the Parish of St. André Bessette, our families, and Parish unity in your prayers before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Adult Faith Formation — As we continue to live out our Baptismal Commitment in this new year of grace, there are many opportunities available to us to renew and strengthen our Faith. In order to assist our Family of Faith here at St. André Bessette Parish, we have been granted a year to use Formed.org from the Augustine Institute. Formed.org has many opportunities for all ages to grow in our Faith - movies for families, shows for kids, adult faith formation series, etc... We will be sending an email to all parishioners with instructions on how to sign up so you can search the Formed.org site.

Ash Wednesday/Beginning of Lent — It is hard to believe just coming out of the Christmas Season that we might turn our attention to Lent. We will be offering three Masses on **Ash Wednesday, February 14**, which we hope will accommodate as many of our parishioners as possible.

- 9 am @ Holy Cross
- 12 noon @ St. Bernard
- 7 pm @ St. Rose of Lima

Hopefully this early notice will allow schedules to be adjusted to get the most out of the Season of Lent.

Prayer and Spirituality: Lent 2024 — In the next few weeks, we will be putting together some Faith/Spiritual programs for our Lenten Season to accommodate your spiritual journey. We will be offering the **Way of the Cross each Friday during Lent**, alternating between St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima. This will be an opportunity to have all three Churches come together to pray and reflect on the journey of Jesus' Way of the Cross. The **Forgiveness Video Program** will be offered this year at St. Rose of Lima on Wednesday evenings following the 6:30 pm Mass. Stay tuned for further updates.

Small Groups (Lent) — During Lent, we would like to invite parishioners throughout St. André Bessette Parish to gather in home groups for a time of prayer - scripture study, faith formation, Lectio Divina (praying with the Gospel of the Sundays of Lent). We presently have Formed.org, which can provide many different ways to enrich your Lenten journey and growth in Faith. We are hoping that this can be organized by individuals and include people from your neighborhood or friends from the parish, or people you may not really know well but are familiar with from our parish, and that this time of prayer will assist the community to grow. It would be great to hear of what the experience was like after our Lenten Journey. Sometimes (most times) stepping out of our comfort zone, which is not always easy, can allow some wonderful, good and healthy relationships to grow and give Glory to God.

Greeters/Hospitality at St. Rose of Lima — As we don't currently have a coordinator for greeters, a sign-up sheet has been placed at the entrance of the church. Greeters are asked to consider their availability for the next few months and to place their names on the list. We are asking for two greeters per Mass. If you interested in becoming a member of the hospitality team (and would possibly enjoy the coordinator roll), contact Lynette at the parish office. Responsibilities include counting and recording the number of people in attendance, asking a family to bring up the offerings after the collection, getting any gluten-free hosts requested, and handing out bulletins at the end of Mass. This is a beautiful ministry that puts smiles on the faces of those who enter the church.

Holy Cross Church Take-Out Pancake Supper — Holy Cross is once again preparing for a take-out pancake supper on **Tuesday, February 13**. Pick-up is between 4 and 5:30 pm at the church. The meal includes pancakes, sausages, beans, plus biscuits and dessert. Adults: \$10, ages 5-12: \$6, children under 5 eat free! Please pre-book with Betty Lou (902-384-2961), Judy (902-384-2183) or Irene (902-236-2088).



Congratulations to the winners of the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest!



by Ava

Family Faith Formation News

St. Rose of Lima Church:

January 21: Student Classes p-8 9:45 am @ Mitchell Hall
Confirmation Class following 11 am Mass

January 28: Family Social Activity: The students will be writing letters to the children that our parish sponsors from Chalice.

St. Bernard Church:

January 21: Home lesson
January 28: Student Classes p-8

Mass Intentions for the week of January 22 to 28, 2024

Tuesday, January 23 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Donelda Stanley †
Wednesday, January 24 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Mickey Meagher †
Thursday, January 25 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Winfred Baker †
Friday, January 26 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Susan Johnson-LaCroix †
Saturday, January 27 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Debbie Richard & Family
Sunday, January 28 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the people
Sunday, January 28 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Dolores McNeil

Email Notifications — From time to time, there may be a change in our weekday Mass schedule. We will note any changes in the bulletin and announce them the Sunday before at Mass. If the change is short notice, we will use the Parish email list to alert you. If you have not registered with the parish or have not sent your email into the Parish Office, please do so so you can be included in these notifications.

Lost and Found — It's time to check the shelf in the entryway at St. Bernard for your lost items - women's prescription glasses, a black cardigan sweater, and much more....

Website Address — Just a reminder that our website address is standrebessette.net.



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