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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 e-transfer contributions using stbernardsenfield@gmail.com. These are alternatives to the traditional collection envelopes, which of course are still available.

**Pastor:** Fr. Gerald David  
frgerald@standrebessette.net

**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Dan Bowden  
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### Parish Staff

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Wednesday at noon.)

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 14, 2023

**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO GOD, ALL THE EARTH!**

This Sunday, Jesus lets his disciples know that they will have another Advocate to be with them ... the Spirit of truth. Jesus' encouraging words give strength to the disciples to not lose heart and to remain faithful in keeping God's commandments. We live in a world today that resists anything of truth that comes from God. Secular humanism defines truth as based on the individual - **my truth/your truth**. The world's truth is relative. The truth of which Jesus speaks and the truth from which we as brothers and sisters in the Lord are Confirmed in our Faith derives from the Father and the Father's love for us. The world has indeed shut that truth out, and has been wanting to silence that truth for centuries - in Jesus' time and in our day. We are invited to live in hope and to give our accounting for that hope to anyone who might ask. We are to do so in gentleness and reverence, as the First Letter of Saint Peter indicates in the second reading. We need the Holy Spirit's unifying power to strengthen, encourage, and help us to live out **the Truth**. The gift that comes from God and is established for the people of this age finds its way back to God. May we celebrate the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, and trust in the fire of God's Love.

...Fr. Gerald

**Building Committee at St. Bernard Church** - We are seeking assistance in forming a new Building Committee at St. Bernard. Our many buildings require ongoing attention. We are at a point where we need to analyze the usage of our buildings in all churches of our Parish. I want to thank Richard Sherman for his ongoing and dedicated service to St. Bernard. Richard's wisdom and insight will be helpful to the Building Committee as we move forward. I am hoping to have new membership to bring expertise in various areas. We are striving to build connections between all three churches, and the Building Committee will indeed be part of that. You have many talents and gifts which, when shared, can make the work on the physical structures in our Parish a lot easier! If you are interested in helping and sharing your gifts, please submit your name to the Parish Office or email me indicating your interest.

...Fr. Gerald



**Parish Signage** — The electronic sign has been installed at St. Bernard Church. It looks great and will be an excellent way to welcome people to celebrate Mass with us and to invite them to attend various events and functions. It was great that our first message on the sign congratulates our First Holy Communion children and Confirmation Candidates. The sign also gives you a first glimpse of St. André Bessette's new logo.

**Office Closure** — Please note that Administrative Professionals Day for the archdiocese is **Wednesday, May 17, 2023**. As administrative staff will be attending meetings that day, **the parish offices in Enfield and Fall River will be closed.**


**Knights of Columbus Council 11625 of St. Bernard Mother's Day Community Breakfast and 50/50 Draw**


Where: Enfield Fire Hall (257 Highway 2, Enfield) When: **9:00 am until noon on Sunday, May 14**  
 Cost: \$8.00 for adults (13 years and older) and \$5.00 for children (12 and under)  
 Menu: scrambled eggs, home fries, baked beans, toast, pancakes, apple juice, tea or coffee.

**Knights of Columbus Yard Sale** — This year's yard sale will take place on **Saturday, May 27 from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Rose of Lima**. If you have **any suitable items you are willing to graciously donate for the sale**, please contact one of the following individuals to arrange for pick-up in the Fall River area: Albert Gibson 902-471-8514/agibson@caseyltd.ca or David Marshall 902-580-1600/davidmarshall12@bellaliant.net. Proceeds from the sale will be used to support KoC charitable activities in our community. **The CWL will also host plant and bake sales during the event.**

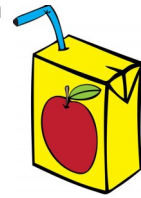


**Catholic Women's League High Tea & Social** — The St. Bernard CWL invites everyone to its High Tea & Social on **May 27, 2023 from noon to 2 pm**. Cost is \$10 per person. **Please register by May 19**. E-transfer payments can be made to st.bernardscwl@gmail.com. For more information, contact Paula King at 902-324-8758. Remember to wear your hat or fascinator!

 **Honour Our Lady in May** — To honour Our Blessed Mother during the month of May, parishioners are invited to meet at St. Rose of Lima on **Wednesdays at 5:50 pm** to pray the Rosary before the 6:30 pm Mass. The Rosary is a wonderful gift to Mary and glorifies her son Jesus. Thus we can say with confidence: To Jesus through Mary.

 **St. Bernard Ice Cream Stand** — *Heavenly Scoops* is reopening on **Friday, May 19 at 5:30 pm**, and will be open on weekends until June 28, when it opens daily.

**Magnificat Women's Breakfast** — Magnificat, Halifax Chapter, is delighted to announce the return of the Magnificat Women's Breakfast on **Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 9 am to noon** at St. Agnes Church, Mumford Road, Halifax. This includes a hot (catered) breakfast, prayer, praise and worship, and testimony given by guest speaker, Angele Saulnier-Nicholson. Price: \$20. Pre-registration is required via email at magnificathalifax@gmail.com or call Maria Thibault at 902-860-3304.



**Beacon House Top 10 for May** — cereal, canned ham or chicken, Miracle Whip, nut-free granola bars, diapers (sizes 4 & 5), juice, cookies, crackers, toilet paper, tea.

**Diocesan Feast Day Change** — The Archdiocese is in the process of seeking permission from Rome to change the patronal feast of the Archdiocese from the Feast of the Assumption (August 15) to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8). This change is recommended because August 15 is a special day for the Acadians and they are involved in other festivities. As well, December 8 is the date of the establishment of the new merged Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. The clergy have agreed with this change and this announcement is a way to consult all parishioners to see if you have any **comments on this change**. Please respond to Pauline (pamirault@halifaxyarmouth.org) by **Monday, May 15**.

**CCO Mission in Halifax** — From May 11 to June 9, the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth will host a mission for Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) that will see roughly 20 students and 4 staff travel to Halifax from across Canada to proclaim the Gospel and advance the work of evangelization. These students will be divided into teams that will serve the peninsula parishes of Good Shepherd, St. Francis and St. Clare, and St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica. Archbishop Dunn will welcome these missionaries at the 12:15 pm Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica on Tuesday, May 16. All are welcome! Let us pray for the young people coming on mission and the parish communities where they will be serving. May it be a time of fruitfulness and renewal!

**NS March for Life** — The March is scheduled for **Saturday, May 20**. Our Pastor, Fr. Gerald David, will offer Mass with a pro-life homily at 12:15 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica. Following Mass at 1:00 pm, the March will begin from there and move onward to Province House to pray for the preborn.

**Free Webinars from Advisors with Purpose** — At the end of May, Advisors with Purpose, the diocese's estate planning partners, are hosting a couple of free webinars:

**The Joy of Generosity: the what, why and how of planned giving**  
 With Lorne Jackson and Abraham Somovarapha When: **May 25 at 8:00pm**  
 Link to Register <https://calendly.com/awpwebinar/the-joy-of-generosity-may-25>

**Your Will and the Next Generation**  
 With Lorne Jackson and Sherri Harper When: **May 30 at 9:00pm**  
 Link to Register <https://calendly.com/awpwebinar/your-will-and-the-next-generation-may-30>

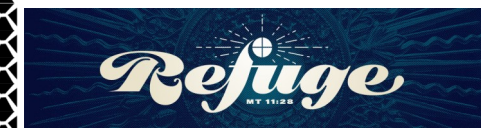
**Family Formation News**

**Catechists/Teachers Needed!**

Are you a Catechist at Heart? Do you enjoy and feel elevated when you share and witness to who Jesus Christ is and the teachings of the Church? The Last instruction that Jesus gave to his disciples was: 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.' (Mark 16:15) By volunteering to be a catechist, you are doing one of the most important tasks that Jesus asks us to do. Besides helping the children and families of our parish to grow in their understanding of our Faith, you will find that you also will grow in your relationship with God. Interested? Please contact Maria McDonald with the parish for more information: maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net or at 902-576-2192.



**Attention Youth ages 14-17!!**



**STEUBENVILLE 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." The Steubenville Youth Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, are a series of conferences across North

America that help teens encounter the love of Christ every summer. Our mission is to build the Church by evangelizing, equipping and empowering God's children to become radical and joyful disciples. For more information, please contact Maria McDonald at maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net or call 902-576-2192.

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