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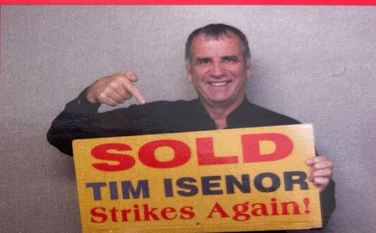
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## St. André Bessette Parish

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 (**NO MASS on MAY 23**)  
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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**SOLEMN FEAST OF THE ASCENSION  
OF OUR LORD  
MAY 21, 2023**

Jesus Christ is Lord of heaven and earth. While no longer physically here on earth, Christ is with us through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. The risen Christ taught the disciples how his life, death, and resurrection fulfilled what had been written in Scripture. As he prepared to ascend, he instructed them to wait together for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon them. Through the Spirit's presence, they would understand what they must do and would be given the power to share the Good News through word and deed. On this Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, we will consider the call of every Christian to continue Jesus' ministry of love. (Taken from Sourcebook for Sundays 2023)

**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

**NO MASS TUESDAY, MAY 23 at 6:30 pm** — I am planning to attend the 75th Anniversary of Priesthood celebration for Father Clarence Thibault of Yarmouth on Tuesday evening, May 23. Father Clarence will also be celebrating his 100th birthday in July. During my time in Yarmouth, I had many opportunities to get to know the wonderful priest this man is. It truly is a beautiful opportunity for our Diocese and our Church to celebrate his wonderful ministry as a priest. Amazingly, he still concelebrates Mass on Sunday at Saint Ambrose Co-Cathedral in Yarmouth. Let us pray prayers of thanksgiving to God for Fr. Clarence's 75 years of priestly ministry and for God's continuing care for him. ...Fr. Gerald

**Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation** — Last Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass, Archbishop Brian Dunn conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on a number of our youth — twelve from St. André Bessette Parish and two from Good Shepherd Parish. It was a wonderful celebration! I want to thank each of these young people for presenting themselves for the Sacrament. I want to thank their parents also for continuing through with the promise of responsibility for Faith from Baptism. A special thanks to Sarah White for leading the lessons in preparation for the celebration. Thank you to Maria McDonald for organizing the celebration and scheduling with Archbishop Dunn. A special thank you to the Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus from St. André Bessette Parish for the reception and contributions, making this day the great day it was. A MAJOR THANK YOU to the HOLY SPIRIT, for without Jesus' promised Spirit, the day would not have happened at all. May the Holy Spirit of God protect you and guide you. May God continue to stir the presence of the Holy Spirit in each of you to grow more deeply in relationship with God the Father, Jesus the Son, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. ...Fr. Gerald



**Novena to the Holy Spirit** — Friday, May 19 began the nine days of prayer in preparation for Pentecost. As we pray this Novena, let us remember our youth who just celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, anyone who may be struggling with their vocation in life, the needs of our Parish of St. André Bessette, our Church Universal, and people who have fallen away from the Faith for whatever reason. Let us pray that more and more people may turn to the Holy Spirit to nurture good and healthy lives rooted in God, and for the many other intentions we have personally as well as a community. Let us use the prayer frequently - "Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts, enkindle in us the fire of your love." ...Fr. Gerald



**Knights of Columbus Yard Sale/CWL Plant and Bake 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. **If you enjoy baking and would like to donate something** you can drop it off at the church between 6 and 7 pm Friday evening, May 26, or any time on Saturday morning, May 27. **Plant donations can be dropped off on Saturday morning**. The money raised will be used to carry on our works of charity.

**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 today!** You must pre-book, but payment can be made by e-transfer to [st.bernardscwl@gmail.com](mailto:st.bernardscwl@gmail.com) or at the door. For more information, contact Paula King at 902-324-8758. Remember to wear your hat or fascinator!

**St. André Bessette Parish BBQ** — Come one, come all to our very first **St. André Bessette Parish BBQ at Oakfield Park on Sunday, June 4** after the 11:00 am Mass. We encourage everyone to come out to enjoy the festivities. Bring something to share — salad (ladle), dessert/cookies, sandwiches or snacks. Bring your favorite outside toys: bats, balls, hula hoops, sand buckets, etc. It wouldn't hurt to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. There will be lots of food, fun and laughter, and a facepainting and tattoo station for our young'uns of all ages. If we had some instruments in tow, we could have an outdoor Celtic kitchen party.... See you all there!



**Scholarship and Bursary Opportunities** — The 2023 scholarship and bursary information and application forms are now available for pickup at the entrance of the church, on the parish website and at the two parish offices. The application is for the following three scholarship/bursaries: the CWL Shirley Anne Fraser Memorial Bursary (St. Rose of Lima Church), the KOC Jesso/Meagher Memorial Stewardship Bursary (St. Rose of Lima Church), and the Houlihan Family Scholarship (Parish of St. André Bessette). Please note: applicants are welcome to apply for all three awards, but the same student cannot receive more than one scholarship. These will be awarded during a designated Mass in June. Please watch the bulletin for further announcements.

**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](mailto: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.



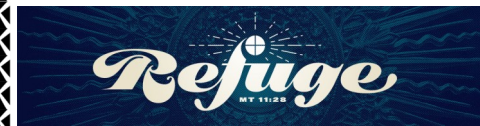
## Family Formation News

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net) or call 902-576-2192.

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