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

Pastor
Fr. Gerald David
frgerald@standrebessette.net

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Dan Bowden
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.

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – August 2, 2026

Mark your calendars!! The St. André Bessette Parish Picnic will be held at Holy Cross on Saturday, September 19. Food and drinks will be provided. Tables will be set up in the hall, but bring a chair if you would like to sit outside. Mass will follow at 4 pm. Plan to attend this family-friendly event!

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) — If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or discerning through completing the Sacraments of Initiation, please call or email Fr. Gerald to register for our process starting this fall. If you know of someone who might be considering becoming a Catholic, Fr. Gerald would love to know. Reach out to him at 902-860-0475 ext. 5 or by email at frgerald@standrebessette.net.

The Atlantic Marian Gathering Presents: Woman, behold your son. (John 19:26)
October 2 to 4, 2026 @ St. Vincent de Paul Church, Dartmouth, NS
Guest Speaker: Fr. Tim Divine, CC
www.atlanticmariangathering.ca



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:
Carla Donadoni 902-860-0475 Ext 2 office@standrebessette.net
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Phone: 902-476-8626
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Mass Intentions for the week of August 3 to 9, 2026

Tuesday, August 4 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Ashley Berger †
Wednesday, August 5 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Father Paul Morris
Thursday, August 6 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Joyce Carroll †
Friday, August 7 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - John and Shirley McEachern
Saturday, August 8 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Debra Jennings †
Sunday, August 9 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the people
Sunday, August 9 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Sharon Grady †



Holy Cross Luncheon and Cards — Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Luncheon - cold plate from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm - \$10.00

Cards - 45's from 1:00 to 3:00 pm - \$2.00

Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place.

Technology at St. Rose of Lima Church — We would like to create volunteer teams dedicated and trained on the technology used at St. Rose of Lima 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. Your help is needed, and this is one way you can participate in the life of your parish!

St. Rose of Lima CWL Christmas Bazaar — November 2026

The CWL ladies would like your help over the summer!!!

Craft Table: Sewing, knitting or crafting? Make a project or two for them.

Bake Table: Making your preserves, canning or pickling? Save a couple for them.

Silent Auction Table: Donate a new gift with a value of \$15 or more.

Religious Items Table: Donate any gently-used or new items, including religious books and holy cards.

Children's Corner: Donate small items that cost less than \$3 for the fishpond. Helpers are also needed.

Thank you for your support!!! Please see any CWL member for inquiries or donations!

Special Appeal for Caritas Venezuela — Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is making a special appeal for Caritas Venezuela in response to the devastating earthquakes that struck their country. Over 1400 people have died, tens of thousands more are missing, thousands have been injured, and tens of thousands have been displaced. After praying the Angelus on June 28, Pope Leo prayed for the people in Venezuela: "Praying to the Lord for the eternal rest of the deceased, I renew my spiritual solidarity with their families, the injured, and all who have been shaken by this tragedy." Please use the link below for more information on how to help.

Venezuela Earthquakes: You Can Help Now — <https://devp.org/en/venezuela-earthquakes-you-can-help-now/>

Rest in Peace, Father Connolly — We received the sad news that Father Owen Connolly died on Tuesday, July 28, 2026. He was 87 years old. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Owen and for comfort for his family and friends as they mourn.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Did you know?

The Children's Liturgy program gathers children at St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima during Mass. This important ministry allows children to gain an understanding of the Gospel at their level in a fun way. It also provides an opportunity for children to meet peers and form friendships prior to entering the Religious Education program. Volunteers are welcome to ensure this program continues.



Steubenville Atlantic 2026: Worthy of Thanks!

At Steubenville Atlantic, over 700 youth experienced how worthy they are of Christ's love and that choosing a life with Christ is worth it! They spent an incredible weekend encountering Christ in a unique and personal way. From energetic worship to engaging and insightful speakers to quiet moments of adoration and impressive lines for confession (over 500 youth experienced the Sacrament of Reconciliation!), everyone involved with the annual youth conference deeply experienced God's consuming love.

Please continue to pray for all young people and all who are involved in youth ministry - that all will know that they are so worthy of God's Love, can be transformed by that love, and are called to share it!



Windows Project at St. Bernard — The work on the windows at St. Bernard has been going very well. We are waiting for the arrival then installation of the larger windows with the oval shape at the top, which hopefully will be soon. Once again thank you to those who have made donations to the Parish to assist in the payment for this project. We still need your support to reach our goal! Envelopes are available and e-transfers can be sent to stbernardsenfield@gmail.com.

Annual Masses for the Faithful Departed — Each year during the summer, the Archdiocesan Cemeteries Office of Halifax offers Masses for the Faithful Departed. These Masses happen at our three cemeteries: Gate of Heaven, Mount Olivet and Holy Cross, and offer people the opportunity to remember and honour their loved ones who are laid to rest in these grounds. All are welcome.

The schedule of Masses is:

- Gate of Heaven Cemetery -

Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 pm, 114 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville

This Mass is outdoors. Please bring your own lawn chair. In the event of rain, the Mass will be held at Saint John Vianney Church, 4 Beaver Bank Road, Lower Sackville.

- Mount Olivet Cemetery -

Saturday, August 22 at 10:00 am, 7076 Mumford Road, Halifax

This Mass is outdoors. Please bring your own lawn chair. In the event of rain, the Mass will be held at Saint Agnes Church, 6903 Mumford Road, Halifax.

- Holy Cross Cemetery -

Tuesday, September 15 at 5:00 pm

This Mass takes place in Our Lady of Sorrows Church (The Chapel Built in a Day) on the cemetery grounds.

Parish-Supported Food Banks

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, shampoo/conditioner, diapers sizes 4, 5, 6. Your donations are very much appreciated!

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

St. Bernard Church Windows Replacement Project

The parish has raised approximately \$174,534, with **\$11,608 remaining** to reach our goal of \$186,143!

Note: An earlier total raised included the portion of income tax expected to be refunded to the parish on this purchase. As that refund is months away, an effort is being made to raise the full amount owing.



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