



St. André Bessette Parish

Welcoming Communities of Faith and Worship

Parish Office: 9 Jamieson Drive, Fall River, Nova Scotia B2T 1E5

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 9 am to 2 pm www.standrebesette.net



St. Bernard Church 253 Highway 2, Enfield

- Sundays at 9 am
- Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
- Thursdays at 12 pm followed by Adoration until 1:30 pm



St. Rose of Lima Church 1400 Fall River Road, Fall River

- Sundays at 11 am
- Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

- Fridays at 12 pm followed by Adoration until 1:30 pm (3 pm on First Friday)



Holy Cross Church 11645 Highway 224, Middle Musquodoboit

- Saturdays at 4 pm

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Confessions

St. Bernard

Tuesdays from 6:00-6:20 pm (prior to 6:30 pm Mass)
Thursdays from 11:30-11:55 am (prior to noon Mass)
First Saturday of the month following the 9 am Mass

St. Rose of Lima

Wednesdays from 6:00-6:20 pm (prior to 6:30 pm Mass)
Fridays from 11:30-11:55 am (prior to noon Mass)

Holy Cross

Saturdays from 3:30-3:50 pm (prior to 4:00 pm Mass)

... or by appointment

Your Financial Support

Your generous donations support the vital ministries, programs and outreach efforts of our parish. With your contributions, we can nurture spiritual growth, provide community services, and maintain a welcoming space for all. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact on fulfilling our mission. There are many ways to donate:

- Weekly offertory envelopes – Cash or cheques (payable to St. André Bessette Parish)
- Etransfers – stbernardsenfield@gmail.com
- PAR (pre-authorized remittance) – PAR is invaluable to the parish, as these contributions still arrive even if you can't. PAR provides a steadier and more predictable stream of funds, which is extremely helpful for budgeting and planning for larger projects.

Thank you!

Mass Intentions for the week of September 14 to 20, 2026

Tuesday, September 15	6:30 pm @ St. Bernard	Charley Cordeau †
Wednesday, September 16	6:30 pm @ St. Rose of Lima	Evelyn Morris †
Thursday, September 17	12:00 pm @ St. Bernard	Michael MacNeil †
Friday, September 18	12:00 pm @ St. Rose of Lima	Luc Landry †
Saturday, September 19	4 pm @ Holy Cross	Jennifer Walker
Sunday, September 20	9 am @ St. Bernard	Joe MacLean †
Sunday, September 20	11 am @ St. Rose of Lima	For the people

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Phone: 902-476-8626

Email and e-transfers

(include in message box your name and address):

ssvdpfallriver@gmail.com

Make cheques payable to

Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – September 13, 2026

The **St. André Bessette Parish Picnic**

will be held at Holy Cross **next Saturday**, September 19 starting at 1:30 pm. 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!

Coming next weekend! Ways and Means Committee Fundraiser

1st Prize - Handmade Wooden Outdoor Nativity

2nd Prize - \$100 Sobeys Gift Card

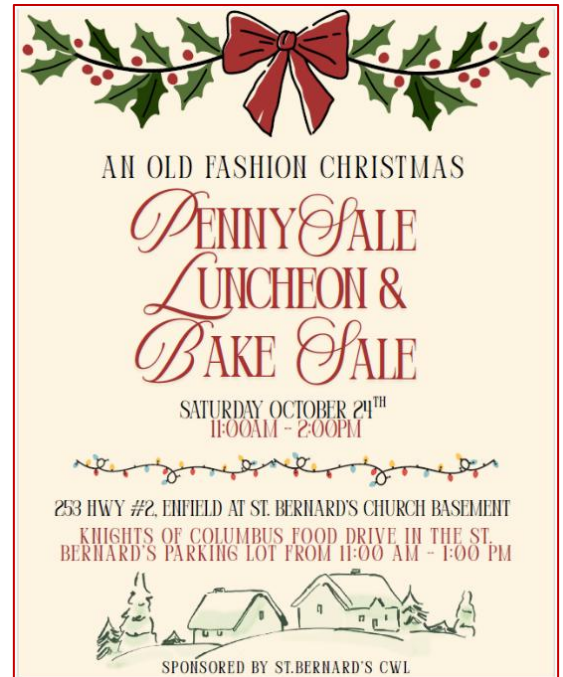
Restoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue

Parishioners attending St. Rose of Lima may have noticed that the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been removed from her pedestal beside St. Joseph because it requires major restoration. We invite your support for this important effort.

- **Why restore the statue?** - Restoration is the preferred option because of both cost and history. We do not know the exact age of the statue, but we know it was originally located at the old church building in Windsor Junction sometime between 1884 and 1955. After the Second Vatican Council, it was placed in storage in 1966. When the current church building opened, both St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary statues were recovered from storage, along with the angels that surround the altar, and brought to the current church building.
- **The restoration effort** - After some research, we learned that the nearest restoration facility is in the Ottawa area, which would have required shipping as well as the cost of time and materials. The project was placed on hold. Fortunately, some months later, a visitor at a weekday Mass approached us. She has experience and background in the restoration of Catholic statues. Although her proposed cost was reasonable considering the time and effort involved, it was still beyond our means. After consulting with her two favorite people, "Jesus and her fiancé," she has undertaken the restoration for the cost of materials only.
- **How to contribute** - We have already received an anonymous donation to cover the cost of materials. The St. Rose of Lima CWL and Knights of Columbus recognize the significant gift of time and talent being offered and would like to provide something more than the cost of materials. We therefore welcome your donations to assist us. Please place your contribution in one of the envelopes provided, or in an envelope marked "For Mary," and place it in the collection.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

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.



LUNCHEON & CARDS



Holy Cross Catholic Church
Middle Musquodoboit

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Cold Plate

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

\$10



45's

1:00 to 3:00 pm

\$2



Cash Prizes for 1st and 2nd Place



Windows Project at St. Bernard — The three remaining large windows are scheduled to be installed in the week of September 22. It will take approximately four days for the install. To date, we have raised \$175,035.00 — our target to complete the window project and to pay the final bill will be \$186,143.00. If you are able to assist in helping us reach this goal please consider making a donation toward the windows — we have \$11,108.00 as the remaining amount to be raised. Thank you for your generosity!!

In Search of Choir Plaque at St. Rose of Lima — We are looking for the plaque that used to hang near the organ which listed deceased members of the senior choir. If you have any information as to its whereabouts, please call the parish office.

Sacred Heart Pilgrimage - Medjugorje — September 27 to Oct 9, 2026 Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Father Mark Cherry, Spiritual Chaplain and Rhonda-Lynn Cormier, Group Leader. Cost - \$3699.00 includes airfare and all airport taxes from Halifax; twin accommodation, breakfast and dinner daily, professional local guide, day trip to "Little Lourdes" shrine, Makarska, Croatia. Single room supplement -\$350.00. Contact Rhonda-Lynn for info: 902-448-3660.

Family Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registrations for Sacramental Prep!!

(1st Reconciliation/Holy Communion and Confirmation)

St. Rose of Lima: **Sunday, September 20th** (after 11 am Mass)

St. Bernard: **Sunday, September 27th** (after 9 am Mass)

Julie will be at the back of the church to greet you.

SEE YOU THEN!



Upcoming Family Masses (Music Ministry led by Heather Jansma)



St. Bernard: **Sunday, September 27th @ 9 am**
St. Rose of Lima: **Sunday, October 18th @ 11 am**

We would be delighted to have parents and their children participate in our Family Masses! Contact Julie to let her know in what way you'd like to share your time and talent: **choir (voice or instrument), greeters, altar servers, readers, collection, offertory.**

Calling all CATECHISTS and those wanting to learn more.... Is God calling you to be a witness of faith, hope and love to the families/ children of our parish? If you would like to get involved in teaching the sacraments at our parish, please contact the coordinator, Julie Gosselin, at familyfaith@standrebessette.net.



Administrator for the Ministry of Consolation — The Ministry of Consolation is a team of volunteers who visit and support those members of our community who are facing terminal illness, grief, bereavement, or end-of-life issues. We are currently looking for an individual to support the team in an administrative way. This administrator will help the team by making phone calls to parishioners and volunteers; scheduling visits; maintaining records; planning team meetings; and supporting the coordinator with recruitment and education sessions. It will require approximately 3 to 4 hours a week, and any training needed would be supplied by Jean Morris. This position may be carried out in the comfort of your own home. If you are an organized person who wants to support the Parish in this Healing Ministry, please contact the office at 902-860-0475 ext 2. Thank you and God Bless You.



The Atlantic Marian Gathering Presents: *Woman, behold your son.* (John 19:26)

October 2 to 4, 2026 @ St. Vincent de Paul Church, Dartmouth, NS

The Atlantic Marian Gathering, based in Halifax/Dartmouth, NS, is an annual event in the Atlantic provinces where the faithful are invited to grow closer to Jesus through Mary. This year, they are excited to announce our special guest speaker is Fr. Tim Devine, CC, a Companion of the Cross and Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Lower Sackville, NS. Fr. Tim has chosen the theme, "Woman, behold your son," based on John 19:26 where Jesus, from the cross, takes care of His mother's welfare, and gives us to her as our Mother. Check the website for special hotel group rates for those coming from out of town. For more information and to register go to: https://atlanticmariangathering.ca/or_email:_mariangatheringhalifax@gmail.com.

Register Here:



Sisters of Charity Employment Opportunities — The Sisters of Charity of Halifax are currently recruiting for two part-time positions supporting their retired Sisters at Caritas Residence in Halifax. The positions are Fleet & Transportation Specialist and Team Support Member. More information on these can be found on the Archdiocese website.

Parish-Supported Food Banks

Youth Showcase: Creative Reflections

The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth is excited to announce the launch of its **Youth Showcase: Creative Reflections**, with the chance to win a \$200 gift card! They are asking for youth ages 19 and under to help answer the question "How has our faith community helped us through stress, pressure, loss, or difficult moments?" using an original created work. Answers can range from artwork, poetry, written testimonies, music, and more! Submissions will be accepted until **October 1, 2026**. Go to the Archdiocese website for all the details: halifaxyarmouth.org.

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.

Free Learning Programs in Elmsdale — There are free programs available through East Hants Community Learning. These include technology classes for seniors, accessing online trainings for the workplace, English classes for newcomers, and assistance preparing for tests to get high school equivalency. They offer these programs out of classrooms in the old school building at 224 Highway 214 in Elmsdale. Anyone over the age of 18 that is no longer in school is most welcome to join in. Contact ehcrcommunications@gmail.com for more information.



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