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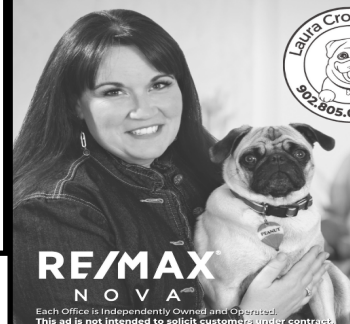
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St. André Bessette Parish

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
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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.

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Third Sunday of Lent – March 3, 2024

THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5 AT ST. BERNARD. PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US AT HOLY CROSS AT NOON IF THAT FITS YOUR SCHEDULE.

This Sunday, we will use the Gospel from Year A. It is the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman at the Well. This Gospel is used whenever we have Catechumens preparing to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil and celebrating the Rites of Christian Initiation. This Sunday we celebrate the First Scrutiny with Wayne Hillier - as Wayne is to go deeper into his first journey of Lent with us. As he prepares to be baptized as an adult, he is invited to let go of the things that separate him from God and the evils (vices) of a previous life lived outside of Baptism. It is also a time for deeper discernment of what is strong and noble in his character and to lift up and ask God to continue to bless the good (the virtues) that God has blessed him with. Let us pray for him as he prepares for the Sacraments of Initiation. Let's also keep Alex Carmichael in our prayers. Alex was baptized in another Christian denomination and will be received into the Catholic Church and be Confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Shelby Hillier, who is already a Catholic and has been baptized and received Communion, is now preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation when Archbishop Dunn comes to visit and confirm our candidates.

The Way of the Cross — This Friday, March 8, we will gather at St. Bernard at 7 pm for the Praying of the Way of the Cross. The Ways & Means Committee will be leading in our reflection. Thank you to all who come together to pray as a community and for those who lead us in reflection.

The Way of the Cross and Rosary at Holy Cross — These will be offered at 3 pm on Fridays during Lent.

Formed.org — Just a reminder to all parishioners that we have this site for Faith Formation, family conversation starters, small group discussion, family movie night, and so much more. This gift which is easy to use in the comfort of our own homes. Please take advantage of it!

Praying of the Rosary — Each Tuesday night prior to the 6:30 pm Mass at St. Bernard, members of the Knights of Columbus will lead the praying of the Rosary. Please join at 6 pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/Chaplet of Divine Mercy/Benediction — During Lent, every Thursday at St. Bernard and Friday at St. Rose of Lima, we will extend the time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament *until 3 pm, when those gathered will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and close off time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction.* Please come and spend some time before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Each week we need to make sure that there are at least two people before the Blessed Sacrament at all times. My hope is that in addition to those scheduled there will be many others coming to spend time with the Lord ... 10 min... 15... 30 ... 1 hr. This extended time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is for the benefit of the entire parish. Please plan to join in some quiet reflective time.

Holy Cross during Lent — Deacon Dan and Fr. Gerald will be alternating weeks offering Mass (Fr. Gerald)/Liturgy of the Word (Deacon Dan) at 12 noon on Tuesdays, followed by a Lenten Program using Lectio: Unveiling Scripture & Tradition on the Eucharist. This Tuesday, March 5, we will view and reflect with **Session 3** entitled *Lamb of God: The Sacrifice of Isaac and The Passover Lamb.* We will begin with the celebration of Mass at noon. There will be no Tuesday (March 5) evening Mass at St. Bernard this week, so come and join us at noon at Holy Cross.

The Forgiveness Video Series — Last week we viewed and had some discussion/comments about Part III - Forgive + Forget = Guilt and Part IV - Childlike Forgiveness. This coming Wednesday, March 6 after Mass, we will view and reflect with Part V - Body - Soul-Spirit and Part VI - Feeling! Excuse for not Forgiving. Please plan to join us as we go deeper with the call to Forgiveness.

Holy Week Schedule — This year, as we celebrate the Triduum, we will celebrate one Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30 pm and one Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8 pm. I invite all Parishioners to come

together for these celebrations, to begin that journey as one parish that celebrates together. The celebrations are being held at St. Bernard Church in Enfield, because it is the Church that is kind of in the middle of our three communities. I would like and I pray that those involved in various ministries would combine for our Holy Thursday Mass and Easter Vigil. A sharing in the responsibilities for ministries is another way of establishing better and closer relationships with our fellow parishioners of St. André Bessette Parish. We are a Parish, we have three communities in our Parish, and we worship the same God. I pray that this Holy Week will be a time for us to come together to celebrate the great mystery of Faith. Our schedule throughout the year is established right now so as to offer varying times and locations to come to Sunday Mass and weekday Mass. I pray also that we will see that we are free and able to attend any of the three Churches and not feel like a stranger. On Good Friday, I have decided to have three Services this year, so as to offer more of an opportunity for those who do not attend Mass regularly with us, in the three respective areas, to come to the Service, to reflect on the Passion Narrative and to be welcomed by those present to join us regularly. Good Friday Services will be 1 pm at Holy Cross, 3 pm at St. Bernard and 3 pm St. Rose of Lima. The schedule of Masses and Services will be posted in each of our Churches and on the Website.

Easter Flowers — To prepare our churches for Easter, please consider a monetary donation for flowers in memory of a loved one. Place your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers," include your name and the name of your loved one, and place it in the Sunday collection. Make cheques payable to St. André Bessette Parish. A list of those being remembered will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

Month of March: Family Formation Program

- March 3 P-8 classes (students/parents) @ St. Rose of Lima (9:45 am in Mitchell Hall)
Confirmation Class (students/parents) following the 11 am Mass
- March 10 **March Break**
March 17 **No classes either site**
- March 24 P-8 classes (students/parents) @ St. Bernard following the 9 am Mass
Confirmation Class (students) following 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima
- March 31 **Easter Weekend — No classes**

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Scholarship recipients will be announced during the annual Nova Scotia State Convention, usually held sometime in early May.

For further information, please contact either:

- Rick Karst, KOC Council 8387 Fall River @ 902-456-2744/rajkarst@yahoo.com (students attending St. Rose of Lima/ Lockview High)
- John Steele, KOC Council 11625 Enfield @ 902-883-9471/john.steele.67@gmail.com (students attending St. Bernard/ Hants East High)

Beacon House Food Bank — Top 10 Items Needed: Canned soup, meat, beans/stew, boxed cereal, pasta sauce, fruit cups/cans, Miracle Whip, nut-free granola bars, diapers, and baby food.

Mass Intentions for the week of March 4 to 10, 2024

- Tuesday, March 5 @ noon (Holy Cross) - Brenda O'Grady †
- Tuesday, March 5 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - NO MASS
- Wednesday, March 6 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Charlie White †
- Thursday, March 7 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Elaine Jacquard †
- Friday, March 8 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Linda Janega †
- Saturday, March 9 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Christena Tsimiklis
- Sunday, March 10 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the people
- Sunday, March 10 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Gladys During †

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