St. André Bessette Parish

Welcoming Communities of Faith and Worship

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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.
- CanadaHelps – Open your phone's camera. Scan the QR code below. Tap the link to donate securely. A charitable tax receipt will be provided. Thank you!

Mass Intentions for the week of November 16 to 22, 2026

Tuesday, November 17	7:00 pm @ St. Bernard	**Remembrance Mass**
Wednesday, November 18	7:00 pm @ St. Rose of Lima	**Remembrance Mass**
Thursday, November 19	No Mass at St. Bernard	
Friday, November 20	No Mass at St. Rose of Lima	
Saturday, November 21	4 pm @ Holy Cross	**Jennifer Walker**
Sunday, November 22	9 am @ St. Bernard	**Mary Pelham**
Sunday, November 22	11 am @ St. Rose of Lima	**For the people**

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – November 15, 2026

Book of Remembrance — The Book of Remembrance is on the altar for the month of November. Parishioners are encouraged to record the names of their deceased loved ones in the Book as the prayers of the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass are offered in remembrance of them.

Annual Memorial Masses — At **7:00 pm** on **Tuesday, November 17** at St. Bernard and on **Wednesday, November 18** at St. Rose of Lima, we will celebrate Mass to remember all who died this past year. The names of those who had funerals or were buried from the parish, as well as those close family members of parishioners who were celebrated elsewhere, will be read and a candle will be lit in their memories. Invitation letters will be going out this week. Contact Carla at the office if you would like to have a name added to the list.

Please note that Father will be away later this week so there will be no Mass at St. Bernard on Thursday, November 19 or at St. Rose of Lima of Friday, November 20.

Support the 2026 Archdiocesan Appeal – The 2026 Annual Appeal will run from November 1st until the Archdiocesan Feast Day, December 8. Your financial gifts to the Appeal support the Church's mission by revitalizing ministries and pastoral care, nurturing vocations and faith formation for all ages, and extending Christ's love to the most vulnerable through outreach projects. In gratitude for your support, 20% of every gift is returned directly to our local parish, strengthening both your local faith community and the Archdiocese as a whole. Extra copies of the appeal letter and donation card can be found near the bulletins.



Ministry of Consolation – The Ministry of Consolation began in December 2023, with 160 home visits to parishioners in its first year. As things progressed, our focus became too broad, with overlap with other ministries, and many of our team members had to leave for personal or health-related reasons. As such, our Ministry has re-focused. The Ministry of Consolation is a team of volunteers who serve people, and families, who are approaching end-of-life. This is often a very confusing and difficult time for everyone involved. Our ministry helps with information about end-of-life issues; we offer visits of support, prayer and consolation; we offer the Holy Eucharist when possible. Our Ministry also provides educational sessions, depending on parish interest. These sessions may include:

- Dying with Christ: describing a Good Death in the eyes of our Lord, and
- Understanding Grief: supporting those grieving the loss of a loved one.

The Ministry of Consolation continues to look for volunteers. We are currently looking for an Administrator to help support the maintenance of records and reports for the ministry. This would require 1-2 hours per week and can be done from home. We are also inviting new Volunteer Visitors to the team. If you are interested in supporting our Ministry of Consolation in any way, please contact the Ministry Coordinator, Jean Morris, at 902-957-6047. Thank you, and God Bless!



St. Rose of Lima Church Cleaners Needed! The team of cleaners at St. Rose are in desperate need of new members. This commitment would only require 1.5 hours of your time every 8 weeks. If you feel you can help in this capacity or for more information, contact Barry Irvine at 902-800-0707 or barryirvine46@gmail.com.



Fire Warden Wanted at St. Bernard -- St. Bernard Church is looking for a volunteer to serve as Fire Warden. No previous experience is required! Duties include monthly checks of fire extinguishers and exit lights, as well as ensuring that pathways to all exits remain clear and accessible. If you are interested in helping out and supporting the safety of our church community, please contact Nick Gale, Building Committee Chair, at ntgale@hotmail.com. Thank you for considering volunteering your time!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) — The St. Vincent de Paul Society supports individuals and families who face hardship through food, housing, and essential assistance. Special collection envelopes are available now for you to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for helping them make a difference!

The 2026-27 Missals have arrived! Cost is $6. There are also some youth missals available for $8. Put payment in an envelope marked "missal" and place it in the collection.

Family Faith Formation: November/December 2026

Nov 22: Family Mass at St. Bernard at 9 am (seeking volunteers as greeters, altar servers, readers, collection, offertory, and choir (voice or instrument)

Nov 29: 4th Classes @ Mitchell Hall

- First Communion 9:45 - 10:45am
- Confirmation 12:10 - 1:30pm



Dec 13: 5th Classes @ Mitchell Hall

- First Communion 9:45 - 10:45am
- Family Mass at St. Rose of Lima at 11 am (seeking volunteers as greeters, altar servers, readers, collection, offertory, and choir (voice or instrument)
- Confirmation 12:10 - 1:30pm

Youth and young adults are invited to join the **Archdiocesan World Youth Day and Steubenville Atlantic 2027 Launch Party**! Date: **Saturday, November 21**
Location: Holy Trinity Parish in Lower Sackville
Time: 4:30 pm Mass, 5:30 pm Dinner, 6:30-9:00 pm Evening Program
Registrations: https://partiful.com/e/6ETKeUOZl3rKTHmsbftF?c=REhcR_Ky

For any questions, please contact Julie at familyfaith@standrebessette.net.

Knights of Columbus 2026 Calendars — Cash calendars are now available. Cost is $20 (cash only) and gives you a chance to win multiple draws. See Rick Karst before or following Mass at St. Rose of Lima, or contact him (902-456-2744) to get yours.

Knights of Columbus 2 Grand in the Hand Tickets – Get your tickets soon from the Tom Bagley Knights of Columbus Council of Enfield. Only 400 tickets sold. See Grand Knight John Steele, Gerry MacDonnell (902-883-8148) or any other knight. Tickets are $10.00 each. Draw date is December 6.



Parish-Supported Food Banks

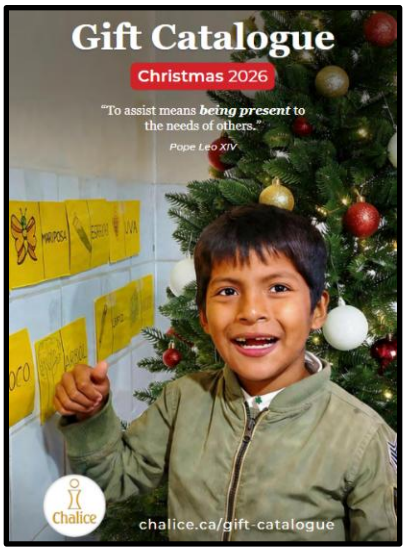
The Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank — The food bank is always in need of non-perishable food. Items can be dropped off at Holy Cross Church at Mass on Saturdays. Financial donations can also be e-transferred to mvfoodbank2020@gmail.com.

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. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus "Socks for Souls" Campaign — The Knights once again put out a box at the entrance of St. Rose of Lima Church to collect new socks, hats and gloves for those in need this winter. Your donations will be brought, along with a hot meal, to Hope Cottage in December.





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Animals		
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123	Piglets	$40
103	Rooster & Two Hens	$45
121	Sheep	$60
122	Goat	$75
124	Pair of Goats	$150
125	Cow	$245
130	Fill a Stable	$1000
Health & Nutrition		
370	Soap, Toothbrush, Toothpaste	$10
360	Mosquito Netting	$10
371	Hygiene Supplies for Girls	$15
350	Milk	$15

Beacon House Christmas Hampers

St. Rose of Lima is one of the many churches that make up the Beacon House Interfaith Society, and each church supports the Christmas Hamper Program with different items. This year, **our contribution is one-litre sized juice.** Your donations to provide a special holiday meal for those in need are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of the Beacon House Food

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