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St. Bernard Church, Enfield
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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)

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 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

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.

Communications (Bulletin):
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Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

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SOLEMN FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) - JUNE 11, 2023

In recent times, we have been hearing a lot about the decline in Catholics' belief in the Real Presence in the Eucharist. Varying versions and waves of what Catholics truly believe about the Eucharist leave me wondering, "Why did we stop emphasizing the Truth that the Church teaches about the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ present in Holy Eucharist? Or did we??" This beautiful teaching of the Church has not changed, so let's pray for the renewal of our closeness to the Eucharist. We can do this in so many different ways. In our families, we can accentuate the importance each Sunday of gathering with our Parish (or if we are away, the closest Catholic Church). We can strive to be prepared each and every Sunday to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. And if we feel we are not prepared or ready because of the presence of some serious sin in our lives, then make it a point to get to Confession as soon as possible, letting go of sin and being ready to receive the gift of the Bread of Life, for us pilgrims on our way to Heaven. We can spend time before the Blessed Sacrament during the times of Adoration in our Churches (especially at St. Bernard or St. Rose of Lima). Come to evening Mass or morning Mass through the week, come early enough to spend some quiet time, undisturbed, before the Lord in Tabernacle. These are but a few ways we can renew our belief in the power of the Sacrament of the Eucharist - the reception of Holy Communion is the closest we can come to Heaven here on earth. Let's not run from the Sacrament, rather let's run to it and take our family and friends with us. PEACE & HAPPY FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI.

Praying for All Affected by the Fires — Let's continue our prayers for those affected by the wildfires locally and in Quebec, New Brunswick, and the western regions of our country. Let's keep praying for strength for the firefighters who came to the rescue and continue to work hard and strenuously to keep people safe and protect as much as they possibly can. Thank you also for those who came to the rescue, helping to provide for those who lost everything and those who were displaced during this time. May God Bless them and continue to inspire all to be people of goodwill.

Messages from Father Gerald

Parish Leadership Meeting — Last Saturday, St. André Bessette Leadership (members of the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and Parish Leadership Team) came together for a morning of reflection and discussion. The primary purpose was to understand the roles and responsibilities of each of these groups, and more importantly, their interconnectedness. These are the three groups that I rely heavily upon as Pastor for advice, good counsel and collaborative ministry, to enable the Parish of St. André Bessette to serve the needs of the people and to identify the various pastoral realities of our Mission in this portion entrusted to me as Pastor. For these two Councils and one Team to be effective, we need people who have a heart for the Church and want to grow the Church's Mission here in our midst. I am slowly trying to bring members from each of the three respective areas of our Parish to participate – not to represent their own area – but to participate in the greater mission of our Church. If the presence of anyone serving on these councils or team is primarily to safeguard his/her own community and agenda, then we will be at a loss to serve appropriately the Parish of St. André Bessette. I ask you to pray for all of the members who serve the Parish in these leadership roles, and for all who serve in these capacities in other groups and organizations. Remember why we are here – to serve Christ and His Church and to build up the Body of Christ for the Glory of God. St. André Bessette, pray for us!!!

2023 High School Graduates — Let us keep in our prayers the young women and men who are graduating at the end of June and preparing for the next phase of their lives. May they use their skills and knowledge for the Glory of God and to help make our world a better place. May God guide them as they further their education or enter the work world. May God Bless and grant you all a bright future, and may he bless you with a strong Faith.

Daily Bread Outreach at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica — We received a beautiful thank you letter from Bernie Murphy, Coordinator of the Daily Bread Outreach at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. There is a team that was formed some years ago at St. Rose of Lima, under the leadership of Sheila Geddes, who continue to serve faithfully "supplying home-cooked hot meals each Friday" to the guests who so very much need them. I want to thank the team, on behalf of St. André Bessette Parish, and pray the Lord continues to bless you for your kind and generous care for those in need. The letter will be posted on church the bulletin board.

Celebrating our Faith in All Seasons — For many people, the long weekend in May means looking forward to a new schedule. After a very busy work and school year, it becomes very natural to want a bit of a break from the norm and to seek some relaxation and rest – whatever our summer may give us. We have been working through some reorganizing, structuring what it means for our three Churches to be one parish. Our Parish Leadership Team, Pastoral and Finance Councils, and our committees and organizations have put in a busy year also. So, while we may take a bit of a break from regular routines/meetings and all that entails, let's remember to continue celebrating our Catholic Faith, especially by attending Sunday Mass. If you are going on vacation and are away from home for a good part of the summer, I encourage all of you to seek out a Catholic Church nearby so you can continue to celebrate Mass with the Community of the Faithful and be nourished by the Eucharist and the Word of God. May you all enjoy some good rest, relaxation, and enhanced family time this summer. May God bless and keep you in His gracious care!

Summer Months' Mass Schedule: July 1 to September 3, 2023 inclusive

After considering the various possibilities, the following is the weekend Mass schedule for the summer of 2023:

Saturday at 4 pm – Holy Cross (Middle Musquodoboit)

Sunday at 9 am – St. Bernard (Enfield)

Sunday at 11 am – St. Rose of Lima (Fall River)

St. Bernard Prayer Wall — The Ways & Means Committee is creating a prayer wall at St. Bernard. This will raise funds for the parish as well as provide a peaceful area to pray. Plaques will be engraved and placed on the bricks. They can be purchased in memory of a loved one or on behalf of a person/family. There are 3 levels of donations - Gold is \$1000, Silver is \$500 and Bronze is \$250. For more information, please contact Sarah White at smwhitey@outlook.com or 902-499-7216.

Adoration at St. Rose of Lima — As you know, Mass is celebrated at 9:00 on Thursday and Friday mornings and is followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon. There should be two (more is better) people present in Adoration at all times, and parishioners are being asked to please sign up to spend some quiet time on Friday mornings at St. Rose of Lima in prayer with our Lord Jesus Christ. There is a book located at the entrance of the church, on the table behind the pews. *The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth.* – St. Teresa of Calcutta

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 or at 902-576-2192.



70th Annual Strawberry Festival — St. John's United Church, 3360 Highway #2, Fall River
 Saturday, July 8, 2023 from 4 to 6 pm
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