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dangbowden@gmail.com

Parish Offerings:
To register with our parish Pre-Authorized Debit program, please contact Lynette at the parish office. You can also etransfer contributions using stbernardsenfield@gmail.com. These are alternatives to the traditional collection envelopes, which of course are still available.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - September 14, 2025

For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

If you are new to the parish, **WELCOME!** Please introduce yourself to the greeters, Father Gerald and Deacon Dan. We also invite you to register with the parish by contacting the parish office. A reminder to all that the parish has an email list that we use to send out notices regarding Mass times/changes, etc. If you would like to receive these notices, please make sure the office has your correct email address.

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 soon. 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. **On Thursday, September 18, the team that will be assisting with the OCIA this year will meet at 7 pm in St. Bernard Hall.**

Parish Ministry Fair - Change of Date! — St. André Bessette Parish will be holding a Ministry Fair the weekend of **September 27/28**. All parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to and participate in parish life. Any questions, please call Annette Lewis at 902-440-2246.

A Reminder to Committees and Groups using Parish Facilities — You need to book any meetings held in the churches or halls through the office. This will help avoid conflicts and will ensure we know who is using parish facilities at all times. Thanks for your cooperation.

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 3 pm
Friday 12 noon at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 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

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:

Secretary 902-860-0475 Ext 2 office@standrebessette.net
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Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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St. Rose of Lima Foyer Refresh — Over the next few months, we'll be making some exciting updates to our church foyer to create a more welcoming and inviting space. These changes are designed to better reflect our parish mission and foster connection, hospitality, and community. Thank you for your patience as we work to make our shared space more vibrant and meaningful for all!

St. Bernard Church Windows Replacement Project

The committee has worked hard over the past year planning for the replacement of the windows in the body of the church. Two proposals were presented to the Parish Leadership Team, who then made the decision to move forward with the quote from Metro Windows and Doors. The current quote, which includes installation and taxes, is \$186,143.18. This quote is guaranteed for the next 4 weeks and requires a 50% deposit when the contract is signed.



While we wait for the official approval from the Archbishop to move forward with the project, we have decided to try and raise the funds for the project with the goal of raising 100% of the funds.

Due to the time constraints, we are asking parishioners to consider donating to this project.

There are three options to donate:

- Donate using envelopes available at the churches or send an etransfer to stbernardsenfield@gmail.com (indicate the etransfer is for windows).
- Donate a window. We have created a form that details the prices of the different-sized windows. Plaques will be placed below the donated window acknowledging the donor/in memoriam.
- Purchase a plaque for the Prayer Wall.

There are other maintenance projects that need to be completed, and we will be forming a committee to look at these projects and prioritize their completion. As well, we need to form a committee to look at fundraising initiatives to support these projects.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 902-860-0475 or Sarah White at smwhitey@outlook.com.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees — The year 2025 marks the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), a tradition the Church has upheld since 1914. Each year, the day is guided by a unique theme and a papal message, offering us a chance to reflect on the experiences of vulnerable people on the move. It is a time to pray for migrants and refugees, recognize the challenges they face, and reflect on the many opportunities migration brings for renewal, encounter, and growth. While WDMR is traditionally observed on the last Sunday of September, this year it will be celebrated on **October 4 and 5**, in honour of the Jubilee of Migrants. On this 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Leo XIV calls the Church to see migrants and refugees not only as people on the move, but as missionaries of hope.

Did you know that the Archdiocese supports Refugees? For over 35 years, the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth has been actively involved in sponsoring refugees—restoring dreams, renewing hope, and sharing the love of Jesus Christ with those forced to flee their homelands. Through this ministry, we have helped reunite families separated by conflict and accompanied many along their journey to safety and new life.

4th Annual Empowered Men’s Catholic Conference: Saturday, October 18 — St. Thomas More Church, Dartmouth, NS Join keynote speakers Fr. James Mallon and Fr. Isaac Longworth for the 4th Annual Empowered Men’s Conference — a full day of faith, fellowship, and formation for Catholic men. Events like this are essential for spiritual renewal, helping men grow in their faith, discover their mission in Christ, and strengthen their roles in family and community life. For full details, visit: www.empoweredccfm.ca.

4th Annual Pro-Life Conference: Saturday, October 25 — St. Thomas More Church, 15 Caledonia Road, Dartmouth, NS Nova Scotians United for Life invites you to attend their 4th annual Pro-Life Conference, bringing together people from across the province who are passionate about promoting the dignity of life at all stages. This event features dynamic speakers, practical tools, and encouragement for anyone seeking to engage in a positive and life-affirming way. Visit nsul-pr.com for more details.

Carlo Acutis was beatified by Pope Francis in 2020, making him Blessed. He was canonized by Pope Leo XIV on September 7, 2025, making him a Roman Catholic Saint.

Mass Intentions for the week of September 15 to 21, 2025

- Tuesday, September 16 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Madonna Luise Ryan †**
Wednesday, September 17 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Luc Landry †**
Thursday, September 18 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - **Bernard Thompson †**
Friday, September 19 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Max Gallagher †**
Saturday, September 20 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Catherine White †**
Sunday, September 21 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **For the people**
Sunday, September 21 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Anne Oickle †**

Family Faith Formation Registration — Sunday, September 21!!!

Registration will take place following Mass at both St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima. Julie and Maria will be at the back of the church to greet you and to help with registrations. See you then! Please feel free to Register online if that is easier.



Mark your Calendars! The Family Faith Formation Program **Kick Off/Ice Cream Social** is on **Sunday, September 28**, following the 9 am Mass at St. Bernard and from 9:45-10:45 am at St. Rose of Lima. We have some fun activities planned so please join us!

Get Ready to Connect! St. André Bessette Youth Group

We're excited to launch a new **St. André Bessette Youth Group** for grades 7-12 right here in our parish. We need students and volunteers to make this possible, so please contact Maria McDonald to learn more about this exciting initiative!

Calling all CATECHISTS and those wanting to learn more.... Is God asking you to be a witness of faith, hope and love to the families/children of our parish? If you would like to learn more about the family faith formation program at our parish or about becoming a catechist, please contact the coordinator, Maria McDonald, at maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net.



A reminder that money raised from dropping off your refundables at Green Tree Recycling (at the intersection of Cobequid Road and Windsor Junction Road) goes directly to the activities of the youth of our parish!

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, diapers sizes 4, 5, 6 and shampoo/conditioner. Your donations are very much appreciated - neighbours helping neighbours - thank you!

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

Life Chain — On **Sunday, October 5**, Canadians will gather at 350+ locations to peacefully raise awareness about the truth of abortion, during the 35th annual nation-wide Life Chain. In Halifax, Life Chain will happen from 2:00 to 3:00 pm on Robie Street, at the Halifax Commons. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by the organizer and given signs to hold. Participants are encouraged to spread out along the sidewalk and spend time in quiet prayer. This is a unique, family-friendly event advocating for innocent pre-born children. As Christ reminds us in Matthew 25:40: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."



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