

# St. André Bessette Parish

4:00 pm at Holy Cross 9:00 am at St. Bernard

11:00 am at St. Rose of Lima (Live Stream)

#### Weekday Masses:

6:30 pm at St. Bernard 6:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima 9:00 am at St. Bernard followed by Benediction then Adoration of the the Blessed Sacrament until noon 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon

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

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

Saturday 3:30 - 3:50 pm (prior to the 4:00 pm Mass) ... or by appointment

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# Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday – April 7, 2024

#### HAPPY EASTER - The Lord is Risen! Truly He is Risen!! Alleluia Alleluia

As we celebrate this Sunday, we are invited to open ourselves to experience the unfathomable mercy of God. As the Paschal Mystery continues to unfold, we come to an even deeper awareness of the self-gift of Jesus Christ, God's own Son, and the distance that he goes to salvage/redeem fallen humanity. The beautiful gift that God gave us - sending His Son to show humanity the way back to full relationship with Him. As we repeat the words in the Divine Mercy Chaplet – For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world, we realize more and more that God does indeed pour out His mercy and His love on the whole world. The key is that we open our minds and hearts, giving them over to God's gracious mercy for purification and cleansing. As we seek and strive to live out the virtue of mercy in our lives, we experience in an even deeper way the healing graces leading us to live fuller lives, daring to place our Trust in Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. May we, like Saint Thomas in today's Gospel, utter the words from our heart "my Lord and my God" as the Eucharist is lifted up at the words of Consecration, and before the Lord in

Divine Mercy Celebration — Please come and join us on Sunday, April 7 at 3 pm for a Holy Hour Before the Blessed Sacrament. In the midst of the Holy Hour, we will have the Veneration of the Image of Mercy, praying of the Chaplet of Mercy & Benediction. The

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Church — What a great joy to be able to celebrate Sacraments and Rites of Initiation with Wayne Hillier and Alex Carmichael last Saturday at the Easter Vigil - to welcome them through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and then to join us for the first time in coming to the Table of the Lord in the reception of Holy Communion. For the next few weeks, we will have an opportunity to journey through some of the great mysteries of our Faith and grow in the deeper meaning of what being a member of the Church means. The period following Easter is called Mystagogia. Here we will take some time to allow the

**Thank You!** — A special thank you to our Music ministry – to the combined choirs for Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil, and those responsible for Good Friday and Easter Sunday in each Church. Thank you to our Altar Servers for Sunday and Adult Servers throughout week. To our Readers, thank you for your faithful commitment and wonderful proclamation of the Word. To our Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, thank you for assisting at Sunday Mass and funerals, and for bringing Communion to the Sick and Shut-ins. To our Ushers and Hospitality crew, thank you for welcoming, seating and taking collections. To those who are responsible for preparing the Mass linens for the celebration of Mass and for the Sacristans who keep order and set-up, we appreciate your hard work. For our growing livestream crew and for those who keep our Church tidy and clean enabling us to take pride in our Church and use it well for worship and praise, thank you. Thanks to our Office Staff for coordinating and organizing our Parish office-wise and for keeping us informed of things coming up. And finally, a BIG THANK YOU to all of you, the Faithful of our Parish, who continue to celebrate and practice your Faith – for your commitment to your Faith and building relationship in and among the three Communities. May the Risen Christ Bless you all anew this Easter. May God, in His Son Jesus Christ, strengthen your confidence and courage, as we continue together to build the Kingdom of God and the Body of Christ, the Church, as we journey together empowered by the Holy Spirit leading us to all Truth.

**St. André Bessette Parish Directory** — The Ways & Means Committee is working with **Universal Portrait Studios** to create a *St. André Bessette Parish Directory*. Representatives from the company have been contacting parishioners to book a sitting time and location. Photo shoots will take place at all three churches from next week and the week of April 22. The photo shoot and final directory are free. You will have an opportunity to view proofs and purchase portrait packages, if interested. If you haven't heard from them, call Universal directly and book a time. The number is 1-888-769-7339 ext. 1 or 2. You can also book online at www.universalportraits.com.

**Mass Cards at St. Bernard Church** — If you would like to get a Mass card at St. Bernard, you can contact Anne Marie Frame at 902-883-2703. Cards are also available from Tuesday to Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, from the parish office at 9 Jamieson Drive in Fall River.

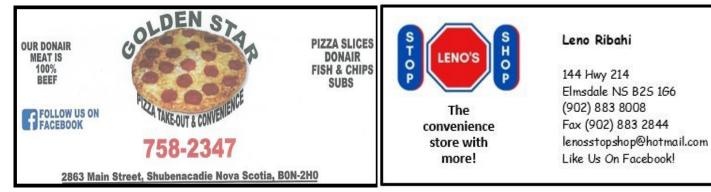
**Parish Renewal & Faith Formation** — The various programs run in our Parish are for our personal and spiritual growth and provide opportunities for us to grow stronger together as a Parish Community. I want to thank all who participated in The Wild Goose, Metanoia, Forgiveness series, Eucharistic Study/Discussion DVDs, Lectio, and other small groups, Prayers Groups and other Faith Formation that is happening with our families. It's important to emphasize and to recognize that our Faith requires that we foster and continue to take opportunities to learn and be renewed. If we do not foster it, our Faith becomes stagnant and can die. Participating and taking the time to help it grow also helps us live our lives of faith better as we accompany one another along the journey.

**Mass/Adoration/Benediction** — We are returning to our normal schedule on Thursdays and Fridays at Saint Bernard and Saint Rose of Lima. Each week we have two wonderful opportunities to come before the Blessed Sacrament in time of Adoration. It is at these times that we as a Parish can bring the many needs of our Church, our Parish, our Community, our Families before Jesus. Thursdays are not just meant for Enfield nor is Friday just meant for Fall River. In our Parish we have four weekday masses – two Masses at 6:30 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday and two at 9 am on Thursday and Friday. On the First Friday of the month, we have a Holy Hour from 7 to 8 pm at Saint Bernard in Enfield (during which we have time for personal Confession). On the First Saturday of the month, we celebrate Mass at 9 am at Saint Rose of Lima Church in Fall River, with a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and an hour for personal Confession. These are opportunities for ALL OF SAINT ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH to use for your spiritual growth.

Merchandise Bingo @ Holy Cross Church — This will take place on April 26, 2024 at 7 pm (doors open at 6:15 pm). Lots of great prizes!!! 50/50 tickets and door prizes. Canteen will be open for refreshments. Plan to attend and have some fun!

**Beacon House** — Beacon House is still looking for a board treasurer to do its financial statements, but not necessarily an accountant. If interested, please contact cherylnewcombe@gmail.com. The food bank filled 536 orders in February, 100 more than February 2023. In January and February, they had 31 new applications for services. The 19 pallet shelters in the parking lot are now occupied. A large majority of those selected have jobs and others include persons with a disability, veterans on pension, and students. The shelter kitchen is going to be renovated soon. With careful planning and coordination, they still plan to serve meals to 50 guests. A donation of a large BBQ in good condition within the next couple of weeks would be greatly appreciated! An email is being set up to enable one-on-one exchanges to answer questions about the shelter and hear concerns: Shelterinfo@beaconhousens.org. Additional information on food bank, retail shop and shelter services can be found on our website: https://beaconhousens.org.

Top 10 items required: boxed cereal, pasta sauce, mayonnaise, Kraft Dinner, peanut butter, peanut-free granola bars, crackers, canned fruit, instant coffee/tea, diapers size 4,5,6.



#### Family Formation Program—April at a Gance

April 7	Home Lesson (St. Bernard) P-8 classes @ St. Rose of Lima from 9:45-:
April 14	Home Lesson (St. Rose of Lima) P-8 classes @ St. Bernard following the 9 c Confirmation Retreat: 11 am Mass, lunch at
April 21	Wrap-up and Closing Social for Parents and First Holy Communion Rehearsal @ St. Rose *Please bring your children's completed

Please pray for the following students who are preparing to make the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** on Sunday, May 5, at the 11 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church:

Audrey Jo Chisholm	John Daigle	Al
Cole Fredericks	Ava Heinrichs	M
Valentina Matos	John Prim	Ro

#### Steubenville Atlantic: For Youth Grades 8-12 July 5-7, 2024

The Steubenville Youth Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, are a series of conferences across North America that help teens encounter the love of Christ every summer. Their mission is to build the Church by evangelizing, equipping, and empowering God's children to become radical and joyful disciples. For more information about the Steubenville Conferences, visit steubenvilleconferences.com.

We are hoping to bring a group from St. Andre Bessette this year so ilf you would like to learn more please contact Maria McDonald at 902-860-0475 for details. **The Theme:** *Illuminate* is based on John 1:5 "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

Christ promised that even when our days or situations seem dark, He shines brightly to strengthen us and guide our way forward. Christ's light can never be extinguished! Join us at this year's Steubenville Atlantic as engaging speakers, music, and worship help us to break open this theme and recognize that Christ's Light illuminates us so that we can share that light with others and make our world a brighter place!

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10% discount on fees for St. André Bessette Parishioners

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10:45 am

am Mass • Mitchell Hall, to the Church for retreat/reconciliation

ap-up and Closing Social for Parents and Students/Registration for next year st Holy Communion Rehearsal @ St. Rose of Lima @ 9:45 am, followed by a meeting in the Hall \*Please bring your children's completed workbooks so they can receive a prize.\*

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