



St. André Bessette Parish

Welcoming Communities of Faith and Worship

Parish Office: 9 Jamieson Drive, Fall River, Nova Scotia B2T 1E5
Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday, 9 am to 2 pm www.standrebesette.net

St. Bernard Church
253 Highway 2, Enfield
▪ Sundays at 9 am
▪ Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
▪ Thursdays at 12 pm
followed by Adoration
until 1:30 pm



St. Rose of Lima Church
1400 Fall River Road, Fall River
▪ Sundays at 11 am
▪ Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



Holy Cross Church
11645 Highway 224, Middle Musquodoboit
▪ Saturdays at 4 pm



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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 September 28 to October 4, 2026

Tuesday, September 29	6:30 pm @ St. Bernard	Phyllis Taylor †
Wednesday, September 30	6:30 pm @ St. Rose of Lima	Mary Hutchins †
Thursday, October 1	12:00 pm @ St. Bernard	Tobin Family †
Friday, October 2	12:00 pm @ St. Rose of Lima	Deacon Rod Rowlands †
Saturday, October 3	4 pm @ Holy Cross	Jerome Monk †
Sunday, October 4	9 am @ St. Bernard	For the people
Sunday, October 4	11 am @ St. Rose of Lima	Luc Landry †

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – September 27, 2026

World Day of Migrants and Refugees – September 27 is the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), with the theme ‘Even Just One of These Children’ (cf. Mt 18:10). Each year the World Day of Migrants and Refugees invites us to turn our attention to different aspects of the complex phenomenon of migration. This year’s theme draws our attention to the minors directly involved in the experience of migration and flight, to the care owed to them, and to the Lord’s promise that “whoever receives one such child in my name receives me” (Mk 9:37). 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.

Sacred Spirit, Living God, each member of our human family is an inseparable part of You. We lift up all migrant and refugee children who endure suffering, exploitation, and the anguish of separation. Empower our actions and prayers for justice, compassion, and grace, so that every child fleeing danger may find a safe haven and the opportunity to flourish. Amen

OCIA/RCIA 2026-27 — Sessions will begin on **Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 7 pm** at Saint Bernard Church Hall (Basement). The sessions will be held each Thursday evening until Easter. Please pray for the Team as they present the Catholic Faith and for our enquirers.

Catechetical Sunday Ministry Fair – Next Sunday, **October 4**, is Catechetical Sunday. St. André Bessette Parish will hold its annual Ministry Fair. Volunteers aren't just filling a shift; they are the heart of our ministry, making a real difference in our community. We cannot do this important work without you. Your unique gifts are needed here in the Parish. Please consider adding your name to a Ministry or church group.

Restoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue at St. Rose of Lima

Parishioners attending St. Rose of Lima may have noticed that the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been removed from her pedestal beside St. Joseph because it required major restoration. **We invite your support for this important effort.** A visitor with experience and a background in the restoration of Catholic statues has undertaken the restoration for the cost of materials only. We have already received an anonymous donation to cover the cost of materials. We therefore welcome your donations to assist us in providing something more than just the cost of materials. Please place your contribution in one of the envelopes provided, or in an envelope marked **“For Mary,”** and place it in the collection. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.



Windows Project at St. Bernard —To date, we have raised \$176,035.00 – our target to complete the window project and to pay the final bill is \$186,143.00. If you are able to assist in helping us reach this goal please consider making a donation toward the windows – we have **\$10,108.00** as the remaining amount to be raised. Thank you for your generosity!!

Administrator for the Ministry of Consolation —We are currently looking for an individual to support the Ministry of Consolation team in an administrative way. It will require approximately 3 to 4 hours a week, and any training needed would be supplied by Jean Morris. If you are an organized person who wants to support the Parish in this Healing Ministry, please contact the office at 902-860-0475 ext 2. Thank you and God Bless You.

Eleanor Nordlund FOOD DRIVE for Beacon House – The St. Rose of Lima CWL is coordinating this food drive for **Sunday, October 4**. Donations can be placed at the back of the church before Mass. All non-perishables welcome; suggested items include: Kraft dinner, mayonnaise, pasta sauce, canned fruit, boxed cereal, oatmeal, juice, granola bars, cookies and crackers. Thank you for your support!

KoC 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.

Family Faith Formation

Sacramental Prep! Classes are starting soon. Have you registered your child(ren)?

1st Communion:

October 4	Parent Meeting	St. Bernard from 10:00 to 10:30 am
October 18	1 st Class and Parent Meeting	St. Rose/Mitchell Hall from 9:45 to 10:45 am

Confirmation - Kickoff & Information Session:

Where: Mitchell Hall (behind St. Rose of Lima Church) **When:** October 4 at 12:10 pm
What: Year overview, opening talk, intro video



Upcoming Family Mass (Music Ministry led by Heather Jansma)



St. Rose of Lima: **Sunday, October 18 @ 11 am**

We are looking for more families to participate in the music ministry during our Family Masses - voice or instrument! Please contact Julie at familyfaith@standrebessette.net.

A huge thanks to everyone who participated in the Family Mass at St. Bernard on September 27!

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul – September 27 is the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who is the Patron Saint of Charitable Societies. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is very active in our area. It supports local individuals facing hardship through food, housing and essential assistance, delivered with dignity, respect and compassion. The group is always looking for volunteers, with meetings just once per month. Donations are always welcome. You will find the St. Vincent de Paul donation box and giving envelopes at

both St. Rose of Lima and St Bernard churches. Please consider a small donation, such as a gift card from the grocery store, which could help a hungry family.

The **Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada** will take place this weekend. When you give, your offering begins in our parish but reaches far beyond it. It helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada. Together, this support makes possible work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone - from providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, to promoting respect for human life and the dignity of every human person, and accompanying migrants and refugees. Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. Please give prayerfully and generously next weekend. To donate online, visit cccb.ca/donate.

October 1: Treaty Day in Nova Scotia – This week, Nova Scotia recognizes Treaty Day. As part of the Treaty Day activities **Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica hosts their Treaty Day Mass at 10:30 am.** Archbishop Dunn will preside the Mass and will be joined by the Mi'kmaq Grand Chief Norman Syliboy, Mi'kmaw Grand Council, members of Mi'kmaw communities, and various community groups. All are welcome to come and prayer together!

October 4: Life Chain – On October 4, Canadians will gather at 375+ locations nationwide to peacefully raise awareness about the truth of abortion during Life Chain, now in its 35th year in Canada. Below are the Life Chain locations and times across near us. Upon arrival, participants will be greeted by the organizer and given signs to hold with messages such as "Abortion Kills Children," "Abortion Hurts Women," and "Adoption: A Loving Option." Participants will 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."
 DARTMOUTH Main Street at Caledonia Road 2-3 pm
 HALIFAX Robie Street at Halifax Commons 2-3 pm
 TRURO Willow Street in front of Sobeys Wholesale 2-3 pm

AN OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS
PENNY SALE
LUNCHEON &
BAKE SALE
 SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH
 11:00AM - 2:00PM

 253 HWY #2, ENFIELD AT ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH BASEMENT
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE IN THE ST. BERNARD'S PARKING LOT FROM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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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.

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



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