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St. Bernard Church, Enfield
St. Rose of Lima Church, Fall River
Holy Cross Church, Middle Musquodoboit

Pastor
Fr. Gerald David
frgerald@standrebessette.net

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Dan Bowden
dangbowden@gmail.com

Parish Offerings:

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

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 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:

St. Bernard:

Tuesday 6:00 pm - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Thursday 9:40 am - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)
First Friday of the month - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

St. Rose of Lima:

Wednesday 6:00 pm - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Friday 9:40 am - 10:30 am (during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)
First Saturday of the month - 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Holy Cross:

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

Enfield Office:

Claire Guyette 902-883-2660
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Tues. to Fri. 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Fall River Office

Lynette McMullin 902-860-0475
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Fri. 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Communications (Bulletin): standrecommunication@gmail.com
Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — OCTOBER 29, 2023

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." These are two of the greatest commands the Lord shares with those asking Jesus trick questions to trip Him up. This is the Commandment by which we are called to live our everyday, ordinary life. The Commandment that Jesus refers to as the most important or greatest is also the Commandment by which we will be judged at the end of our lives. Something in the articulation by Jesus of the greatest Commandment is so clear and simple and easy. It is all for the Glory of God that we would do these things. However, in our day-to-day lived out expression, it gets complicated and frustrated by our unwillingness to heed the way. Once again, let's take some time to put this hope before God in prayer, that we may be found worthy and live lives in simplicity and in profound joy as we abide in the Commandments God has given.

Month of November - All Souls – During the month of October, we were given an opportunity to reflect on the wonderful mysteries of the Holy Rosary of our Blessed Virgin Mary. As we move into the month of November this coming week, we are invited to remember to pray for All Souls. During this month we will have times to gather to remember especially all who have died marked with the sign of Faith. On **Thursday, November 2, All Souls Day**, we will have Mass at **9:00 am at St. Bernard Church** followed by the normal time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. I will also celebrate a Mass that day at **St. Rose of Lima Church at 12:00 pm**. On All Souls, pastors are invited to celebrate these Masses so as to provide an opportunity for the faithful to gather together and pray for the Faithful departed in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

At the end of the 4:00 pm Mass on **Saturday, November 4, at Holy Cross**, we will have a prayer of commendation for the souls of the Faithful Departed. We will remember those who have died and are buried in our cemetery at Holy Cross. We will also pray for any who have lost loved ones in the past year. Weather permitting, we will go out to the cemetery and offer a special prayer for the dead.

St. André Bessette Remembrance of Faithful Departed in the Past Year — In the third week of November, we will have an opportunity to gather with those who have lost loved ones in the past year. We will have a special Mass for those who died and were buried from St. André Bessette Parish and we also place an invitation to parishioners who have lost immediate family members from outside our parish. Our first Mass will be at **St. Bernard on Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 pm**. Our second Mass will be at **St. Rose of Lima on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:30 pm**. We invite family members of those who have died in our parish to attend Mass at the church they were buried from. Those who have lost immediate family members in the past year, whose funeral and burial took place elsewhere, are invited to come to either celebration. So that we can be organized and ready light candles, I ask any in the above category to call the parish office and indicate which Mass you will be attending and ensure we have the name of those not buried from here. Let us remember to pray for the dead, that they may share in eternal life with God, and for the families who are mourning the loss of loved ones, that they may truly be consoled.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) — We will meet **each Thursday at St. Bernard Church Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**. Please contact Fr. Gerald at frgerald@standrebessette.net if you have any questions or concerns.

St. Rose of Lima volunteer church cleaners need your help! Looking for a way to contribute but don't have a lot of time? The St. Rose of Lima volunteer church cleaners are trying to put together a Saturday morning crew. It involves only 1 to 1½ hours every 5 weeks. To sign up or get more information, contact Barry at 902-800-0707 or barryirvine46@gmail.com.

Francis White Memorial Hockey Pool — In December 2022, Grand Knight Francis White was unfortunately and suddenly taken to his eternal rest. We honour his memory through the charitable activities the K of C are known for. It is a privilege to recognize his legacy by naming this fund-raising activity in his memory. Go to officepools.com/invite/classic/m/A3TP8RD to complete your pool online or pick up a form at St. Rose of Lima or St. Bernard church. Cost is \$20 per entry. **Deadline has been extended to October 31.**

The first annual **Family Kitchen Party** for St. André Bessette Parish is happening on **Sunday, November 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Enfield Legion**. We are now accepting acts from all 3 churches! If you would like to share your talent or know of anyone else who would, please contact Sarah White at smwhitey@outlook.com or Ann Steele at annhalloran-steele@hotmail.com. You will be asked for details about your contribution when you register. Let's make this an event to remember!!!



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) — This is an international organization formed mainly of Catholic volunteers. St André Bessette Parish has 17 active members who assist those living in poverty in our area. So far this year, we have assisted over 30 individuals and families with expenses such as groceries, gas, rent, power, oil and other necessities totaling almost \$20,000. **Special envelopes are available now in the churches for you to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul.** Thank you!!

St. Bernard CWL Membership Fees — Fees (\$35) for January 1 to December 31, 2024 are now being accepted. Pay by January 1 and you could win back your dues!

Caring & Sharing — St. Bernard is again accepting food and hygiene items for the Caring & Sharing program in Enfield. The food bank baskets are located at the two main entrances to the church and are checked weekly. Please consider renewing

your commitment to the underprivileged of our community with a donation, as the number and need continue to grow.

Also, the Caring & Sharing-Angel Tree Food Bank is now taking registrations for the 2023 Christmas season. Adopt a family by contacting Allison Gilby at caringsharingaaf@gmail.com or call Pam Hutchinson at 902-476-7982. Monetary donations can be sent c/o 50 Old Enfield Road, Unit 2, Enfield, NS B2T 1C9 or etransferred to caringandsharingshants@gmail.com. Additional details can be found on the letter posted on the bulletin board.

On November 14, 2022, the settlement of the class action suit against the Episcopal Corporation of Halifax and the Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth was approved. Now we are in the Claims Period. Individuals who want to make a claim of abuse can do so for the next two months. This is a period of notification to the public which requires action on the part of the Archdiocese as well as the parishes. This notification period begins on Monday, December 19, 2022 and concludes on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

Mass Intentions for the week of October 30 to November 5, 2023

- Tuesday, October 31 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Allie MacDonnell †
- Wednesday, November 1 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Joe Cripps †
- Thursday, November 2 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Wayne Keddy †
- Friday, November 3 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Beverley MacIntyre †
- Saturday, November 4 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Ben Clattenburg †
- Sunday, November 5 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the people
- Sunday, November 5 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - John Baptiste Doucet †

This notice was approved by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT IN CLASS ACTION

To all individuals who were sexually abused by a priest of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth between April 14, 1954 and March 31, 2020 and have not previously settled or otherwise released either the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth.

The Court has approved a settlement which provides compensation to eligible class members who file a claim for sexual assault and meet the requirements of the claims process.

If you opted out of the class action, the settlement will not impact you.

If you are part of the lawsuit as a Class Member, you can submit a claim for a payment of money as compensation. The amount of money that you may receive will depend on the specifics of the claim you submit. The potential amount of money to be paid to a Class Member whose claim is accepted will likely range from \$30,000 to \$350,000.

For further information, visit <https://kmlaw.ca/cases/catholic-priest-sexual-abuse-class-action/> or call 1-833-630-1785, or email catholicabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca.

You must submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023. If you do not submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023, you will lose your right to compensation.

Family Faith Formation News

October 29 at 9:45 am — St. Rose of Lima, Family Formation Class/Family Social
October 29 at 10:00 am — St. Bernard Church, Family Formation Class following the 9:00 am Mass

For more information about the family faith formation program at our parish, please contact the coordinator, Maria McDonald, at maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net.

Magnificat Brunch — You are invited to a Magnificat Brunch on **Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm** (Mass at 9:00 am in Campbell Hall, doors open for brunch at 9:30 am). Location is Immaculate Conception Church on Prince Street in Truro. Guest speaker is Maria Thibault. Bring a friend, sister, mother, aunt, grandmother. Registration is \$20 - RSVP by November 10, 2023. No tickets at the door and no refunds. To register — Email and Etransfer: magnificathalifax@gmail.com Phone: Maria @ 902-860-3304
 Cheque: Magnificat Ministry, Halifax Chapter c/o 184 Ross Road, Halifax, NS B3M 3Y5
 Save the Date: Spring Magnificat Meal - May 25, 2024, Halifax

Beacon House — Beacon House is looking for a new volunteer treasurer to provide oversight of financial management and operations. For more information, please contact Cheryl Newcombe, Board Chair at cherylnewcombe@gmail.com.

Breakaway Adult Program at The Open Gate, 5 Miller Lane, Fall River — Breakaway is a program for seniors held Monday mornings from 9:30 to noon, September to the end of June. The morning consists of a variety of social activities, fun, gentle exercises, special events and a light lunch, all run by volunteers. We can offer support for those with mobility issues or mild dementia, if needed. Suggested donation - \$5 a week. To register, call The Open Gate at 902-860-2662. To learn more about the program from a parishioner/volunteer, call Eleanor Hanlon 902-860-3957.