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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 e-transfer 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:

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**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 8, 2023**

Happy Thanksgiving! 

I pray we take the time to foster that sense of gratitude in our hearts for the many good and gracious gifts we have received. We are given a time to stop and give thanks! May we be ever mindful also to give gratitude for our ability to serve our brothers and sisters, seeing Christ in the other and striving to assist and make life better for those who most need our help. Take some time to reflect and meditate on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. These help us to understand the many and varied ways we are called by God to exercise special service. ...Fr. Gerald

Thanksgiving Day Mass — On **Monday, October 9 at 10:00 am**, all are invited to join Father Gerald for a special Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Bernard.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) — We invite any adults who are not fully initiated in the Catholic Faith (1. baptized but never carried through with the remaining sacraments; or 2. not baptized, but interested in learning more) who have an interest in becoming a Catholic during the celebration of Easter 2024 to please contact the parish office in Enfield or Fall River and leave you name and contact information. Father will get back to you. The start-up date for regular meetings will be **Thursday, October 12 at the St. Bernard Church Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.**

Blessing of the Pets — It is tradition for us to have an opportunity to thank God for our pets and the joy they bring to our lives. The celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi occurs on Wednesday, October 4. Anytime through the month of October it is appropriate to gather our *furry friends* for that special blessing. I invite those who wish to have their pets blessed to gather in the **St. Bernard parking lot at 2:00 pm on October 8.**

Fall Adult Faith Program — Our fall adult faith program, Metanoia, runs **Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm at St. Rose of Lima's Mitchell Hall**. Contact the St. Rose office to register with your name, phone number and email. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend!

Prayer of Commissioning for Catechists — Fr. Gerald will offer a prayer of Blessing/Commissioning for all Catechists and Catechists helpers on **Sunday, October 15, 2023** at the 9:00 am Mass at St. Bernard and the 11:00 am Mass at St. Rose of Lima. The Commissioning Prayer and Blessing will take place following the Homily. Thank you very much for taking an interest in sharing and witnessing to the Faith with our Domestic Church – The Family.

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast — This will take place on **Sunday, October 22, 2023** at the Enfield Fire Hall from 9:00 am until noon. Come on out and enjoy scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, baked beans, bacon, pancakes, toast, juice, tea or coffee - all for the low price of \$8 for adults (13 years & older) and \$5 per child (5 to 12 years). Children 4 years and under are free. C'mon out and meet a neighbour!

St. Bernard CWL Penny and Bake Sale — This fun event will take place on **Saturday, October 28, 2023** from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the St. Bernard Church basement. Mark your calendars!

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. Thank you for supporting St. Vincent de Paul.

A Pastoral Response to MAiD — There is ever-growing concern for how euthanasia, or medical assistance in dying (MAiD), is evolving across Canada. At a recent pastors' meeting, the question arose: "How to we as parish leaders respond pastorally to questions and concerns about this important topic?" In short, Archbishop Dunn asks all the faithful to educate themselves on the issue and our Catholic teaching on the dignity of life. In the enclosed letter, Archbishop Dunn addresses all the faithful to express his concern about MAiD and offer some resources.

Assembly of the People of God — The annual Assembly of the People of God will be on **Saturday, November 4, 2023**. To register, visit www.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly.

Archbishop Dunn's Episcopal Anniversary: October 9 — On Thanksgiving Monday, October 9, Archbishop Dunn will celebrate his 15th anniversary of episcopacy. As we celebrate Thanksgiving and give thanks for the blessings in our lives, may we also pray in gratitude for the leadership of our Archbishop.

Synod on Synodality — Pope Francis officially opened the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops with Mass in Saint Peter's Square. This synod on synodality has in many ways been organized differently than previous synods. The voice of the faithful in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth has joined the voice of the Church worldwide to provide fodder for the discussions of the synod delegates. This synod has been much talked about by bishops, Church leadership, Catholic media, and people worldwide. It is a significant moment in the life of our Church. We invite you to pray for all involved in this significant event in the life of our Church. May the Holy Spirit guide the work of the Synod, opening hearts and minds to encounter Christ, to intentionally listen, to actively discern ways for the faithful walk together and live our shared mission to proclaim Christ and make disciples. To keep up-to-date on what is happening at the Synod visit <https://www.synod.va/en.html>.

Beacon House — This Thanksgiving, please consider a monetary or food donation to Beacon House as a tangible way of expressing gratitude to God for the many blessings in your life. The number of people seeking help from the Food Bank is growing and they are running out of supplies of basic items. Most needed are canned goods, pasta and pasta sauce, Kraft Dinner, boxed cereals, nut-free school snacks, baby food, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6), hygiene items, and toilet paper. Food donations can be left in the Beacon House box at St. Rose of Lima Church or brought directly to the Food Bank. Monetary donations can be done online via the Beacon House website or by writing a cheque to Beacon House and bringing/sending it to the Food Bank or giving it to Karen Creelman to deliver. (Include your contact information so that a tax receipt can be issued.) Gift cards to grocery stores are also helpful, but they cannot provide a tax receipt for them. THANK YOU!

Mass Intentions for the week of October 9 to 15, 2023
 Tuesday, October 10 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Joe Cripps †
 Wednesday, October 11 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Robert Revert †
 Thursday, October 12 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Eddie Benere †
 Friday, October 13 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Josette and Sterling Levy
 Saturday, October 14 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Mona Maatouk
 Sunday, October 15 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - Allie MacDonnell †
 Sunday, October 15 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - For the people

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
 as we gather together in Your name.
 With You alone to guide us,
 make Yourself at home in our hearts;
 Teach us the way we must go
 and how we are to pursue it.
 We are weak and sinful;
 do not let us promote disorder.
 Do not let ignorance
 lead us down the wrong path
 nor partiality influence our actions.
 Let us find in You our unity
 so that we may journey together
 to eternal life
 and not stray from the way of truth
 and what is right.
 All this we ask of You,
 who are at work in every place and time,
 in the communion of the Father and the Son,
 forever and ever.
 Amen.

Family Faith Formation News

October 8: Thanksgiving Weekend NO CLASSES
October 15: First Class at St. Bernard. Students/Parents will meet in the Hall following the 9:00 am Mass. Students will meet the teachers. Parent session as well.
October 15: All Catechists will be asked to come forward at the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses for a blessing from Fr. Gerald.

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.

2023 Atlantic Marian Gathering — October 20 to 22, 2023

Location: Christ the King Parish, St. Vincent de Paul Church site at 320 Flying Cloud Drive, Dartmouth
 Guest Speaker: Fr. Dominic Sultana, SThD
 Registration fee: \$60/person with another \$10 for lunch and \$10 for supper on Saturday (book by October 16)
 Register at atlanticmariangathering.ca/. Etransfers and information requests to mariangatheringhalifax@gmail.com.

2nd Annual Unite the Clans Conference, October 14, 2023

— Nova Scotians United for Life will be holding their second annual Unite the Clans Conference at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on **Saturday, October 14, 2023** from 8:45 am to 1:30 pm. The theme this year is "A time to speak." This is a no-charge event. Pre-registration is required due to limited seating. Registration deadline is Tuesday, October 10. A free lunch will be provided, sponsored by the STVDP Knights of Columbus. To register, please contact David Palmer at davidjpalmer62@gmail.com or call



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