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

Confessions:

St. Bernard:

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

St. Rose of Lima:

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

Holy Cross:

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

WELCOMING COMMUNITIES OF FAITH AND WORSHIP

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

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Parish Offerings:

To register with our parish Pre-Authorized Debit program, please contact Lynette at the parish 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.

Parish Office:

Lynette McMullin 902-860-0475 strose@standrebessette.net
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Third Sunday of Easter – April 14, 2024

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

Today we continue to hear of the many appearances of Jesus to his disciples, post resurrection. The disciples experience mixed emotions: terror, fright, doubt and disbelief, but also joy and amazement. Jesus continues to help them open their minds to understand the Scriptures – **Those are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.** As we celebrate the beauty of the Easter Season, may we allow the Lord's appearances to his disciples to remind us of all that Christ came to do and be – that **repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations.** Let's be true witnesses of these gifts.

Mystagogia — Wayne Hillier and Alex Carmichael are now in the unfolding graces stage of the Sacraments received at Easter. This period of time continues to allow Wayne and Alex to grow in a deeper understanding of the graces received and how the Lord continues to work in each of their lives. We will reconvene for a few weeks of praying through the mysteries of our Faith, especially the tenets of the Creed we profess to believe. There is certainly a real sense of joy as we celebrate these Sacraments, which give grace and activate the Holy Spirit working within. In a few weeks, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with many of our young people in the Parish. Shelby Hillier will join our youth when Archbishop Dunn calls upon the Holy Spirit to anoint and strengthen them with the Gift of the Holy Spirit, nurturing their Baptismal Commitment and stirring up the graces within.

St. André Bessette Parish Directory — The Ways & Means Committee is working with **Universal Portrait Studios** to create a **St. André Bessette Parish Directory**. There is still time to book an appointment the week of April 22 at St. Rose of Lima Church Hall. The photo shoot and final directory are free. You will have an opportunity to view proofs and purchase portrait packages, if interested. The number is 1-888-769-7339 ext. 1 or 2. You can also book online at www.universalportraits.com.

Faith Formation and Growing in a Deeper Awareness of the Real Presence of Christ — As we are preparing for a *Eucharistic Congress in our Archdiocese from October 17-20, 2024*, let's take some time to focus on the Institution of the Eucharist. Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament - each time we approach the Altar to receive Holy Communion, we receive His very presence. The DVD series *Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible* by Brant Pitre is a wonderful way to renew ourselves in the roots of the Mass/Eucharist. It is a most wonderful way to foster what we truly believe as Roman Catholics. **I pray that this series will be offered again soon for the whole Parish to participate.** If we truly understood even a little of what our Church teaches about the Eucharist, our communities would be vibrantly and actively participating in Sunday Mass and in what the Mass leads us into - as we leave the Church at the end of Mass with the words, *Mass is ended. Go and glorify the Lord by your life.*

Heavenly Scoops Summer Student Employment Opportunity — *Heavenly Scoops* is an ice cream stand located at St. Bernard Church. They are hiring a summer student for part-time employment. The applicant must be 16 years old and have, or be willing to take, a food handler course. They are looking for someone who enjoys working with the public and is comfortable handing money. You must be able to work evenings and weekends. If interested, send your resume to Sarah White at smwhite@outlook.com by April 29.

CWL Mother's Day Basket Raffle

THINK! THINK! THINK! What to give Mom for Mother's Day? Mother's Day is fast approaching (Sunday, May 12) and there is no better way to celebrate the day than to treat your mother with a beautiful gift basket full of surprises and delights. The St. Rose of Lima CWL ladies have put together a beautiful basket of treats and gift cards in time for Mother's Day, valued over \$400. The ladies will be selling tickets for this Mother's Day Basket at the entrance of St. Rose before and after Mass on April 28, May 5, and before Mass on May 12. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The draw for the basket will occur after Mass on May 12, Mother's Day.



Knights of Columbus Yard Sale — This year's yard sale will take place on **Saturday, June 1 from 9 am to 3 pm** at St. Rose of Lima Church, Fall River. Proceeds will be used in support of KoC charitable activities in our community. The CWL will also host plant and bake sales during the event. If you have any suitable items you are willing to graciously donate for the sale, please contact one of the following individuals to arrange for pick-up:

Fall River area: Rick Karst - 902-456-2744 or rajkarst@yahoo.com, Albert Gibson - 902-471-8514 or agibson@caseyltd.ca
 Joel Landry - 902-223-8408 or ljmeci@gmail.com, David Marshall - 902-580-1600 or troy mariem@gmail.com
 Enfield area: Darrell Nicholson - 902-220-9452 or darrell.nicholson68@gmail.com or drop off at 28 Elmwood Drive, Elmsdale

Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast — This will take place **this Sunday, April 14** 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. There will be another breakfast on Mother's Day, May 12, 2024.

Merchandise BINGO @ Holy Cross Church — This will take place on **Friday, 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!

Calling all children and youth of St. André Bessette Parish! Come to a **Magic Show** with Father David Roche (from the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Toronto) on **Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 2 pm** at **St. Bernard Church Hall**. Admission is FREE. Invite your parents, grandparents and other adults. They were children once too! This is presented by the Parish Ways & Means Committee. Note that Father Roche will be celebrating **Mass at 1 pm** at **St. Bernard** before the show.

Beacon House — Parishioners of St. Rose of Lima Church are scheduled to volunteer at the Beacon House Retail Store **next Saturday, April 20**. If possible, please arrive around 9 am and plan to stay for the morning. For additional information, contact Karen Creelman at kcreelman@eastlink.ca. Thank you.

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.

Mass Intentions for the week of April 15 to 21, 2024
 Tuesday, April 16 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - **Florence O'Toole †**
 Wednesday, April 17 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - **Dean Frizzell**
 Thursday, April 18 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Gerald Mallet †**
 Friday, April 19 @ 9 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **Mary Jesso**
 Saturday, April 20 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - **Florence Benere †**
 Sunday, April 21 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - **Tom Bagley †**
 Sunday, April 21 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - **For the people**

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Family Formation Program

April 14 Home Lesson (St. Rose of Lima)
 P-8 classes @ St. Bernard following the 9 am Mass
 Confirmation Retreat: 11 am Mass, lunch at Mitchell Hall, to the Church for retreat/reconciliation
 April 21 Wrap-up and Closing Social for Parents and Students/Registration for next year
 First 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.

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	Alexander Day	Kiya Ellis
Cole Fredericks	Ava Heinrichs	Maria Kempis	Xara Ki'hungi
Valentina Matos	John Prim	Rose Rudolph	Kaya Wiktorek

Stuebenville Atlantic: For Youth Grades 8-12 from July 5-7, 2024

We are hoping to bring a group from St. Andre Bessette this year so if you would like to learn more please contact Maria McDonald at 902-860-0475 Ext. 4 for details. **The Theme: *Illuminate*** is based on John 1:5 "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

As By a New Pentecost Seminars — These seminars are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide an opportunity for people to find out more about that life, and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new relationship with the Lord. The talks can serve as an introduction to Christianity and a time to make a first commitment to Jesus Christ. For those who are already Christians, they offer help in finding a fuller release of the Holy Spirit to live a deeper Christian life. Seminars/talks will take place **following the 6:30 pm Mass on Wednesday evenings** as follows:

April 17 Session 1: Introduction & God's Love
 April 24 Session 2: Salvation
 May 1 Session 3: The New Life
 May 8 Session 4: Receiving God's Gifts
 May 15 Session 5: Prayer for the Baptism in the Spirit
 May 22 Session 6: Growth
 May 29 Session 7: Transformation in Christ (reception to follow)

This series of talks will help each of us prepare for Pentecost in a new way and with a deeper understanding and appreciation for WHO the Holy Spirit is and how he works in our lives. ALL are WELCOME! Please contact **Maria McDonald at 902-860-0475 Ext 4** or maria.mcdonald@standrebessette.net for more information.

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