



Saint André Bessette Parish

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

October 12, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to advise you that the parish offices for St. Andre Bessette Parish will be consolidated into one location at the present St. Rose of Lima Office on 9 Jamieson Drive, Fall River. This merger should be complete by November 15, 2023.

As you may know, the parish currently operates two offices, one in Enfield and the other in Fall River. As of January 2020, when the new Parish of Saint Andre Bessette was named, the two Offices merged was to be a part of the Transition. In the past year we have been discussing this reality and now is the time we are moving toward this one office. During Archbishop Dunn's Parish visit in March of 2023 he encouraged us to continue to make this transition a reality.

In reviewing the current locations, it has been determined that required renovations at the St. Bernards rectory should not be undertaken until actions arising from the recent building assessment have been discerned. And there is sufficient space at the St. Rose of Lima Office location to accommodate the consolidated office at minimal expense and hence the decision to locate there. It was also decided that the current location of the Pastor's Residence will remain at Saint Bernard's Rectory in Enfield, which will enable us to have further time to review and prioritize the capital assessment work needing to be done on the buildings (Church & House).

Please note that office services will remain available for all parishioners. The office can be contacted by phone, Mass cards will be available at the Church and a mail slot will be in place at the St. Bernard rectory for drop off of bills or other correspondence.

I hope this is a clear explanation on the office merger decision but if you have any questions, please contact me or any member of the Parish Leadership team. Our members on the Parish Leadership Team who are collaborators in the process are, Shannon McDonald, Sarah White, Phil Francis, and Deacon Dan Bowden.

Sincerely In Christ,

& Parish Leadership Team