

# St. André Bessette Parish

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

9:00 am at St. Bernard followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until noon, Benediction and close 9:00 am at St. Rose of Lima followed by Adoration of the

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4:00 pm at St. Bernard 6:30 pm at Holy Cross 9:00 am at St. Bernard 11:00 am at St. Rose of Lima (Live Stream)

Tuesdays from 6:00 to 6:20 pm - St. Bernard Church Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:20 pm - St. Rose of Lima Church Saturdaus from 3:15 to 3:45pm – St. Bernard Church or by Appointment

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

## **SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY** JUNE 4, 2023

We have returned liturgically to the celebration of what we call Ordinary Time. However, these next two Sundays we celebrate two absolutely wonderful and awesome Feasts. This Sunday, the **Trinity**: three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – in ONE GOD. Next

Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Corpus Christi). On Friday, June 16, we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our Church celebrates these Feasts in higher fashion than the ordinary celebration. There is a particular reminder of our relationship with the Lord, through access to the Trinity and through the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, enabling us to be strengthened in our Faith, Hope and Love. The Sacred Heart of Jesus keeps us aware of the transforming power of Jesus Christ – to make our hearts like His and to show us that He cares for each of us and shepherds us with the intent of strengthening our relationship with God who never abandons us. Please be sure to celebrate each Sunday, and to remember the Feasts that help us grow in deeper relationship with

Welcome Fr. Christopher McKelvie, FoH — This weekend, Fr. Christopher will celebrate our Sunday 9 am Mass at St. Doctorate in Scripture Studies. I am grateful that Fr. Christopher could assist on such short notice, which enabled me to

**Praying for All Affected by the Fires** — I invite you to continue to keep in your prayers and thoughts those who have been deeply affected by the wildfires, locally and in the Western part of our country. There are many who have been displaced for a time from their homes and many who have lost their homes. We pray for God's loving providence to be experienced through those who care for them. Also keep in mind and prayer those who are working to get the fires under control – that they will not lose heart but rather be strengthened in their work. Many of you may have friends and family members affected ... in days and weeks to come, we will discover what other kinds of support that may be

### The St. André Bessette Parish BBQ planned for Sunday, June 4 is CANCELLED.

**Celebrating our Faith in All Seasons** — For many people, the long weekend in May means looking forward to a new schedule. After a very busy work and school year, it becomes very natural to want a bit of a break from the norm and to seek some relaxation and rest – whatever our summer may give us. We have been working through some reorganizing, structuring what it means for our three Churches to be one parish. Our Parish Leadership Team, Pastoral and Finance Councils, and our committees and organizations have put in a busy year also. So, while we may take a bit of a break from regular routines/meetings and all that entails, let's remember to continue celebrating our Catholic Faith, especially by attending Sunday Mass. If you are going on vacation and are away from home for a good part of the summer, I encourage all of you to seek out a Catholic Church nearby so you can continue to celebrate Mass with the Community of the Faithful and be nourished by the Eucharist and the Word of God. May you all enjoy some good rest, relaxation, and enhanced family time this summer. May God bless and keep you in His gracious care! ...Fr. Gerald

### Summer Months Mass Schedule: July 1 to September 3, 2023 inclusive

After considering the various possibilities, the following is the weekend Mass schedule for the summer of 2023: Saturday at 4 pm – Holy Cross (Middle Musquodoboit) Sunday at 9 am – St. Bernard (Enfield) Sunday at 11 am – St. Rose of Lima (Fall River)

Building Committee at St. Bernard Church — I have had an announcement in the bulletin for the last couple of weeks seeking assistance in forming a new Building Committee at St. Bernard. I would like to thank Ron Hutchins for agreeing to assist. Ron had a career in assessment of buildings and has offered to lend his expertise to our parish. We have a few matters that we need to tend to, particularly at St. Bernard, but without the help of more individuals we will not be proceeding with work. I hope other parishioners will come forward to contribute to the management of our buildings and to be stewards of what we have inherited. ... Fr. Gerald

Scholarship and Bursary Opportunities — The 2023 scholarship and bursary information and application forms are now available for pickup at the entrance of the church, on the parish website and at the two parish offices. The application is for the following three scholarship/bursaries: the CWL Shirley Anne Fraser Memorial Bursary (St. Rose of Lima Church), the KOC Jesso/Meagher Memorial Stewardship Bursary (St. Rose of Lima Church), and the Houlihan Family Scholarship (Parish of St. André Bessette). These will be awarded during a designated Mass in June. Please watch the bulletin for further announcements.

**Thank you from the Knights of Columbus** — The Knights want to thank the parishioners of St. André Bessette for their kind donations of goods to their vard sale. Thank you as well to the parishioners who dropped off cash donations. In all they realized approximately \$2200. The sale was a great success and will enable the council to continue its charitable activities.

St. Bernard Prayer Wall — The Ways & Means Committee is creating a prayer wall at St. Bernard. This will raise funds for the parish as well as provide a peaceful area to pray. Plagues will be engraved and placed on the bricks. They can be purchased in memory of a loved one or on behalf of a person/family. There are 3 levels of donations - Gold is \$1000, Silver is \$500 and Bronze is \$250. For more information, please contact Sarah White at smwhitey@outlook.com or 902-499-7216.

### From the Archdiocese...

**Community Collection: June 10-11, 2023** — Next weekend, you are invited to contribute to the Archdiocese "Caring for our Community" collection. This collection focuses on care for our infirmed and retired priests. Giving to this diocesan collection is a way to give thanks for the ministry of the priests who have cared for the faithful across the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth for many years. How can you give? Place your donation in an marked envelope and drop it in the collection basket, donate online at www.halifaxyarmouth.org and click on Donate, or send an e-transfer to finance@halifaxyarmouth.org and note "June 2023 Donation" in the memo box.

Wildfires Across our Province: How we can help? — Archbishop Dunn continues to ask for the faithful to join him in prayer for all who are impacted by the wildfires in our province – most particularly in the Upper Tantallon and Shelburne County areas. People can donate online to the Red Cross Nova Scotia and Atlantic Canada Fires Appeal (www.redcross.ca). Saint John of the Cross on the Eastern Shore has sent this message to pass along: St. John of the Cross Parish has a Free Clothing Bank called Two Tunics (the clothing that we have is exceptional and all sizes for babies, children and adults). The clothing bank is at our church in Musquodoboit Harbour (St. Philip Neri). For more information, anyone can contact Marianne Nash at mcnash13@hotmail.com.

# Family Formation News

### Catechists/Teachers Needed!

Are you a Catechist at Heart? Do you enjoy and feel elevated when you share and witness to who Jesus Christ is and the teachings of the Church? The Last instruction that Jesus gave to his disciples was: 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.' (Mark 16:15) By volunteering to be a catechist, you are doing one of the most important tasks that Jesus asks us to do. Besides helping the children and families of our parish to grow in their understanding of our Faith, you will find that you also will grow in your relationship with God. Interested? Please contact Maria McDonald with the parish for more

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