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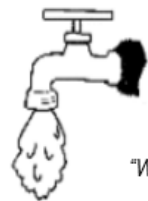
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St. Rose of Lima Church, Fall River
Holy Cross Church, Middle Musquodoboit

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 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.

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – September 6, 2026

Mark your calendars!! The **St. André Bessette Parish Picnic** will be held at Holy Cross on Saturday, September 19. Food and drinks will be provided. Tables will be set up in the hall, but bring a chair if you would like to sit outside. Mass will follow at 4 pm. Plan to attend this family-friendly event!

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

— If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or discerning through completing the Sacraments of Initiation, please call or email Fr. Gerald to register for our process starting this fall. If you know of someone who might be considering becoming a Catholic, Fr. Gerald would love to know. Reach out to him at 902-860-0475 ext. 5 or by email at frgerald@standrebessette.net.

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 12 noon at St. Bernard followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1:30 pm
Friday 12 noon at St. Rose of Lima followed by Benediction then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 1:30 pm

Confessions:

St. Bernard:

Tuesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Thursday 11:30 - 11:55 am (prior to the noon Mass)
First Saturday of the month following the 9 am Mass at St. Bernard

St. Rose of Lima:

Wednesday 6:00 - 6:20 pm (prior to the 6:30 pm Mass)
Friday 11:30 - 11:55 am (prior to the noon Mass)

Holy Cross:

Saturday 3:30 - 3:50 pm (prior to the 4:00 pm Mass)

Parish Office:

Carla Donadoni 902-860-0475 Ext 2 office@standrebessette.net
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Julie Gosselin 902-860-0475 Ext 4 familyfaith@standrebessette.net

Communications (Bulletin):

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Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

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Mass Intentions for the week of August 3 to 9, 2026

Tuesday, September 8 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Joyce Carroll †
Wednesday, September 9 @ 6:30 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Mary Hellstrom †
Thursday, September 10 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Ashley Berger †
Friday, September 11 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Phil & Penny Francis
Saturday, September 12 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Christena Tsimiklis
Sunday, September 13 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the people
Sunday, September 13 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Dorothy & Don Lutz

Baptismal Group Gathering: A Walk in the Park — Families are invited to the 9 am Mass at St. Bernard on September 13, followed by some fun at St. Bernard Park - breakfast sandwiches, cotton candy, face painting and games. Come one, come all!

Faith Formation Coordinator — As many of you know by now, Maria McDonald has resigned from her position as Faith Formation Coordinator for Saint André Bessette Parish. It is sad to see Maria go after four years of being with us. We made some good strides forward in building up the Faith Formation for families in our Parish. We are currently in the process of discerning some direction for the Fall as we prepare to offer something in Catechetics for our young people and families. We have asked Julie Gosselin, who was assisting Maria for the past year, to help us provide part of a program and to assist us to discern the further needs of our Parish. Over the next few weeks, we will keep you informed as to the direction we hope to go with our Faith Formation for families. I ask you to keep in your prayers Julie Gosselin, the Parish Leadership Team and others who have offered to assist in this time to offer opportunities of Faith Formation!

Administrator for the Ministry of Consolation — The Ministry of Consolation is a team of volunteers who visit and support those members of our community who are facing terminal illness, grief, bereavement, or end-of-life issues. We are currently looking for an individual to support the team in an administrative way. This administrator will help the team by making phone calls to parishioners and volunteers; scheduling visits; maintaining records; planning team meetings; and supporting the coordinator with recruitment and education sessions. It will require approximately 3 to 4 hours a week, and any training needed would be supplied by Jean Morris. This position may be carried out in the comfort of your own home. If you are an organized person who wants to support the Parish in this Healing Ministry, please contact the office at 902-860-0475 ext 2. Thank you and God Bless You.



Windows Project at St. Bernard — The three remaining large windows are scheduled to be installed in the week of September 22. It will take approximately four days for the install. To date, we have raised \$174,885.00 – our target to complete the window project and to pay the final bill will be \$186,142.00. If you are able to assist in helping us reach this goal please consider making a donation toward the windows – we have \$11,257.00 as the remaining amount to be raised. Thank you for your generosity!!

St. Bernard Church Windows Replacement Project

The parish has raised approximately \$174,885, with **\$11,257 remaining** to reach our goal of \$186,142!

St. Bernard CWL Invitation — The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, in the Granville room immediately after the 6:30 pm Mass. The back door will be open, so there are no stairs! A warm welcome is extended to all ladies.



Holy Cross Luncheon and Cards — Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Luncheon - cold plate from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm - \$10.00
Cards - 45's from 1:00 to 3:00 pm - \$2.00
Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place.

Coming soon! Ways and Means Committee Fundraiser
1st Prize - Handmade Wooden Outdoor Nativity
2nd Prize - \$100 Sobeys Gift Card

St. Rose of Lima CWL Christmas Bazaar - November 2026

The CWL ladies would like your help :

- Craft Table: Sewing, knitting or crafting? Make a project or two for them.
 - Bake Table: Making your preserves, canning or pickling? Save a couple for them.
 - Silent Auction Table: Donate a new gift with a value of \$15 or more.
 - Religious Items Table: Donate any gently-used or new items, including religious books and holy cards.
 - Children's Corner: Donate small items that cost less than \$3 for the fishpond. Helpers are also needed.
- Thank you for your support!!! Please see any CWL member for inquiries or donations!

World Youth Day 2027: Seoul, South Korea — The Archdiocese of Halifax–Yarmouth is excited to announce a pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea! From July 27 to August 9, 2027, young adults from across the Archdiocese will journey to South Korea to encounter Christ, experience the universal Church, and celebrate their faith alongside pilgrims from around the world. The pilgrimage will begin with several days immersed in the life of a Korean host diocese, where pilgrims will experience the hospitality, culture, and the faith of the local Church. From there, the group will travel to Seoul to join hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from over 100 countries for six days of prayer, catechesis, and celebration with Pope Leo XIV. If you're interested in learning more, join their interest list: wyd.hcchaplaincy.ca/#interest. You'll receive updates about information sessions, registration, fundraising opportunities, and pilgrimage preparation. Whether you're ready to commit or simply exploring the possibility, they would love to have you take the first step. Spots are limited and funding is available so contact soon! If you have any questions, reach out to Margaret Raymond at margaret@hcchaplaincy.ca.



The Atlantic Marian Gathering Presents: Woman, behold your son. (John 19:26)

October 2 to 4, 2026 @ St. Vincent de Paul Church, Dartmouth, NS
The Atlantic Marian Gathering, based in Halifax/Dartmouth, NS, is an annual event in the Atlantic provinces where the faithful are invited to grow closer to Jesus through Mary. This year, we are excited to announce our special guest speaker is Fr. Tim Devine, CC, a Companion of the Cross and Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Lower Sackville, NS. Fr. Tim has chosen the theme, "Woman, behold your son," based on John 19:26 where Jesus, from the cross, takes care of His mother's welfare, and gives us to her as our Mother. Check the website for special hotel group rates for those coming from out of town. For more information and to register go to: <https://atlanticmariangathering.ca/> or email: mariangatheringhalifax@gmail.com



Sacred Heart Pilgrimage - Medjugorje — September 27 to Oct 9, 2026

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Father Mark Cherry, Spiritual Chaplain and Rhonda-Lynn Cormier, Group Leader. Cost - \$3699.00 includes airfare and all airport taxes from Halifax; twin accommodation, breakfast and dinner daily, professional local guide, day trip to "Little Lourdes" shrine, Makarska, Croatia. Single room supplement - \$350.00. Contact Rhonda-Lynn for info: 902-448-3660.

A **Pilgrimage of Grace to Medjugorje** will take place from October 25 to November 5, 2026. Cost \$3699 includes flights, accommodations, 2 meals per day and local guide. Spiritual Director: Fr. Rob Elford (Diocese of Grand Falls, Newfoundland/Saint Alphonsus Parish and Missions). Group Leader: Rhonda-Lynn Cormier of Touched by Grace Canada. Contact: Joanne Thibeau (Parish Manager, Stella Maris Parish) to register or for more information: 902-580-5350 or operations@stellamarishalifax.com.

Parish-Supported Food Banks

St. Thomas Anglican Church in Fall River is holding its annual **chicken burger sale** at the Waverley Museum on Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 11 am to 2 pm. The museum is at 2463 Rocky Lake Drive. The monies earned will support their music ministry.

The Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank — The food bank is always in need of non-perishable food. Items can be dropped off at Holy Cross Church at Mass on Saturdays. Financial donations can also be e-transferred to mvfoodbank2020@gmail.com.

Beacon House Top 10 Most Wanted — mayonnaise, pasta sauce, juice boxes, cookies, granola bars, fruit cups, Kraft dinner, canned beans in tomato sauce, shampoo/conditioner, diapers sizes 4, 5, 6. Your donations are very much appreciated!

Caring and Sharing (Enfield) food bank — All non perishables accepted. Baskets and donation envelopes can be found by both St. Bernard Church entrances.



More info in next week's bulletin!