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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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EASTER SUNDAY - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 5, 2026

The Lord is Risen!!! Truly He has Risen as He promised!! ALLELUIA ALLELUIA!!!



Today we celebrate the great victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, Risen from the dead - Alleluia, Alleluia!!! After having journeyed for the 40 days of Lent and then celebrated the Triduum (the three Holy Days), we are prepared to now walk in the newness of life that Easter renders. For the next 50 days we will celebrate the Easter Season. I pray that this time of the year is a wonderful time of light, happiness and peace for you and your families. May we, as family in Faith, be strengthened and encouraged by the reality of Jesus' Resurrection. Happy & Blessed Easter to you all!!! ...Fr. Gerald

THANK YOU — To all of you who came to celebrate the Triduum and Easter, I want to extend a big thank you. To our choirs who put in an extra lot of time to assist our celebration with song; to our ministers of hospitality, Eucharistic ministers, readers, altar servers, and ushers - thank you so much. To those who take care of the livestream and the slides during Mass; to all who assisted with the preparation of our Churches over Lent, Holy Week and the Easter celebrations; to our sacristans; to all who helped make our liturgies true celebrations in praise of our God — a heartfelt expression of gratitude. May God Bless you all for what you do for our Parish. Happy Easter and thank you. ...Fr. Gerald

A Special Welcome — A very special welcome is extended to Gabriel Erskine, who was baptized at the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening. Also, to our candidates who were Confirmed and received Eucharist on Easter Sunday — Charles Murphy, Clarissa MacKenzie, Connor Forbes, Jill Carroll, Kennedy Turner, Larry Erskine, and Rebecca Forbes. Welcome to the Catholic Christian Community. We look forward to journeying with you in our walk of Faith.

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Online Survey — Thank you to all who took the time to fill out, either online or on paper, the recent survey conducted by Catholic Leadership Institute. The results of the survey will be processed and we hope to be able to utilize the results in a beneficial way for future visioning and planning for our parish. We very much appreciate your cooperation and assistance.

Parish Fundraiser — The Ways & Means Committee is selling tickets on beautiful wooden lawn furniture, made and donated by a member of Holy Cross Church! (Value: \$400.00) Tickets are 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. Draw date is May 9 at Holy Cross. Find a member of the Committee following Mass to buy tickets!!

Praying the Rosary at St. Bernard — A reminder that the Rosary is prayed at St. Bernard every Tuesday at 6 pm, before the 6:30 pm Mass.

Technology at St. Rose of Lima Church — We would like to create volunteer teams dedicated and trained on the technology used at St. Rose for projecting music on the screens and livestreaming the Mass on Facebook. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, you can speak with Phil Francis or call Lynette at the office. Our hope is to have everyone trained so there are always people at Mass who can work the equipment/provide the service and someone who can troubleshoot when there are issues. This is one more way you can participate in the life of your parish!

Children's Liturgy — We are still welcoming volunteers for this ministry. The more teams, the lighter the load for all.

Prayer/Baptismal Shawls — The St. Bernard CWL would like to thank all those who knit baptismal and/or prayer shawls for us! Your help is really appreciated. At the moment, we are really needing more baptismal shawls as supplies are running low. The baptismal shawls need to be 27" by 40". The prayer shawls need to be 27" by 60". Georgena Maclsaac has yarn on hand for the baptismal shawls and can be reached at 902-441-5780.

Donations to Local Food Banks — Thank you to those who contributed to the St. Rose of Lima CWL FOOD DRIVE for Beacon House on Good Friday, and to all who continually and regularly support our local food banks. God bless you all.

Mass Intentions for the week of April 6 to 12, 2026

Tuesday, April 7 @ 6:30 pm (St. Bernard) - Cecilia Edwards †
 Wednesday, April 8 @ 11:00 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Funeral Mass for Dianne Decker †
 Thursday, April 9 @ 12:00 pm (St. Bernard) - Joe MacLean †
 Friday, April 10 @ 12:00 pm (St. Rose of Lima) - Mary Jane MacNeil
 Saturday, April 11 @ 4 pm (Holy Cross) - Russell Carroll
 Sunday, April 12 @ 9 am (St. Bernard) - For the people
 Sunday, April 12 @ 11 am (St. Rose of Lima) - Jim Barrett

Please note that on **Wednesday, April 8, there will be a Funeral Mass for Dianne Decker at 11 am at St. Rose of Lima. Therefore, there will be no 6:30 pm Mass that day.**

Easter flowers beautifully decorating the churches of St. André Bessette Parish have been donated in memory of the following loved ones:

Wayne Ashley
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 Gerald and Barbara Walker
 Charlie and Rita White

Family Faith Formation Schedule

April 12	Final Classes	St. Bernard and St. Rose of Lima
April 19	1st Holy Communion Rehearsal	St. Rose of Lima @ 10 am
April 26	Confirmation Retreat	Following St. Rose of Lima 11 am Mass
May 3	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	St. Rose of Lima @ 11 am Mass (reception to follow)
May 31	SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION	St. Bernard @ 9 am Mass (reception to follow)



TWO GRAND in HAND — Thomas Bagley Council 11625 is selling Two Grand in Hand tickets with the draw to be held on Mother's Day. Tickets are \$10 each. Only 400 tickets to be sold. Tickets available after 9 am Masses at St. Bernard or by contacting John Steele @ 902-883-9471 or john.steele.67@gmail.com.

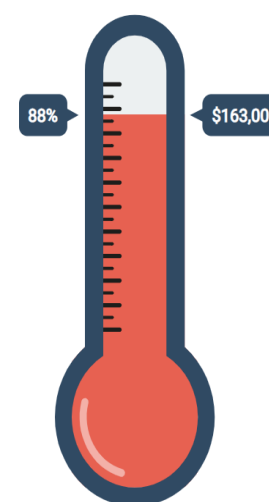
Going into the hospital? You can receive the Sacrament of the Sick before you go as a way to prayerfully and spiritually prepare for any medical procedures. We would also like to know so that we can pray for you. Father Ron Cairns has moved from on-site priest chaplain at the Halifax hospital sites to on-call emergency priest only. If you wish to speak to a priest, you or your family members can ask that he be contacted, or you can reach Father Gerald through the office.



SAVE THE DATE!

The St. André Bessette Ways & Means Committee is hosting a Merchandise BINGO on Friday, May 1 at the Waverley Legion. They are accepting prize donations, including gift cards. If you or your business would like to support this event or for more information, please contact Sarah White @ 902-499-7216 or smwhitey@outlook.com, Mary Anne Carew @ 902-430-5559 or carew.maryanne@gmail.com, or Irene Burgess @ 902-236-2088.

GOAL: \$186,000



St. Bernard Church Windows Replacement Project Update

The windows should be ready at the end of March, with a plan for installation after Easter. The parish has raised \$163,000 with **\$23,000 remaining** to reach our goal of \$186,000.

For those who are still planning to donate, there are envelopes as well as window sponsorship forms at the entrances of the churches.

Etransfers can be sent to stbernardsenfield@gmail.com.

Parish-Supported Food Banks

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 — Canned soups, canned vegetables/diced tomatoes, pasta, boxed cereal, granola bars, juice, canned fruit, mayonnaise, hygiene products. 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.

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