

Saint Bernard Church



January 9, 2022 Baptism of The Lord

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Mass Schedules

Weekends

Saturday Vigil ~ 5:00 PM

Sundays

7:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM

Weekdays

8:00 AM Monday through Friday

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Hours: Mon - Tues: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Thursday & Friday: Closed

Baptism: Please call Angelo at the Parish Center for information about scheduling and preparation.

Communion to the Sick: Please notify us of those sick and in need of Communion at home.

Marriage: Please call 10 months in advance.

Holy Orders: Tel: 401-831-8011
www.catholicpriest.com

Project Rachel: Post abortion counseling
Tel: 401-421-7833, ext. 118

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Following Tuesday's 8:00 AM Mass until 11:00 AM

Family Faith Formation Program

Our programs provide parishioners of all ages opportunities for learning, growing and living our Faith through common experiences, age-specific learning and interactive sharing. Please call the Parish Center for information regarding any of our programs or email:

First Communion Grade 2:
sbcreligiouseducation@gmail.com

Confirmation Grades 8 & 9: sbc.teenff@gmail.com

Gospel Weeklies Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7:
stbernardgospelweeklies@gmail.com

Ponderings

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord it provides the opportunity for us to reflect on the Sacrament of Baptism in our lives and the lives of others. I looked at some of the statistics that are relevant----and also for purposes of comparison. Consider the following:

--in 1970 there were 14.795 million baptisms in the Catholic Church worldwide

--in 2020 there were 12.723 million baptisms in the Catholic Church worldwide

--in 1970 there were 1.089 million baptisms in the United States

--in 2020 there were 545,710 million baptisms in the United States

The number of baptisms is going down in the United States and worldwide.

You might ask the question, ‘Why?’ One religion news writer has suggested the following reasons:

1. A rise in secularism. We live in an increasingly secular society. If some people are either ‘church-neutral’ or ‘anti-church’ then they are unlikely to bring their child to be baptized. One author says that among the nation’s 80 million ‘millennials’ (born between 1980 and 2000) only 15 percent call themselves ‘Christian’.
2. More interfaith marriages. The number of interfaith marriages continues to rise. The author says that some couples compromise by ditching specific faith rituals such as baptism to avoid contention.
3. Fewer ‘church marriages’. One author states that when a couple opts out of getting married in church, it’s an early sign that a couple may view the blessings of faith as optional for their family. In 1970 there were 426,000 marriages in U.S. Catholic churches---a full 20% of all U.S. marriages that year. By contrast, in 2011, there were 164,000 such weddings, only 8 % of all marriages. In both years Catholics were 23% of the population.
4. Misunderstandings. The author says the rising number of “out of wedlock” births may contribute to the decline in baptism. Single parents may be less apt to bring a child for baptism.

I do think there is some validity to each of these reasons. With that, I do know there are quite a few couples who have brought their babies to be baptized at St. Bernard. Some parents were not married in church. Some are from ‘inter-faith’ marriages and some are ‘single’ parents. It is all about giving the children the grace of the sacrament----so many helps and supports for each of them.

One catholic writer correctly states that many parents don’t understand the theology of baptism. He calls it the ‘most familiar but misunderstood sacrament’. He says it becomes a rite of passage for the family rather than what it really means---an incorporation into the Christian community. Some parents, for example, don’t realize that godparents should be Catholics or they are surprised when there is a ‘preparation class’ before the baptism.

I am always happy to provide for any parents a ‘short theology of baptism’ and speak to them about having their child baptized. So.....if you know of any young parents unsure about a baptism-----I’d be happy to speak to them.

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 10

8:00 AM – *Robert Viera*
by his family

TUESDAY, January 11

8:00 AM – *Innocents of Abortion*

WEDNESDAY, January 12

8:00 AM – *Kathleen Durand*

THURSDAY, January 13

8:00 AM – *William Morgan*
by a friend

FRIDAY, January 14

8:00 AM – *J. Francis Haggarty*
by his daughter Arlene

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 15

5:00 PM – *Stella Dabrowski*
by her family

SUNDAY, January 16

7:00 AM – *Special Intention*

8:30 AM – *Bowen Family*

10:30 AM – *Roberta Raffa*
by Dorothy Madusky

Soup-er Bowl! (Super Bowl!) Outreach to help the Poor

46 Cans Collected—454 to Go !!!

From January 1st through February 13th (the day of this year's Super Bowl) we will be collecting cans of SOUP for the North Kingstown Food Pantry. We are setting a 'challenge' to collect 500 cans of soup! Then on the weekend of February 12/13 the young people of the parish will hold 'Soup Bowls' at the exit for a 'free will' donation----which will support our parish's outreach to the poor and needy. (We purchase 'food cards' for those in need who approach us year round). As part of the Diocese of Providence's observance of its 150th anniversary Bishop Tobin has invited parishes to initiate or augment an 'outreach project' to help the community. Our Soup-er Bowl event is our initiative! Thanks for your support!

Life Is Messy

is the title of the book by Matthew Kelly that we selected to be given to parishioners on Christmas. "Thank you" to a parishioner (who wants to remain anonymous) for the donation of these books. We have distributed all of these books! If you are enjoying reading the book and find it helpful-----please pass it along to a family member, friend or neighbor when you finish! It is a good "New Year's Resolution" to do a bit of spiritual reading!

Giving Tree

Thank you for your generous response to our Giving Tree outreach project. We estimate that we collected more than 600 gifts in addition to many, many gift cards. It was not unusual to see a gift tag attached not to just one gift, but two or more. For example, there were so many instances where "a pair of socks" was listed on the tag---and the actual donation was "five pairs of socks". In other words, you were more generous than what the 'tag from the tree' asked! Thanks to Nancy Delaney who coordinates this project. The agencies and the families they serve are so very grateful for your donations!



Parish Support

	December 27, 2021	2020
Basket	\$6,893.00	\$7,174.00
ACH	\$2,815.00	\$2,440.00
	January 2, 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,718.00	\$5,489.00
ACH	\$2,494.00	\$2,587.00
YTD	\$274,959.00	\$261,265.63

Income Tax Statements

We will not be mailing out donation statements for Income Tax purposes to all our parishioners. The cost of mailing hundreds of statements is no longer affordable for us. If you would like us to mail you your statement, please contact the office by phone (295-0387) or e-mail us at

sbc.pa@verizon.net

We will be happy to send it out to you.

Men of St. Joseph

The Men of St. Joseph International is a Catholic association of men committed to Jesus Christ. Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday

January 12th at 7:00 PM

in the Parish Center. New members are welcome. Please join us and strengthen your faith through study of scripture and fellowship with other catholic men.

Morning Glory Gathering

Please join us for coffee and socializing on
Thursday, January 13th
after the 8:00 AM morning Mass in the Parish Hall

Coffee & Donuts

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for next weekend

January 16th

after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Come spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners.

January 2022 Events for LIFE

January 7 through February 6:
The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting various parishes throughout the Diocese of Providence from Friday, January 7 through Sunday, February 6, 2022. The full schedule will be available beginning January 3 by contacting 401-278-2518 or

LCooley@dioceseofprovidence.org,
and by visiting the diocesan website at
www.dioceseofprovidence.org.

January 15

The Annual Respect for Life Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 15, 2022 in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence. Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of Providence, will be the main celebrant. The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be on the altar for veneration during Mass.

January 19-27

9 Days for Life

This annual novena for the protection of human life is January 19 - 27, 2022. Sign up here -
9daysforlife.com.

January 20- 22

Annual Respect for Life Bus Trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC

Advance registration required, space is limited, first come, first served.

Basic Itinerary:

- Thurs. evening, Jan. 20 - bus leaves RI to DC
 - Fri., Jan. 21 - Mass, Rally and March in DC
- Early morning, Sat., Jan. 22 - return to RI

Please contact 401-278-2518 or

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to register and for all details. Groups are encouraged to register ASAP.

Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

St. Bernard Church will host this on Monday, January 24, 2022. After the morning 8:00 a.m. Mass there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a presentation on the Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Benediction will be at 11:00 a.m.

Faith Formation

Weather related Class Cancellations!
Please log on to www.turnto10.com or the local TV/
Radio Channels for updates

**** For safety reasons, masks are required for both adults and students in the Parish Center during Faith Formation class hours. ****

GOSPEL WEEKLIES PROGRAM

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

In-person class schedule
either 9:30-10:30am or 11:30am-12:30pm
Next Class: 1/23/22.

**** Return completed assignments to next in-person class**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

In-person class schedule:
2/6/22

Grade 2 & 8 is expected to return each Gospel Weekly to the next in person class. This is so the lesson from the Gospel of the week is reviewed in a timely manner and the program stays on track.

For more detailed information, please refer to your Weekly News Family email.

Catholicism 101

Fr. Gaffney is conducting an adult education series on Monday evenings (7:00-8:00 p.m.)--- ordinarily twice per month. (the complete schedule will be posted) We will take a first look (or second look) at the basic tenets of the Catholic faith. The next meetings will be **Monday, January 10th and Monday, January 24th**. Call the parish office if you have not already registered. Those planning to take this class are asked to purchase a copy of Waking Up Catholic by Chad R. Torgerson (publisher is Assisi Media).

Young at Heart Luncheon

Our next Young at Heart Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, February, 15, 2022.

Youth Ministry Events

We have some exciting Youth Ministry events coming up. These events are open to students in grades 8-12 and their friends. They will take place in the St. Bernard s Parish Center. Please RSVP to Christina at

sbc.teenff@gmail.com

the Monday prior to each event. Masks are required.

Thursday, January 27 6-8 PM Pizza and Movie Night. Please bring \$5 for pizza.

Thursday, February 24 6:30-8 PM Mardi Gras Party with Pancakes

Thursday, March 31 6:30-8 PM Family Feud Game Night

Steubenville East

St. Bernard's will be planning a trip to the Steubenville East Catholic Youth Conference this summer. The conference takes place at URI July 22-24, 2022, and is open to students going into high school in the fall of 2022 and students who graduated in the spring of 2022. There will be a meeting on 1/16 after the 10:30AM Mass at the Coffee & Donuts social where Christina will have pricing information and other details. If you any questions please email Christina at

sbc.teenff@gmail.com

or check out the Steubenville East website at

steubenvilleconferences.com/events/conf-east/

Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter

We are always in need of new socks, bath towels, and backpacks, twin-sized bedding, etc. Drop off items in the Church gathering space or at the Parish Center.

Stormy Weather and Daily Mass

If the public schools in North Kingstown are closed or delayed because of bad weather, our daily 8 AM Mass is also cancelled. We hope this will prevent people from venturing out in dangerous conditions just so see if we are open.

We cannot wait to see you!

St. Bernard Church Women's Bible Study



walking with purpose

SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

Come share in authentic friendships & meaningful discussions as our hearts are transformed by the Word of God.

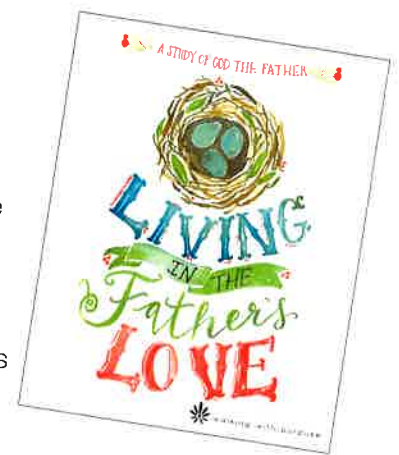
Are you looking for a way to refuel and be refreshed, make authentic connections with other women, and learn more about God? It's time to come back to community!

Our mission at Walking with Purpose is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies.

Living in the Father's Love

In a world where women are measured by their beauty, achievements and possessions, wouldn't it be nice to find a place where you could just be valued for who you are? *Living in the Father's Love* will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all.

This brief but powerful six-lesson Bible study is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself. Discover just how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love.



Walking with Purpose will meet on **Wednesdays, 9:45 - 11:45am, Parish Center**

From **February 2 through March 9, 2022**

For more information, contact **Mary: marykcapobianco@gmail.com. Jean: jbbam2@aol.com**