

Saint Bernard Church



January 23, 2022
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor, Emeritus
Rev. Charles Maher, Weekend Assistant

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Music Director: Alison Shea

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

Ponderings

On Monday, January 17th we marked the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The upcoming month of February is designated as “African-American History” month. With this in mind I would like to write about several holy men and women with a Black/African-American heritage who have been acknowledged by our Church as “Servant of God” or “Venerable” or “Blessed” or “Saint”.

Venerable Augustus Tolton. Rev. Augustus Tolton born in 1854 was a former slave who was baptized and raised a Catholic. He studied for the priesthood in Rome. His first public Mass was in St. Peter’s Basilica on Easter Sunday in 1886. He expected that he would be assigned to serve in an African mission, but he was directed to return to the United States to serve the black community. He was assigned to the diocese of Alton (now Springfield, IL). He later was assigned to Chicago. He led the development of St. Monica’s Catholic Church on the South Side of Chicago. His success at ministering to black Catholics quickly within the Catholic church. At the age of 43, on July 8, 1897, he collapsed and died the following day at Mercy Hospital as a result of the heat wave in Chicago in 1897.

Saint Josephine Bakhita. Sr. Josephine was born around 1869 in the Darfur region of Sudan. Sometime in February 1877 she was kidnapped by Arab slave traders. Although she was just a child, she was forced to walk barefoot over 600 miles to a slave market. For the next 12 years she would be bought, sold and given away over a dozen times. She was sold to the Italian Vice Consul and he brought her back to Italy. She served another family as a nanny. When the family went on a trip, she was put into the care of the Canossian Sisters in Venice. She came to learn about God. Josephine refused to leave the convent. She was baptized on January 9, 1890. She became a novice and in time took her final vows. For the next 42 years she served the community in a variety of capacities. She was known for her gentle voice and smile. On the evening of February 8, 1947, she died. She was canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 1, 2000.

Venerable Pierre Toussaint. Pierre was born a slave in 1766 in what is now Haiti. His great-grandmother had been born in Africa and sold into slavery in the Caribbean. Pierre worked as a house slave inside a plantation. The master sent his wife and daughter to New York when there was unrest in the country. Pierre and his sister were sent along with them. In America he was trained as a hairdresser. He was ‘freed’ from his service to the family in 1807, when he was 41. He married a former slave, Juliette Noel and adopted a daughter. The couple opened their home to orphans and as a refuge to those in need. He attended Mass every day for more than 60 years and was devoted to the Rosary. He gave a great deal of his money for the construction of the original St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Mulberry Street. When he died in 1853, he was buried in the cemetery of the cathedral. In 1990 the cardinal had his remains moved to the crypt of St. Patrick’s Cathedral where only cardinals and archbishops are buried. In 1996 Pope John Paul II declared Pierre Toussaint ‘venerable’.

Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman. Thea Bowman was in 1937, the only child of middle-aged parents, Dr. Theon Bowman, a physician and Mary Esther Bowman, a teacher. She was given the name Bertha Elizabeth Bowman. She converted to Catholicism through the inspiration of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration who were her teachers at Holy Child Jesus School in Canton, Mississippi. At the age of 15 she told her parents and friends she wanted to join the Franciscan Sisters---and began her religious formation in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. She was the only African-American member of her religious community. She was given the name Sister Mary Thea. She was trained to be a teacher. She taught all grade levels and eventually earned her doctorate becoming a college professor of English. She was eager to share her African-American religious heritage and spirituality. She became a highly acclaimed evangelizer, teacher, writer and singer sharing the joy of the Gospel and her rich cultural heritage. She died on March 30, 1990 at the age of 52 after a long battle with cancer.

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 24

8:00 AM – *Rev. David T. Perry*

TUESDAY, January 25

8:00 AM – *Mary Kivikoski*

WEDNESDAY, January 26

8:00 AM – *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

THURSDAY, January 27

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY, January 28

8:00 AM – *Thomas Cavanagh*

by Peter DiBiase & Michael Gaffney

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 29

5:00 PM – *Meghan Cooney*

by her family

SUNDAY, January 30

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Christine Kavanagh*

10:30 AM – *Madeline Calvano*

by the Choir

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

472 Cans Collected—28 to Go !!!

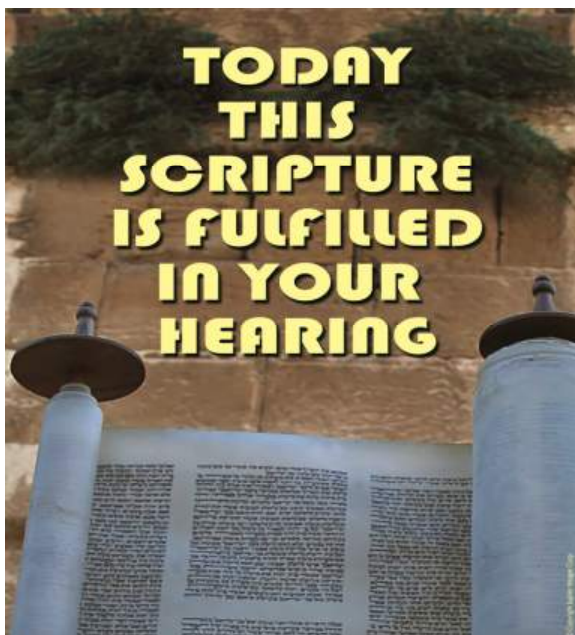
From January 1st through February 13th (the day of this year’s Super Bowl) we will be collecting cans of SOUP for the North Kingstown Food Pantry. We are setting a ‘challenge’ to collect 500 cans of soup! Then on the weekend of February 12/13 the young people of the parish will hold ‘Soup Bowls’ at the 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!

Lenten Soup and Scriptures

During the season of Lent we are offering a “Soup and Scripture” series on three Saturdays. The dates are Saturday March 5th, March 19th and April 2nd. Call or e-mail to register for each session one week in advance. Bring your Bible! We will meet in the Parish Center. While we are having a ‘soup lunch’ we will study the Gospel of Luke. During the Liturgical “Year C”----our Sunday Gospel readings (mostly) are from Luke’s Gospel. Please arrive between 11:30-11:45. We will begin at Noon and conclude by 1:00 p.m. There is a ‘free will’ offering for the soup!

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.



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

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.

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.

Young at Heart Luncheon

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

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 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.

Women's Bible Study

We were made for community and it's time to come back together in a deep way! *Living The Father's Love by Walking With Purpose* is a six-week Catholic women's Bible study designed to bring ALL women together for authentic relationship and meaningful discussion around the Word of God. NO Bible experience is necessary! Light refreshments will be served. Wednesdays, February 2 - March 9, 2022, from 9:45 -11:45 am in the Parish Center. All women and their friends are welcome. To attend please:

1) Sign up; 2) Buy the workbook from the *Walking With Purpose* website; 3) Come with the workbook, a Bible, a pen, and an open heart! To RSVP and/or to share any questions, please contact: Mary Capobianco: (marykcapobianco@gmail.com) or Jean Martish (jjbbam2@aol.com)

Young at Heart February Luncheon

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 (sign in at 11:30 AM)

Menu: To Be Determined

Name (s): _____

Cost: \$12.00 per person. Cash: _____ Check _____ (Made out to St. Bernard)

Please respond by Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

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
Today 1/23/22. Next Class: 1/30/22.

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

In-person class schedule:
2/6/22, 3/6/22

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 meeting will be **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).

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.