

Saint Bernard Church



January 30, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor, Emeritus

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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

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

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

Ponderings

A new Doctor of the Church. Recently, Pope Francis decreed that St. Irenaeus is now a “Doctor of the Church”. There are just 36 saints who have that special title “Doctor”. Seventeen of the thirty-six Doctors of the Church lived before the Great Schism of 1054 and are also revered by Orthodox Christians.

St. Irenaeus was born in Smyrna (in modern day Turkey) around 125 A.D. He was raised in a Christian home and grew in his belief in Jesus Christ through the preaching of St. Polycarp, a disciple of the Apostle John. He was ordained and eventually sent to Lyons as its second bishop. The need for a bishop in (Gaul) France at this early time in the Church’s life indicates her tremendous growth and expansion. He was a great teacher of the faith and also a shepherd in the midst of struggles and difficulties with various ‘heresies’ of the time. He was adamant in his instruction that the Gospel was for every man and woman, not just for ‘elite groups’. He produced a treatise in five books in which he sets forth the inner doctrines of the various sects and afterwards contrasts them with the teaching of the Apostles and the text of Sacred Scripture. His work, written in Greek but quickly translated to Latin, was widely circulated and succeeded in dealing a death-blow to one of the heresies---Gnosticism. The exact date of his death is not known----likely it was in 202. He was martyred. The bodily remains were buried in a crypt under the altar of what was then called the church of St. John but was later known by the name of St. Irenaeus. Sadly, the tomb was destroyed during the French Revolution and it is believed all traces of his relics were thrown into the river.

In a speech to a group of Catholic and Orthodox theologians last October, Pope Francis called St. Irenaeus “a great spiritual and theological bridge between Eastern and Western Christians.”

I had the chance to visit Lyon and with some of my fellow travelers we searched for the church where he was buried-----only to find the church locked and learned that his ‘remains’ had been thrown into the river.

Below is a quote from one of the volumes of his works, “Against Heresies”.

*It is not you that shapes God
it is God that shapes you.
If you are the work of God
await the hand of the artist
who does all things in due season.
Offer him your heart,
soft and tractable,
and keep the form
in which the artist has fashioned you.
Let your clay be moist,
lest you grow hard
and lose the imprint of his fingers.
--St. Irenaeus*

This new Doctor of the Church indeed has much to teach us. St. Irenaeus, Pray for Us!

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 31

8:00 AM – *Domenic D’Agostino*

TUESDAY, February 1

8:00 AM – *Margaret Brueggman*
by her family

WEDNESDAY, February 2

8:00 AM – *Catherine & Philip Haggarty*
by Arlene Gardiner

THURSDAY, February 3

8:00 AM – *Edward Keenan*

FRIDAY, February 4

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 5

5:00 PM – *Dorothy Chevalier*
by her family

SUNDAY, February 6

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Br. John J. Kusmierz, OP*

10:30 AM – *Linda Newman*

by the Altieri Family

Coffee & Donuts

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for next weekend, **February 6th**, after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Come spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners.

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

February 2 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.

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

We have reached our goal of 500 cans!

Thank you for your great response to this project ---in honor of our diocese’s 150th anniversary. We are now one of the 150 ‘acts of charity’! We will continue to collect cans of soup until Super Bowl Sunday (February 13th). On the weekend of February 12/13 we will have a ‘free will offering’ as you leave Mass---and from that we will purchase food gift cards for our parish outreach to the poor. Thanks for your support!

Take the Synod Survey!

Pope Francis has asked every diocese across the world to engage people for a “listening phase” of the Synod on Synodality. Let your voice be heard—take the Diocese of Providence’s synodal survey and learn about other ways to participate at

<https://dioceseofprovidence.org/synod>.

Who should take the survey?

Everyone! Catholics, other Christians, and non-Christians alike. We want to know about your experience with the Catholic Church—experiences that have been positive, negative, and everything in between.

What else is happening?

Next, the diocese will hold in-person regional and virtual listening sessions around Rhode Island. Stay tuned for dates and locations.

What is the Synod?

Started October 2021 by Pope Francis, the Synod of Synodality (officially titled “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”) aims to create discussions around broadening participation in the Church.

Have comments or questions?

Contact the diocesan Synod Committee by email at faithformation@dioceseofprovidence.org or by phone at 401-278-4646.

Parish Support

	January 9, 2022	2021
Basket	\$5,694.00	\$6,736.00
ACH	\$2,720.00	\$2,632.00
	January 16, 2022	2021
Basket	\$7,019.00	\$7,341.00
ACH	\$2,682.00	\$2,575.00
YTD	\$293,074.00	\$280,549.63

A Message from the North Kingstown Food Pantry

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the North Kingstown Food Pantry, I want to thank you for your support in 2021. Your generosity helped the Pantry collect and distribute food and other necessities for approximately 400 families in need. Our records show that you gave a total of 2,824 pounds of food during 2021.

Kimberly A. Page, President

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

LCooly@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 1/30/22. Next Class: 2/13/22

**** 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.

“Nonviolence Today: What can Dr. Martin Luther King Teach Us?”

Join us for a coffee an', with a presentation by Roberta Ralph Opara, adjunct professor at the University of Rhode Island (Graduate School and Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies). With escalating violence in so many places in our country this is a timely topic for our reflection. The presentation will take place in the Parish Center at 8:30 am.- 9:30 am (after the Morning 8:00 Mass) on **Friday, February 18th**. Please join us and invite a friend. Open to ALL.

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

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

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!

Catholicism 101

Fr. Gaffney is conducting an adult education series on Monday evenings (7:00-8:00 p.m.)----We will take a first look (or second look) at the basic tenets of the Catholic faith. The next meeting will be **Monday, February 21st**. 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).

Remember St. Bernard Church in your will and estate planning. Thank you.