

# Saint Bernard Church



February 06, 2022  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Rev. Charles Maher, Weekend Assistant

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**Business Manager:** David Cote  
**Elementary Faith Formation:** Dawn Masterson  
**Youth Faith Formation:** Christina Pichette  
**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](http://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](mailto:sbcreligiouseducation@gmail.com)

Confirmation Grades 8 & 9: [sbc.teenff@gmail.com](mailto:sbc.teenff@gmail.com)

Gospel Weeklies Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7:  
[stbernardgospelweeklies@gmail.com](mailto:stbernardgospelweeklies@gmail.com)

## *Ponderings*

You have seen the announcement in the bulletin about “Taking the Synod Survey” ---which may have left you with more than a few questions. I do encourage you to take the survey on-line-----everyone in the diocese can take the survey. Dioceses around the world are engaging in similar activities. I thought I would take the next few “Ponderings” columns to provide a bit more information about the Synod that Pope Francis has initiated.

What is a synod? The word ‘synod’ comes from the Greek word ‘synodos’ which is comprised of two root words, ‘syn’ meaning ‘together’ and hodos, meaning the way, path or journey.’ One definition for the word ‘synod’ then is ‘journey together.’ Where are we journeying together? In the Gospel of John, we hear Jesus say, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” The Greek word for ‘the way’ is ‘hodos.’ Where should our journey be headed? We journey together, following Jesus Christ, prompted by the Holy Spirit, toward God the Father.

The Church has long used the term ‘synod’ to refer to a gathering of bishops or priests who come together to discuss matters of doctrine or ecclesiastical life. In 1965 Pope Paul VI established the Synod of Bishops that would meet every few years. The next Synod planned for 2023 with the theme, “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission” will be the 16<sup>th</sup> ordinary synod since 1965. In preparation for this Synod, Pope Francis has outlined several phases, including a diocesan phase which began on Sunday, October 17, 2021, with Bishop Tobin celebrating Mass at the Cathedral.

According to the International Theological Commission in “Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church” synodality is the way of ‘living and operating’ of the Church, the People of God, which reveals and gives substance to her being as a communion when all her members journey together, gather in assembly and take an active part in her evangelizing mission.’ The idea of synods is not something new; synods emerged from the early Church and the 2021-2023 synod process is not simply ‘another program’. Therefore, ‘having a synod’ is just part of synodality---a way of being Church, not just an event or program.

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer “Adsumus Sanctae Spiritus” ---translated, “We stand before You, Holy Spirit!” which was historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, attributed to St. Isidore of Seville. The prayer printed below calls on the Holy Spirit to guide us in this ‘synodal way.’

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.  
All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. Amen.

More information about the Synod will be coming in future ‘Ponderings’ ..... for now, why not take the survey ‘online’ .....

--Fr. Gaffney



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, February 7**

8:00 AM – *Robert V. Farley*

**TUESDAY, February 8**

8:00 AM – *Innocents of Abortion*

**WEDNESDAY, February 9**

8:00 AM – *Rev. Christopher Davenport*

**THURSDAY, February 10**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**FRIDAY, February 11**

8:00 AM – *Sheridan Darcy*  
by his wife

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, February 12**

5:00 PM – *Donald Barker*  
by his wife

**SUNDAY, February 13**

7:00 AM – *Thomas Flatley*  
by his wife

8:30 AM – *Deceased of the Velino Family*

10:30 AM – *Roberta Raffa*

by the Choir

## 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 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are now one of the 150 'acts of charity'! We will continue to collect cans of soup until Super Bowl Sunday (February 13<sup>th</sup>). 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?

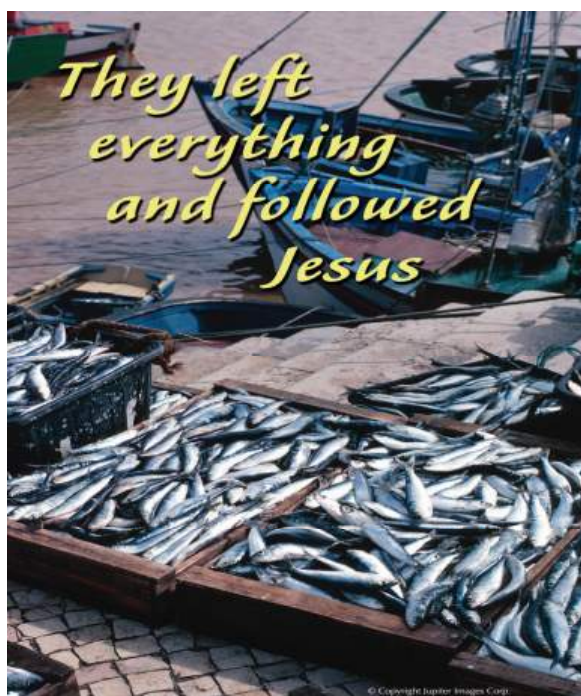
Next, the diocese will hold in-person regional and virtual listening sessions around Rhode Island. Stay tuned for dates and locations.

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](mailto:faithformation@dioceseofprovidence.org) or by phone at 401-278-4646.



### Parish Support

	January 23, 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,246.00	\$3,644.00
ACH	\$2,830.00	\$2,555.00
	January 30, 2022	2021
Basket	\$809.00	\$7,230.00
ACH	\$2,940.00	\$2,130.00
YTD	\$296,823.00	\$290,208.25

### Annual Collection Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Annual Collection. This important source of income for our parish has been growing each year. It helps us to maintain our financial viability as a parish. To date we have received: \$61,111. Last year the grad total for the Annual Collection was: \$69, 678. Contributions continue to be gratefully accepted.

### Budget Make-Ups

Thank you for making up your budget contributions to the church when we have a weekend like last week's "Blizzard Weekend." Costs such as heating and snowplowing only increase during the winter months. It is your generosity that keeps St. Bernard parish going!

### Young at Heart Luncheon

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

### 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 5<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Call or e-mail the parish office 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!

### 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](mailto:marykcapobianco@gmail.com)) or Jean Martish ([jjbbam2@aol.com](mailto: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](http://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: 2/13/22

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

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM**

*Grades 2, 8, 9*

In-person class schedule:  
Today: 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 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto: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

## **St. Bernard Scholarship Fund**

Applications are now available on the Parish web site and at the Parish Center for graduating high school seniors of the Parish. Three \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded in June 2022. To be considered, completed applications must be returned by April 15, 2022.

## **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).

## **Morning Glory Gathering**

Please join us for coffee and socializing on **Thursday, February 10** after the 8:00 AM morning Mass in the Parish Hall.

## **K of C Breakfast (Public Invited)**

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, February 13th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, French Toast, Home Fries, Breakfast Pastries, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.