

# Saint Bernard Church



February 13, 2022  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor**

[sbc.pastor@aol.com](mailto:sbc.pastor@aol.com)

Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor, Emeritus

Rev. Charles Maher, Weekend Assistant

**Pastoral Assistant:** Angelo Giacchi  
**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

**Address:** 275 Tower Hill Road  
North Kingstown, RI 02852

**Phone :** 401-295-0387

**E-mail:** [sbc.bus@verizon.net](mailto:sbc.bus@verizon.net)

**Web:** [www.stbernardnk.org](http://www.stbernardnk.org)

**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*

Did you take the Synod Survey online yet? As mentioned in the previous “Ponderings” column I will use this forum to write more about the Synod that Pope Francis has initiated with various phases (2021-2023).

In the “Preparatory Document” our Holy Father writes, “It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.” The journey, which follows in the wake of the Church’s ‘renewal’ proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission. Our ‘journeying together’ is, in fact, what most effectively enacts and manifests the nature of the Church as the pilgrim and missionary People of God.

The document goes on to list the main objectives, which manifest synodality as the form, the style and the structure of the Church;

- recalling how the Spirit has guided the Church’s journey through history and, today, calls us to be, together, witnesses of God’s love;

- living a participative and inclusive ecclesial process that offers everyone—especially those who for various reasons find themselves on the margins---the opportunity to express themselves and to be heard in order to contribute to the edification of the People of God.

- recognizing and appreciating the wealth and the variety of the gifts and charisms that the Spirit liberally bestows for the good of the community and the benefit of the entire human family;

- exploring participatory ways of exercising responsibility in the proclamation of the Gospel and in the effort to build a more beautiful and habitable world;

- examining how responsibility and power are lived in the Church as well as structures by which they are managed, bringing to light and trying to convert prejudices and distorted practices that are not rooted in the Gospel;

- accrediting the Christian community as a credible subject and reliable partner in paths of social dialogue, healing, reconciliation, inclusion and participation, the reconstruction of democracy, the promotion of fraternity and social friendship;

- regenerating relationships among members of Christian communities as well as between communities and other social groups

- fostering the appreciation and appropriation of the fruits of recent synodal experiences on the universal, regional, national and local levels.

The first phase of the Synod is a ‘listening and consulting the People of God’ phase. That is what is taking place in dioceses around the world. The “Synod Survey” is practical way for ‘listening and consulting’-----for inviting and engaging members of parishes to participate.

In my next “Ponderings” I will highlight some of the historical context for the Synod and why Pope Francis believes this is important to take into consideration as we begin this process. He quotes from the documents of Vatican II when he states we need to “scrutinize the signs of the time and interpret them in the light of the Gospel.”

--Fr. Gaffney



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, February 14**

8:00 AM – *Helen Connelly*

**TUESDAY, February 15**

8:00 AM – *Maggie Nicholson*  
by her family

**WEDNESDAY, February 16**

8:00 AM – *Rev. Charles Downing*

**THURSDAY, February 17**

8:00 AM – *Rev. Kevin Brassil*

**FRIDAY, February 18**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, February 19**

5:00 PM – *Donald Chamberlain*  
by his family

**SUNDAY, February 20**

7:00 AM – *Ann & Francis Canning*  
by their family

8:30 AM – *Jonathan Salisbury*  
by his parents

10:30 AM – *Madeline Healey*  
by her family

## 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!

## Soup-er Bowl Challenge

From January 1<sup>st</sup> through Superbowl Sunday (February 13<sup>th</sup>) the parishioners of St. Bernard Church have been donating cans of soup for the North Kingstown Food Pantry. The goal of 500 cans has been surpassed (now at more than 700 cans). Donated food items are brought weekly to the Food Pantry. This Soup-er Bowl challenge has been an effort to enhance those regular donations of food. (pictured in photo: Rev. David F. Gaffney, pastor and Mr. Jim Jahnz, Secretary for Catholic Charities and Social Ministry)



Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.

LUKE 6:20-21A

SIXTH SUNDAY  
in Ordinary Time

13  
2022  
FEBRUARY

Copyright © J.B. Pawlik Co. Inc. • Photos © Lee Litzberg • www.jbpc.com  
Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass • 1989, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2008

### **Parish Support**

	January 30, 2022	2021
Basket	\$809.00	\$7,230.00
ACH	\$2,940.00	\$2,130.00
	February 6, 2022	2021
Basket	\$12,852.00	\$7,402.00
ACH	\$2,640.00	\$2,107.00
YTD	\$307,941.00	\$290,053.63

### **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!

### **Men of St. Joseph**

There will be a meeting of the Men of St Joseph On February 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the basement of St. Joseph Church, 1200 Mendon Road, Woonsocket. There will be a talk by Bob Marcotte on “How God Speaks to Us through His Word” and by Deacon John Regan on “Grace Happens”. For more information, contact: Dennis Blanchette at 401-829-6068 or email at dennis\_blanchette@yahoo.com.

### **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.

### **Young at Heart Luncheon**

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

### **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  
Today: 2/13/22, 2/27/22

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

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM**

*Grades 2, 8, 9*

In-person class schedule:  
Next Class:, 3/6/22, 3/20/22

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).

## **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.

## **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.