

Saint Bernard Church



February 20, 2022 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

If you have read the last two columns you know that we have been exploring what the Synod on Synodality is all about!

In the preparatory document we read, “The synodal journey unfolds within a historical context marked by epochal changes in society and by a crucial transition in the life of the Church, which cannot be ignored: it is within the folds of the complexity of this context, in its tensions and contradictions, that we are called to ‘scrutinize the signs of the times and interpret them in the light of the Gospel’ (Gaudium et Spes, no. 4).

Our Holy Father goes on to say that the global tragedy of the Covid-19 pandemic “momentarily revived the sense that we are a global community, all in the same boat, where one person’s problems are the problems of all. Once more we realized that no one is saved alone; we can only be saved together.” (Fratelli Tutti, no. 32)

Even with this universal experience we know that the Church faces unique situations in various countries around the world. Alongside countries where the Church welcomes the majority of the population and represents a cultural reference point for the whole of society, there are others where Catholics are a minority; in some of these countries, Catholics, together with other Christians, experience forms of persecution, including some very violent ones, and not infrequently martyrdom. If, on the one hand, a secularized mentality tends to expel religion from the public space, on the other hand, religious fundamentalism, without respect for the liberties of others, feeds forms of intolerance and violence that are also reflected in the Christian community and in its relations with society.

Within this context, of some common experiences, but also with experiences that are very unique, synodality represents the main road for the Church, called to renew herself under the action of the Holy Spirit and by listening to the Word. The ability to imagine a different future for the Church and her institutions, in keeping with the mission she has received, depends largely on the decision to initiate processes of listening, dialogue and community discernment, in which each and every person can participate and contribute. The document continues, “At the same time, the decision to ‘journey together’ is a prophet sign for the human family, which needs a shared project capable of pursuing the good of all. A Church capable of communion and fraternity, of participation and subsidiarity, in fidelity to what she proclaims, will be able to stand beside the poor and the least and lend them her own voice. In order to ‘journey together’ we need to let ourselves be educated by the Spirit to a truly synodal mentality, entering with courage and freedom of heart into a conversion process that is indispensable for the ‘continual reformation of which (the Church) always has need, in so far as she is a human institution.’”

The document points out that ‘synodality’ ----or ‘journeying together’ ----was the ordinary way the Church conducted business. The document states, “In the first millennium, ‘journeying together---that is, practicing synodality---was the ordinary way in which the Church, understood as “people united in the unity of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” acted.

We will continue in future columns to explore the meaning of ‘synodality’ and how we might ‘journey together’ as a church in the years ahead.

--Fr. Gaffney

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place immediately after the morning Mass on Tuesdays (approximately 8:30 a.m.) Benediction and reposi- tion at 11:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for quiet, prayerful reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 21

8:00 AM – *Jacqueline V. Johnson*

TUESDAY, February 22

8:00 AM – *Agnes McDade*
by her family

WEDNESDAY, February 23

8:00 AM – *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

THURSDAY, February 24

8:00 AM – *William Morrissey*
100 Birthday Remembrance by his family

FRIDAY, February 25

8:00 AM – *Carl Battaglia*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 26

5:00 PM – *Anna Keenan*

SUNDAY, February 27

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Dorothea Brennan*
by Dr. Frank Connor

10:30 AM – *Sheila Collum*

by her family

Lenten ‘Soup and Scripture’ Series: The Gospel of Luke

Saturday, March 5th

Arrival: 11:30-11:45 a.m.
Bible Study with soup lunch: Noon.
End time: 1:00 pm.
Bring your Bible.

Please register me for this session:
(Name) _____

Lent at St. Bernard

Ash Wednesday (March 2nd) 8:00 a.m. Mass with Distribution of Ashes; 12 Noon Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes; 7:00 p.m. Mass with Distribution of Ashes.

Weekdays: Mass at 8:00 a.m. *Come for Morning Mass, Monday-Friday at 8:00 a.m.*

The Magnificat Lenten Companion. *Pick up a copy of this publication with daily reflections. One per household, please.*

Stations of the Cross. *This devotional prayer will take place on Friday mornings immediately after the Morning Mass. (This worked out well last year!)*

Soup and Scripture Series. *Fr. Gaffney will offer a “Bible Study” focusing on the Gospel of Luke on three Saturdays at Noon. A simple meal of ‘soup’ will be offered. The dates are: March 5, March 19 and April 2. Bring your Bible. Arrive at the parish center 11:30-11:45. Each session will begin at Noon and end at 1:00 p.m. A free will offering will be accepted. Please call, e-mail, or return response slip in the bulletin to the parish center one week in advance.*

Rice Bowls. *These will be available if you would like to use them for ‘sacrificial giving’ during Lent.*

Children’s Lenten Packet. *Something new! We have assembled a packet of Lenten activities appropriate for grades K-5. Why not get one for your child, grandchild or godchild! There is a \$5.00 offering per packet. (A limited number of packets are available)*

Sacrament of Penance. *We will increase the time available on Saturday afternoons. We will add 30 minutes to the time for ‘confessions’. For the Saturdays of Lent we will offer the sacrament of Penance from 3:30-4:30 p.m.*

All Day Confessions. *On Saturday, March 26, at Our Lady of Mercy Church, East Greenwich, there will be several priests available from 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. for the sacrament of Penance.*

Parish Support

	February 6, 2022	2021
Basket	\$12,852.00	\$7,402.00
ACH	\$2,640.00	\$2,107.00
	February 13, 2022	2021
Basket	\$7,767.00	\$6,530.00
ACH	\$2,648.00	\$1,628.00
YTD	\$318,356.00	\$306,742.00

Debt Reduction Collection

We are off to a good start! Thank you for your generosity in this new collection which started in January 2022. The amount received for the month of January was \$2,472. Every monthly contribution gets us a little closer to eliminating the 'debt'.

Parish Office Closed

On Monday February 21, 2022 the Parish Office will be closed in honor of President's Day

Men of St. Joseph

There will be a meeting of the Men of St Joseph On February 24th 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 or by phone at 401-278-4646.

Young at Heart Luncheon

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

Young at Heart March Luncheon

Tuesday, March 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, March 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
Next Class: 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.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations



A gentle reminder that Church law requires abstinence from meat, meat soups or other dishes made from meat (for those 14 and older) on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days. Adults between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less: that means, take no solid food between meals and only one meal that day should be a full one. Those with special health restrictions should always follow their doctor's advice before fasting.

Youth Ministry Events

Join us on **Tuesday, March 1st** from 6:30-8PM for a Mardi Gras Party! This has been one of our most popular Youth Ministry events in the past, and we are so excited to bring it back. We will have facepainting, games, pancakes, and more! This event is open to students in grades 8-12 and their friends, and will take place in the Parish Center. Please RSVP to Christina at:
sbc.teenff@gmail.com
by Friday, 2/25 so that we can plan accordingly.

There will be a virtual meeting on **Sunday, February 27th** at 7PM to go over details for this summer's trip to Steubenville East on July 29th-31st in Springfield, MA. Steubenville East is a high school Catholic Youth Conference hosted by Life Teen. This year's theme is 'Fearless,' and will feature a ministry team that includes nationally recognized speakers such as Mark Hart, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, and Chika Anyanwu. More details can be found at
<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/conf-east/>.
For the Google Meet link please email Christina at **sbc.teenff@gmail.com**.

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).