

# Saint Bernard Church



## February 27, 2022 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor, Emeritus

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**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*

LENT IS UPON US! Once again we approach the season of Lent. How will you enter into the season of Lent? How can you intentionally enter into the season? I think a thoughtful, pro-active approach to this season will set us up for a 'fruitful Lent.' Perhaps you might think of making a "Personal Lenten Program"-----putting together one or more spiritual practices or activities that might be helpful in 'engaging' the season of Lent.

As has been printed in the bulletin there are a few "building blocks" for a Personal Lenten Program being offered by the parish:

1. Ash Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have Mass with the distribution of ashes at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. In addition, there will be a Prayer Service/Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of ashes at 12 Noon.
2. We have weekday mass at 8:00 a.m. Many people find that coming to daily Mass during the Lenten season-----with the Lenten scripture readings and Lenten prayers that are part of the mass are a help to entering into the season.
3. We will make available The Magnificat Lenten Companion booklets for the season of Lent. These 'one page' reflections for each day of Lent can help us to enter into our own personal reflection. I often suggest finding a few quiet minutes----even with a cup of coffee----and read through that days' reflection! Parishioners have found these booklets during Advent and Lent to be helpful.
4. Stations of the Cross. This devotional prayer will take place after morning mass on Fridays. We tried this last year and quite a few people stayed after mass to pray the Stations. I am told that many more people have stayed for the 'morning' stations of the cross than had been coming for the 'late afternoon' stations of the cross in the pre-Covid period.
5. Soup and Scripture Series. I will be offering a "Bible Study" focusing on the Gospel of Luke on three Saturdays during Lent at 12 noon. A simple meal of 'soup' will be offered. The dates are March 5, 19 and April 2. Bring your Bible. Arrive at the parish center 11:30-11:45 am. 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 the response slip in the bulletin to the parish center one week in advance so that we can plan accordingly.
6. Rice Bowls. These will be available if you would like to use them for 'sacrificial giving' during Lent. When you turn them in at the end of Lent we ask that you put 'paper money' in the box-----it is difficult for us to handle the coins.
7. Children's Lenten Packets. 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 \$5.00 offering per packet. (A limited number of packets are available.) See the display in the gathering space.
8. Sacrament of Penance. We will increase the time available on Saturday afternoons during the season of Lent. We will add 30 minutes for the time for 'confessions'. For the Saturdays of Lent we will offer the sacrament of Penance from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
9. All Day Confessions. This opportunity is available on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 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. I will be one of the 'confessors' there during part of that day.
10. Personal Prayer. In addition to the opportunities offered at the parish your own time of personal prayer can be a way to enter into the Lenten season.

Let the Season of Lent begin! Let us accompany one another by praying for each other!

--Fr. Gaffney



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, February 28**  
8:00 AM – *Joan Keenan*

**TUESDAY, March 1**  
8:00 AM – *Benjamin Delaney*

**WEDNESDAY, March 2: Ash Wednesday**  
8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*  
7:00 PM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**THURSDAY, March 3**  
8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**FRIDAY, March 4**  
8:00 AM – *James Koshivos*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, March 5**  
5:00 PM – *Carmelo Mazzarella*

**SUNDAY, March 6**  
7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *William Linehan*

10:30 AM – *Robert Madusky, Sr.*  
6th Anniversary by his wife & son

## Bishop Hendricken Open House

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open House on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Information on academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The entrance exam for prospective 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 401-889-5425.

## Office of Life & Family

Dr. Fr. Gaffney,  
I want to thank you for hosting The Missionary Image of Our lady of Guadalupe this year. We hope that your parish will continue to receive many graces and blessings from our lady. She definitely brings faith, hope and consolation to many and softens hearts along the way.

This year we had a few challenges, but we were able to visit 21 parishes, 4 Catholic schools, and 1 pregnancy center. We never tire of telling the story of the many miracles and conversions of our lady of Guadalupe because the message is always relevant to our day and Our Lady is continuing to do her job of changing hearts and minds by drawing people to her Son.

God's blessings to you and all your parishioners!

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Lisa Cooley, Coordinator

## Lenten 'Soup and Scripture' Series: The Gospel of Luke

**Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

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) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parish Support**

|        | February 13, 2022 | 2021         |
|--------|-------------------|--------------|
| Basket | \$7,767.00        | \$6,530.00   |
| ACH    | \$2,648.00        | \$1,628.00   |
|        | February 20, 2022 | 2021         |
| Basket | \$6,993.00        | \$7,444.00   |
| ACH    | \$2,551.00        | \$2,724.00   |
| YTD    | \$327,900.00      | \$316,910.00 |

### **Kitchen Krew**

An opportunity to volunteer at the parish! We are now using our beautiful parish center more and more. It is good that we are able to use this space. With more groups using the kitchen, I think it would be helpful to have One or Two Kitchen Krews to help keep good order in the kitchen. I am thinking each Krew could be 2-4 people who would come in for one hour a month to “tidy up” the kitchen. No heavy lifting involved! Clean counters. Put away supplies. Take an inventory of supplies we may need: plates, cups, etc. Contact the parish office if you are interested in volunteering. Thanks!

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

### **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, 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](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  
Class today: 2/27/22  
Next Class: 3/13/22, 3/27/22

*\*\* 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, 4/3/22

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](mailto:sbc.teenff@gmail.com)**  
by today (2/27/22) at noon 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

**[steubenvilleconferences.com/events/conf-east/](http://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/conf-east/)**.  
For the Google Meet link please email Christina at **[sbc.teenff@gmail.com](mailto: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, March 7th**. 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).