

# Saint Bernard Church



March 6, 2022  
First Sunday of Lent

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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](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*

As I am writing this column about the situation in Ukraine, please note that the bulletin is sent to the printer on Wednesday. What I write about here will not be totally 'up-to-date' with new things happening every day in this conflict.

I thought I would focus on some of what the 'church news agencies' are reporting about how the church and religious institutions are coping with the current conflict.

On February 27<sup>th</sup> Pope Francis said his heart was 'broken' by the war in Ukraine and he pleaded again, 'silence the weapons.' At that same time Pope Francis had phoned Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. In a tweet, Zelenskyy thanked Pope Francis, "for praying for peace in Ukraine and a cease-fire. The Ukrainian people feel the spiritual support of his Holiness." The phone call came the day after the Holy Father made the diplomatically unusual gesture of going to the Russian Embassy to the Holy See to express his concern about the war. Usually, a head of state would have an ambassador come to him. In a statement after the pope's embassy visit, the Ukrainian Catholic Church said Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv-Halych "hopes the meeting represents a further push for dialogue to prevail over force. The Ukrainian people, who are defending themselves courageously, cry to the world, 'stop the war'".

Pope Francis also remembered the Ukrainians in the bunkers and those fleeing the war, especially "the elderly, those seeking refuge in these hours, mothers fleeing with their children. They are our brothers and sisters for whom humanitarian corridors must be opened as a matter of urgency and who must be welcomed."

In addition, the Catholic bishops' conference of Russia has called on political leaders to end the conflict with Ukraine. The bishops of the five dioceses in Russia said, "we call upon all the politicians on whom this decision depends to do decisively everything to end this conflict." There are fewer than 800,000 Catholics in Russia, comprising roughly 0.5% of the 144 million population, which is mostly Russian Orthodox. The bishops asked Russian Catholics to devote themselves to intensified prayers and fasting for the preservation of human lives, especially on March 2, Ash Wednesday, in response to Pope Francis' appeal to Catholics worldwide.

The president of Poland's Catholic bishops' conference appealed to Poles to show 'open and hospitable hearts' to refugees from Ukraine. He said, "In this situation...I appeal to my compatriots to have open and hospitable hearts for refugees from Ukraine who will want to find sanctuary in Poland. Everyone has the right to live in peace and security. Everyone has the right to seek for themselves and their loved ones conditions that will ensure a secure life."

Polish religious and clergy working in the country have refused to leave Ukraine. There are an estimated 300 religious and diocesan clergy from Poland in Ukraine. "We have a brother from Ukraine that will be ordained in three months and was supposed to leave then for Ukraine, but he asked me to go now," Father Lukasz Wisniewski, the Dominican provincial in Poland said. "He wants to be with his people." He continues, "Yesterday I was on the phone with our brothers in Ukraine the entire morning---they all declared they are staying." There are 25 brothers in the Vicariate of Ukraine, which is part of the Polish Dominican province.

Capuchin Brother Tomasz Zak of the Franciscan Capuchins said, "we have 36 brothers in Ukraine, most are Polish and Ukrainian, but there are also a few Russians. One of them, our Russian brother, just left with the Ukrainian army as their chaplain."

Let us continue to pray for the cause of peace in this entire region.

--Fr. Gaffney



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, March 7**

8:00 AM – *Paul H. Leddy*

**TUESDAY, March 8**

8:00 AM – *Innocents of Abortion*

**WEDNESDAY, March 9**

8:00 AM – *Elfrieda Haggarty*

by her daughter, Arlene

**THURSDAY, March 10**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**FRIDAY, March 11**

8:00 AM – *Vincent Corio & Anna Lariviere*

by their family

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, March 12**

5:00 PM – *Marianne Feil*

by the Swaim family

**SUNDAY, March 13**

7:00 AM – *Maurice LaFreniere*

by his children

8:30 AM – *Alan & Joyce Hein*

by Dr. Frank Connor

10:30 AM – *Rosemary Altieri*

by the Broderick family



On Sunday, February 27, 2022

**Mary Ryan Dobias  
Quinn Joyce Payette**

were welcomed to our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate their parents.

## Lent at St. Bernard

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 20, 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,993.00	\$7,444.00
ACH	\$2,551.00	\$2,724.00
	February 27, 2022	2021
Basket	\$7,611.00	\$5,897.00
ACH	\$2,141.00	\$3,680.00
YTD	\$337,652.00	\$326,487.00

## Morning Glory Gathering

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

## 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  
**March 9 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.

## Catholic School Tuition Aid

The deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>. You need to apply each year you are requesting tuition aid. Please use the form found on our website:

[www.stbernardnk.org/forms](http://www.stbernardnk.org/forms)

## Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Mercy March 5-9



*“The Corona19 Virus Pandemic:  
Curse or Moment of Grace?”*

The Reverend Monsignor Kieran E. Harrington

WILL BE PREACHING AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES ON  
*Confusion: “To Be a Christian and to Live in Sin is a Monstrous  
Contradiction. A Christian Must Be Holy.” —St. John Vianney*

**Monday, March 7, Mission Talk at 7:00pm**  
*Silence: “Why Speak at Length? Prayer is God,  
Who Works All Things in All Men.”—Gregory of the Siani*

**Tuesday, March 8, Mission Talk at 7:00PM**  
*Resolution: “Love Reaches that Point of Perfection  
Wherein it Not Only Causes Us To Do Good But To Do it Earnestly,  
Frequently, and Readily.” —St. Francis De Sales*

**March 9, Mission Talk with Eucharistic Adoration at 7:00PM**  
*Life of Grace: “Grace responds to the deepest yearnings of human freedom,  
calls freedom to cooperate with it, and perfects freedom. Sanctifying  
grace is the gratuitous gift of his life that God makes to us; it is infused  
by the Holy Spirit into the soul to heal it of sin and to sanctify it.”  
— Catechism of the Catholic Church*

**Mission Confessions at 6:00 pm**  
**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, March 7-9, with four Confessors**



Monsignor Kieran E. Harrington serves as the National Director of the Pontifical Missions Societies in the United States, having been appointed in April 2021 by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. The Pontifical Missions Societies includes the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Childhood Association, the Society of St. Peter Apostle, and the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious. The Societies are under the Direction of Pope Francis and support missionary work, foster prayer and awareness, and combat poverty, disease, and injustice. Monsignor Harrington was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn in 2001. He was appointed Vicar for Communications for the Diocese of Brooklyn in 2006. In that role, he was responsible for overseeing the diocesan public information office, government affairs and public policy office, NET, the Diocese of Brooklyn cable TV station, and the Diocesan newspaper, The Tablet. He was appointed Rector of the Co-Cathedral of Saint Joseph in 2008. In 2009, he was named president and chairman of the DeSales Media Group, the communications arm of the Diocese. Monsignor graduated with honors from St. John's University with a degree in philosophy and holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, New York and a Master of Business Administration from New York University's Stern School of Business. He is the recipient of the St. Thomas More Award from the Catholic Lawyers Guild and the Father Mychal Judge Award from the Great Irish Fair in Brooklyn. He is a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, a Knight of Columbus, and a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

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## 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  
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:  
Class Today: 3/6/22  
Next Class: 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.

## **K of C Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus will hold a full traditional Irish Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, March 13th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled Eggs, Irish Bangers, Toast, Home Fries, Rashers, Baked Beans, Corned Beef Hash, Grilled Tomatoes, Irish Soda Bread, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$12.00, children 6 and under are free.

## **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.

## **The Pilgrim Icon of St. Joseph**

will be hosted by St. Bernard Church on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. The program will begin immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and ending with Benediction at 11:00 a.m. The Pilgrim Icon of St. Joseph is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Men of St. Joseph. The St. Joseph Icon is the latest icon to be a part of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program. Every few years the Knights select an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to the Knights and their communities to be featured in the program. The icons travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the order.

## **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Speaker**

George Weigel, a distinguished Catholic intellectual and author will give a lecture entitled, "The Catholic Moment: The Church in the United States and the Redemption of American Democracy" at Our Lady of Mercy Church on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The church in America is living through one of the greatest transitional periods in the two millennia of Catholic history. George Weigel, biographer of St. John Paul II, will explore what that transition means and how an evangelically vibrant Church could help heal a fractured American public culture

## **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).