

Saint Bernard Church



March 20, 2022
Third 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

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

When are we finished with “faith formation”? Our young people are learning about their faith in classes on Sunday mornings and at home with their parents and family members. Some of them are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and some are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to everyone involved in our Faith Formation Program. During the last several decades the church has promoted Adult Faith Formation, as well. When are we finished with “faith formation”? -----really the answer is ‘never.’ We gather each week at Mass to be nourished by Word and Sacrament----by scripture and the Eucharist----we recognize that faith needs to be nourished. How else do we nourish our faith-----or rather, how do we open ourselves to the way God is trying to nourish our faith as adults?

Here are a few ways that we can do this at home and with parishioners:

Prayer and Spiritual Reading: At Christmas we provided a book by the author Matthew Kelly for spiritual reading. This year’s title: Life Is Messy. How are you enjoying it? During Advent and Lent we have provided the Magnificat Daily Companion-----short reflections for each day in these liturgical seasons.

Adult ‘classes.’ This year we offered ‘Catholicism 101. More than 30 people have come to these classes on some of the ‘basics of the faith’----with a chance to go into greater depth into the meaning and reasons for why we believe what we believe.

Soup and Scripture: This Lent we are offering three sessions of ‘Soup and Scripture’----Saturday mornings at noon we have a simple soup meal and study Luke’s Gospel.

Men of St. Joseph: This group meets once a month in the evening. They share fraternity, prayer and study---a way for men to grow in their faith. There are quite a few “Men of St. Joseph” groups in our diocese. At times they come together for a ‘larger group’ event.

Women’s Bible Study. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THIS NEW OPPORTUNITY. This group, which met on Wednesday mornings and used a program entitled, “Living in the Father’s Love” was very well received. I would like to share some of the comments of the participants:

“It was really good to talk about my faith to adults. Let’s do another!”

“It has been such a rewarding spiritual experience participating in this Bible study. “Living in the Father’s Love” has helped deepen my relationship with God the Father by reassuring me of His unconditional love, His endless mercy and helping me grow to trust Him more. I thank God for the deep friendships we have shared and truly hope to reconnect in a future study.”

“Truly made me feel part of the St. Bernard community, as well as the family of God.”

“Group camaraderie was great! Wonderful example from our group leaders! It was very special to get to know new people who I have seen at St. Bernard’s for many years.”

“This re-introduced me to the Bible. All lessons helped me.”

“This Bible study has increased my focus on God and less on daily distractions. It increased my conviction to know God in a deeper way.”

“If you missed this Bible study, you don’t want to miss the next one.”

I am grateful for those who initiated this Women’s Bible Study group. The participants’ faith lives have truly been enriched. What a blessing! We are planning for future opportunities.

In the past I have offered a ‘Book Club’----usually it is a book with a moral or spiritual component to it. Maybe in the summer? Any interest? Let me know. Suggestions?

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 21

8:00 AM – *Raymond D. Kusmierz*

TUESDAY, March 22

8:00 AM – *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

WEDNESDAY, March 23

8:00 AM – *Alice Bailey*

by her family

THURSDAY, March 24

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY, March 25

8:00 AM – *Linwood, Margaret & Marguerite Sherman*

by their family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 26

5:00 PM – *Frank McGee, Jr.*

by Bruce & Anne-Maire Kirkutis

SUNDAY, March 27

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Irene Beasley*

10:30 AM – *Stuart Cowen*

10th Anniversary by his family

Lenten ‘Soup and Scripture’ Series:

The Gospel of Luke

Saturday, April 2nd

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

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

	March 6, 2022	2021
Basket	\$10,483.00	\$8,995.00
ACH	\$3,135.00	\$2,865.00
	March 13, 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,214.00	\$4,337.00
ACH	\$2,218.00	\$2,649.00
YTD	\$359,702.00	\$345,323.00

Remember St. Bernard Church in your will and estate planning. Thank you.

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.

Catholic Charity Appeal

The 2022 Catholic Charity Appeal Goal for St. Bernard Parish is \$80,750. Previous donors were contacted by mail and many of you have sent in your contribution already! As of March 4th parish-ioners had pledged \$37,797 towards our goal. Thank you! Additionally, there is good news that as of March 3rd the appeal had surpassed \$3.1 mil-lion in pledges and one-time gifts. This is 46% of our diocesan goal of \$6,800,000. Thus far there have been 8,400 donors. There is good momen-tum to the appeal. On the weekend of March 19/20 we will have the donor cards in the pews. We ask that you take one home and prayerfully consider making a donation to the Catholic Char-ity Appeal this year. This Appeal is the main source of support for our diocesan agencies providing for the physical, educational and spir-itual needs of our brothers and sisters in Rhode Island. We want to make sure that these agencies and programs have the resources they need! Thank you for your generosity. (In this year of celebrating our 150th anniversary as a diocese it would be great to meet or surpass our parish goal and our diocesan goal!)

40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign

The Office of Life and Family Ministry of the Diocese of Providence and R.I. Right to Life are sponsor-ing the Lenten Campaign beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 2 and ending on April 10.

“The mission of the campaign is to bring together the Body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting and peaceful activities as we seek God’s favor in turning hearts from a culture of death to a Culture of Life thus bringing an end to abortion.

Pray outside an abortion facility...pray at church...pray at work...pray at home!”

Vigil days and time: Monday through Saturday – 7am to 7pm

Location: Planned Parenthood, 175 Broad St., Providence

For more information contact Office of Life & Family Ministry

Lisa Cooley, Coordinator at 401-278-2518

Young at Heart April Luncheon

Tuesday, April 19, 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, April 12, 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: 3/27/22

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

In-person class schedule:
Class Today: 3/20/22
Next Class: 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.

Youth Ministry Events

We are planning a trip to Steubenville East this year. Steubenville East will be held Friday, July 29th to Sunday, July 31st at the Mass Mutual Center 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/). If you are interested, please email Christina at sbc.teenff@gmail.com soon. Your \$50 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot is due by March 31st.

Catholic School Tuition Aid

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

www.stbernardnk.org/forms

150th 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 23rd 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 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).