

Saint Bernard Church



March 27, 2022
Fourth 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

Our minds and hearts continue to be united with the people of Ukraine who have suffered so much in recent weeks. The number of refugees fleeing their homes continues to grow. The loss of life in the war grows each day. Property has been destroyed. The images we see from various news sources can be overwhelming.

In his Angelus address from St. Peter's Square on Sunday, March 20th our Holy Father, Pope Francis spoke about Ukraine. He said, "Dear brothers and sisters, Unfortunately, the violent aggression against Ukraine does not stop, a senseless massacre where every day there is a repetition of slaughter and atrocities. There is no justification for this! I plead with all those involved in the international community to truly commit to ending this abhorrent war." He continued, "This week again missiles and bombs have fallen on civilians, the elderly, children, and pregnant mothers. I went to see the wounded children who are here in Rome. One was missing an arm; one had a head injury---innocent children. I think of the millions of Ukrainian refugees who must flee leaving everything behind, and I feel a great pain for those who do not even have the possibility to escape. So many grandparents, sick and poor people separated from their own families, so many children and fragile people are left to die under bombs without being able to receive help and find safety in the air raid shelters. All this is inhuman! Indeed, it is also sacrilegious because it goes against the sacredness of human life, especially against the defenseless human life, which must be respected and protected, not eliminated, and this come before any strategy! Let us not forget it is inhuman and sacrilegious cruelty! Let us pray in silence for those who are suffering."

How can we respond to this enormous humanitarian crisis? Certainly, we can pray for all those who are displaced and in need. We can pray for a peaceful resolution of this conflict. If we are able, we can contribute to one of the many agencies that are helping those in need---especially the refugees. I would like to mention the work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

Sean Callahan, the president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services, which is the U.S. bishops' relief and development agency, said there have been 'tremendous acts of solidarity and generosity' from countries receiving refugees and from those donations to CRS and Caritas partners that are providing food, shelter, relief items, counseling and information services to displaced persons in Ukraine and refugees in Moldova, Poland and Romania.

Caroline Brennan is the emergency communications director for CRS and has assisted with Ukrainian refugees that cross the border into Moldova since March 1st. She said that in recent weeks CRS has increased its presence across Eastern Europe in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Poland. She said there are now about 20 external CRS staff in Moldova. Brennan said that the backstories of the refugees she has encountered differ, but the uncertainty of what comes next is a common thread that they all share. She said people are weighing whether or not to stay and apply for asylum, travel through Moldova to Romania to be in a country that is part of the European Union and whether or not they will ever return to Ukraine.

The Rice Bowls that we use during Lent for our 'sacrificial giving' are sent to Catholic Relief Services. For more than 75 years this Catholic organization has responded to a whole variety of crises that result from war, hunger, natural disasters, etc. They have facilities and staff in many countries on a regular basis and are able to 'get up and running' with aid in a relatively short amount of time. Contributions you make through the Rice Bowls will go to all of their 'aid programs' around the world, including the efforts in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

You can donate by visiting: support.crs.org/Ukraine, calling 1-877-HELP-CRS or by sending a check to Ukraine Response, Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303.

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 28

8:00 AM – *Edmund C. Kusmierz*

TUESDAY, March 29

8:00 AM – *Antonette Del Rossi*

WEDNESDAY, March 30

8:00 AM – *Geraldine Sloat*

by Paulette Beagan

THURSDAY, March 31

8:00 AM – *Helen O'Neil*

Paulette Beagan

FRIDAY, April 1

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 2

5:00 PM – *Thomas Bradley*

by his family

SUNDAY, April 3

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Timothy Gorton*

10:30 AM – *Whiton Family*

by John Gibbons

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 13, 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,214.00	\$4,337.00
ACH	\$2,218.00	\$2,649.00
	March 20, 2022	2021
Basket	\$5,000.00	\$5,075.00
ACH	\$2,686.00	\$2,429.00
YTD	\$367,388.00	\$353,749.00

Coffee & Donuts

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for next weekend, **April 3rd**, after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Come spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners.

Coming Soon!

Our Next Progressive Jackpot Raffle

Holy Thursday **“Washing of the Feet”**

Volunteers needed! We have not been able to have this part of our Holy Thursday Mass during the past two years due to Covid. Volunteers are needed. If you haven't volunteered in the past, please consider doing so. If you have volunteered but are willing---please give your name to the parish office. Thank you.

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 parishioners had pledged \$39,347 towards our goal. Thank you! Additionally, there is good news that as of March 3rd the appeal had surpassed \$3.1 million 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 momentum 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 Charity Appeal this year. This Appeal is the main source of support for our diocesan agencies providing for the physical, educational and spiritual 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!)

North Kingstown Food Pantry

Thank You. We recently received a letter from the NK Food Pantry: “Dear Friends, Your “Souper Bowl” donation of 828 pounds of foodis so appreciated.....Thank you for partnering with the Pantry in the battle against hunger.” Thank you, once again, for a successful ‘outreach project’ to help those in need!

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

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:
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/](https://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

Attention! **St. Bernard School Alumni!**

On Sunday, May 22nd the 10:30 Mass will be offered for the "Living and Deceased Alumni" of St. Bernard School. After Mass there will be a "coffee an'" reception in the Parish Center. Please 'spread the word' about this Mass so that we might have an 'informal reunion' of graduates of St. Bernard School. Mark your calendars! Those who would like to serve on a 'planning committee' are asked to e-mail or call the parish office.

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. Our last meeting will be **Monday, April 4th**.

Lisbon 2023

Interested in going on a pilgrimage geared towards young adults? Come hear more information about this once in a lifetime opportunity to deepen your faith, see the Pope, and join in with millions of other young people from all over the world. Please join Christina for an informational meeting on Tuesday, April 26th at 6:30PM in the Conference Room at the Parish Center. Please feel free to reach out to Christina at sbc.teenff@gmail.com with any questions or go to www.bostoncatholic.org/wyd2023 for more details.

