

Saint Bernard Church



April 3, 2022
Fifth 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

Here is the prayer of consecration used by Pope Francis on March 25th to Consecrate Ukraine and Russia to our Blessed Mother:

“O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed people’s dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns. We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbor’s keepers and stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord.

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the Church and for all humanity. By God’s gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love.

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us one more: “Am I not here, I who am your Mother?” you are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid.

That is what you did at Cana in Galilee, when you interceded with Jesus and he worked the first of his signs. To preserve the joy of the wedding feast, you said to him: “They have no wine” (Jn 2:3) now, O Mother, repeat those words and that prayer, for in our own day we have run out of the wine of hope, joy has fled, fraternity has faded. We have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer. Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war. Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation. Queen of Heaven, restore God’s peace to the world. Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness. Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons. Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love. Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity. Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.

O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your Sorrowful Heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.

Holy Mother of God, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your side, said: “Behold your son” (Jn 19:26). In this way he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: “Behold your Mother” (v.27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history. At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

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Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The “Fiat” that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Through your intercession, may God’s mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the “Fiat,” on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our “living fountain of hope,” water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.

Let us continue to pray for peace.

Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 4

8:00 AM – *Gloria Halligan*
by ‘The Counters’

TUESDAY, April 5

8:00 AM – *Peter & Eleanor Integlia*

WEDNESDAY, April 6

8:00 AM – *Michael Ames*
by George & Tracy Halstead

THURSDAY, April 7

8:00 AM – *Charles Joyce*

FRIDAY, April 8

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 9

5:00 PM – *Meghan Cooney*
by her family

SUNDAY, April 10

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Helen O’Neil*
by the Biron family

10:30 AM – *Christine Jurovaty*
by her family

Lent at St. Bernard

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

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

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

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.*

Additional Times for Sacrament of Reconciliation as we approach Easter. *In addition to the Lenten Saturday confession times (3:30-4:30 p.m.) we will have two additional times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Tuesday morning, April 5th (9:00-10:45 a.m.) (during the time of Eucharistic Adoration) Tuesday afternoon/evening, April 12th (5:00 – 7:00 p.m.)*



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Parish Support

	March 20, 2022	2021
Basket	\$5,000.00	\$5,075.00
ACH	\$2,686.00	\$2,429.00
	March 27, 2022	2021
Basket	\$5,478.00	\$6,285.00
ACH	\$2,191.00	\$1,834.00
YTD	\$375,057.00	\$361,868.00

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.

Book Club

Like reading? Want to learn more about the Blessed Mother? Want to join in a discussion of what you have read? Join our Book Club. We will read, Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary, by Brant Pitre. We will meet on three Tuesday nights in May from 7:00-8:00 p.m. to discuss the book. Meeting dates: May 10, 24, 31. (Please purchase the book on your own.) Call or e-mail the parish to register for the book club.

The Book:

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary
Author: Brant Pitre
Publisher: Image Books
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Holy Week at Bernard's

HOLY THURSDAY, April 14

(no morning Mass today)

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 PM, which includes Eucharistic procession and Adoration. The Church will be open for private prayer until 9:00 PM.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 15

(no morning Mass today)

Living Stations of the Cross – 3:00 PM –

Please join us for this inspirational *Way of the Cross* lead by our parish grade 8 students.

Solemn Good Friday Service – 7:00 PM

– includes the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 16

(no 5 PM Mass today)

Easter Vigil Mass – 7:30 PM – this Mass

will include the lighting of the Easter Fire, the Easter Vigil service and Mass. Attendance at this Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 17

Masses will be at

7:00, 8:30 and 10:30 AM

Note: The 10:30 AM Mass will be filmed and available on our website by 2:00 PM

We invite you to join us for the observance of this Holy Week. It is a unique opportunity to enter into the mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord. We hope you and your family can attend all the services this week. If you know someone who has been away from the Church for a while, invite them to join you – you will all find your faith renewed

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: 4/10/22

*** 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/](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 April 3rd.

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

April 6 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.

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.

Golf Tournament Committee Meeting

There will be a golf committee planning meeting for our 2nd Annual St Bernard Golf Tournament on Tuesday, April 5 at 6:00 in the parish center large conference room. Please feel free to join us if you have an interest in working on this project. All are welcome to attend. Be a Part of it. Share your ideas and talents with our committee. Mark the date. **Tuesday, April 5 at 6:00**

Coming Soon!

Our Next Progressive Jackpot Raffle

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.**

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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.