

# Saint Bernard Church



April 10, 2022  
Palm Sunday

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**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

**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*

As we enter Holy Week 2022, we want to be mindful of all that has happened to us personally and all that has happened in our community, our country and our world. So many 'external events' impact our spiritual lives. Certainly, one of the significant points of 'impact' has been the war in Ukraine. During this Holy Week we keep our brothers and sisters in Ukraine in our prayers.

Using your spiritual imagination, for a few minutes, try to imagine what it would be like for a Ukrainian to pray the Stations of the Cross at this time. How would their real-life situation influence how they identified with Jesus who makes his final journey to Calvary?

### **The First Station: Jesus is condemned to death**

When the bombs began to explode in and around the homes of the people of Ukraine it may have seemed like they were being condemned to death.

### **The Second Station: Jesus accepts his cross**

As so many families, especially mothers and their children, had to leave their homes for safety they were, in a spiritual way, taking up their cross---a heavy burden to bear.

### **The Third Station: Jesus falls the first time**

Literally carrying whatever possessions they could carry and having to move quickly to safety, so many people, including the elderly, fell---not used to rushing to safety, carrying bags and parcels.

### **The Fourth Station: Jesus meets his mother**

How many tearful encounters have there been as sons said 'good-bye' to their mothers---placing them on a train to leave the country to find safety.

### **The Fifth Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry his cross**

Volunteers in Ukraine and especially in the border countries have helped to take the burdens of backpacks and luggage from those escaping their homes---they are a welcome, helping hand.

### **The Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus**

How many 'strangers' became compassionate helpers for those walking, driving in cars, in trains who needed so many 'basics'----food, water, clothing, medicine, and a place to stay.

### **The Seventh Station: Jesus falls the second time**

For those who have traveled away from home and loved ones there has not always been a line of communication available----every able-bodied man has been required to stay and fight---are they alive or dead? The inability to stay in contact is like 'falling a second time.'

### **The Eighth Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem**

The transportation hubs are filled with women----mothers, daughters, grand-mothers, great grandmothers, aunts, wives----women caring for children, now separated from their husbands, sons, fathers, grandfathers, brothers.

### **The Ninth Station: Jesus falls a third time.**

The places that provided initial safety for the refugees now have become the places of making important decisions----to stay, to move to another country, to wait for a time to return to Ukraine. Such anxiety and uncertainty about the future is like 'falling a third time.'

### **The Tenth Station: Jesus is stripped of his clothes.**

With such short notice to evacuate, the people fleeing, millions of them, grabbed what was essential, important documents, some clothes, medicines, etc. They were the 'bare necessities'---this quick exit left each person just a bit more vulnerable.

### **Eleventh Station: Jesus is crucified**

How many men and women have suffered severe injury from explosions---such as those who were wounded at the maternity hospital. In that place of 'life' they experienced 'death.'

### **Twelfth Station: Jesus dies on the cross**

How many men and women have been killed in the fighting? One death is "too many."

### **Thirteenth Station: The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross.**

Some have the unenviable task of finding the wounded and those who have died---in apartments, in a theater building, in underground transportation centers---these became places of death.

### **Fourteenth Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb.**

How many dead Ukrainians have been placed in 'mass graves'----no time for mourning, no time for caring for the 'body' to be buried, no time for a dignified burial.

The invitation of 2022 is to accompany our brothers and sisters in Ukraine as we journey through Holy Week.

--Fr. Gaffney



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, April 11**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**TUESDAY, April 12**

8:00 AM – *Innocents of Abortion*

**WEDNESDAY, April 13**

8:00 AM – *Susan Sherman*

**THURSDAY, April 14**

8:00 AM – NO 8:00 AM Mass

7:00 PM — *Mass of The Lord's Supper*

**FRIDAY, April 15**

8:00 AM – NO 8:00 AM Mass

3:00 PM — *Living Stations of the Cross*

7:00 PM — *Solemn Good Friday Service*

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, April 16**

5:00 PM – NO 5:00 PM Mass

7:30 PM — *Easter Vigil Mass*

**SUNDAY, April 17**

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

10:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### Maintenance Collection Thank You!

We recently had the electrician with the rented 'lift' to replace lights in the church. We do this only once a year since the cost---especially the rental of the equipment---is so high. Thanks for your generosity!



### 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)**

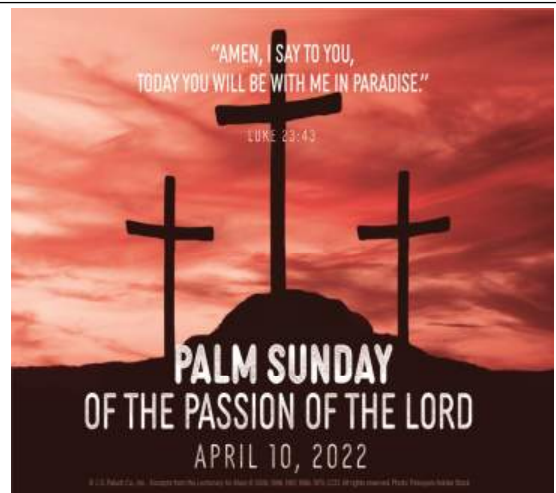
**Easter Vigil Mass – 7:30 PM** – this Mass will include the lighting of the Easter Fire, the Easter Vigil service and Mass. Attendance at this Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation.

**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



### 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

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> parishioners had pledged \$45,047 towards our goal. Thank you! Additionally, there is good news that as of March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. We ask that you take a donor card 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 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a diocese it would be great to meet or surpass our parish goal and our diocesan goal!)

### Coming Soon!

Our Next Progressive Jackpot Raffle

### North Kingstown Community Chorus and Youth Chorus 2022 Spring Concert

The production is entitled “**How Can I Keep From Singing**” as the chorus celebrates the joy of singing even through challenging times. The chorus will perform the live world premiere of a commissioned song by Rhode Island composer and pianist, **Tom Kendzia**. The concert will also offer songs from Broadway, including selections from Hamilton, as well as a medley of popular favorites.

#### Date and Time:

Friday, April 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM    Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 3:00 PM

#### Concert Location:

St. Bernard Church  
275 Tower Hill Rd.  
North Kingstown, RI

#### TICKETS:

**\$15.00 (advance)**  
**\$20.00 at the door**  
**Children 8 and younger \$5.00.**

#### PURCHASE TICKETS at:

Flowers by Bert and Peg,  
The North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce,  
Dave’s Marketplace in Wickford  
Dave’s Marketplace in Quonset  
and from any chorus member.

**You can also reserve tickets by calling  
401-329-6990.**

For more information about North Kingstown Community Chorus visit our website:

**[nkchorus.org](http://nkchorus.org)**

### 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

Last class is a mini-retreat on 4/24 from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

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.



## **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](mailto:sbc.teenff@gmail.com) with any questions or go to [www.bostoncatholic.org/wyd2023](http://www.bostoncatholic.org/wyd2023) for more details.

## **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)

## **Attention!**

### **St. Bernard School Alumni!**

On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **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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## **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.

## **K of C Portuguese Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Portuguese Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, April 10th, from 7:30 am to 10:30am. Eggs - Scrambled or Fried, Portuguese-Style Potatoes, Linguica, Baked Beans, Massa-Traditional Portuguese Sweetbread, Grilled Hash, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.