

Saint Bernard Church



April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday

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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

Happy Easter! May you experience the joy and hope of Easter not only for one day but for the entire Easter Season. Easter 2022 is different in many ways from recent celebrations of Easter. We have been living with a ‘new normal’ as we move through the many ways that Covid impacted all of our lives. This Easter also finds a war in Ukraine that affects the entire world. In addition to the events on the world stage we know that events in our personal lives and the lives of family members have changed since last Easter. There have been births, deaths, marriages, graduations, Baptisms, Confirmations, new jobs, military deployments, hip, and knee replacements (in addition to other health problems!).

What has not changed is Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever! Jesus Christ born to be the Savior of the World----the one who suffered and died for us and has opened the gates of heaven to make possible for us eternal life with him in Heaven.

What has not changed is the Baptismal call we received to “Go and Make Disciples” of all nations! We are called to ‘spread the Good News’----we are called to tell the whole world about the New Life we have received through Jesus Christ.

Just a couple of weeks ago the author George Weigel gave a talk at Our Lady of Mercy Church in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Providence. His talk was entitled, “The Catholic Moment: The Church in the US and the Redemption of American Democracy.” The talk was well attended.

There were a couple of points that he made that mesh with the celebration of Easter. He stated that the era of an “ethnic transmission” of the faith is largely over. Because my mother or grandmother was Catholic and that would make me Catholic is something that is largely of the past. There may be a few ethnic groups where this does continue. There was, in a not-so-distant time in the past, when the faith was handed down from one generation to the next----brought to this country from wherever our ancestors came from, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Poland, Portugal, etc. In addition, Weigel suggests that our American culture, which at one time did support the Catholic culture to a large extent, now is either neutral towards the Catholic faith or in some case hostile towards it. We need only think of the Church’s position on ‘pro-life’ issues.

Given the fact that the culture is not supportive and the ‘generational transmission’ of the faith is largely over, we must take on the role of ‘missionary’ and ‘evangelist.’ He suggests we need to convert others and convert the culture. The first step in the process, of course, is our own ‘conversion’----our own relationship with the Living Christ. A personal relationship with Jesus is what will impel me to go out to the whole world and proclaim the ‘Good News’. If I do not have that deep personal relationship with Jesus----and one that continues to grow----continues to have life, then I will likely be a passive observer of what may or may not happen in our Church for the foreseeable future.

George Weigel mentioned that there is a ‘mega-church’ in Texas that has a sign in their parking lot that you read as you are exiting. It states, “You are Entering Mission Territory.” Yes, we do enter “Mission Territory” every day when we enter our places of work, our schools, our recreational facilities, our social venues and just about everywhere we venture. The folks we meet there (if they are not people connected with their church) will likely be neutral or hostile towards any religion----and to you if you dare to bring up anything about your faith life.

That’s where we need the confidence that Easter gives each of us----the hope and joy and new life that this celebration gives us to proclaim the Good News that Jesus is Alive. He has conquered sin and death. Get ready today, as you leave the parking lot, to enter Mission Territory-----and by your words and actions----proclaim “Alleluia! He is risen! He is truly risen!”

Happy Easter!

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 18

8:00 AM – *Clara & Edward Greene,
Theodore LaFreniere*
by their grandchildren

TUESDAY, April 19

8:00 AM – *Fenwick Gardiner*
by his wife

WEDNESDAY, April 20

8:00 AM – *Thomas Kennedy*

THURSDAY, April 21

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY, April 22

8:00 AM – *Mary Kusmierz*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 23

5:00 PM – *Mary DiDonato*
by her family

SUNDAY, April 24

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Alan & Joyce Hein*
by Frank Connor

10:30 AM – *Albert E. Holt III*
by his sister

Easter to Pentecost Daily Reflection Booklets

We ordered a limited number of a ‘page a day’ reflection booklets for the Easter season. We have used the Magnificat daily meditation booklets during Advent and Lent. This booklet is written by a single author, Susan Swetnam. The daily reflection may be a good spark for your own prayerful reflection on the beautiful scripture readings during the Easter season.

Holy Water

We blessed a few hundred bottles of Holy Water at the Easter Vigil. We invite you to take one per family. The ‘new Easter water’ is a reminder of our Baptism. As we bless ourselves we are reminded of the promise of “new life” we received at the time of our Baptism.

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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Parish Support

| | March 27, 2022 | 2021 |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Basket | \$5,478.00 | \$6,285.00 |
| ACH | \$2,191.00 | \$1,834.00 |
| | April 3, 2022 | 2021 |
| Basket | \$7,103.00 | \$11,697.00 |
| ACH | \$2,598.00 | \$1,924.00 |
| YTD | \$384,758.00 | \$374,021.00 |

Debt Reduction Collection

Thank you!

March total: \$4,395.

Year-To-Date: \$14,756.

Thank you for your generous response to this monthly collection!

Maintenance Collection **Thank You.**

In a recent bulletin you saw the photo of the 'lift' that is needed to change the lights in the church. The cost which includes the materials, the lift rental cost and the labor was \$4,427. We ordinarily have the lights replaced once a year due to the high cost of renting the 'lift'.



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 April 3rd parishioners had pledged \$54,117 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. 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 150th anniversary as a diocese it would be great to meet or surpass our parish goal and our diocesan goal!)

Food Pantry (Emergency Help)

St. Martin De Porres Food Pantry, part of the St. Martin De Porres Senior Center in Providence, is running out of food to distribute. The Senior Center, a Charity Appeal funded program, has a very good outreach program to families in the inner-city. The food items they need are: rice, pasta, dried beans, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, canned vegetables, dry milk, cereal, peanut butter, soup. You can leave any food donations for this appeal near the table in the vestibule. We will continue to send our 'regular donations of food' to the North Kingstown Food Pantry. Thank you for your assistance with this special emergency appeal.

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: 5/1/22

**** 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 with any questions or go to www.bostoncatholic.org/wyd2023 for more details.

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.

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 their website:

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