

Saint Bernard Church



April 24, 2022
Second Sunday of Easter

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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

On this Second Sunday of Easter, we are presented with the disciple named Thomas who is so often remembered for only one thing: doubting! Thomas is actually a faithful follower of Jesus who in this one incident expresses what we so often express, doubt. When it comes to our faith lives, we can have doubt. The important question is not whether or not it is OK to have doubts when it comes to my faith, rather, the important question is where do I go to answer those questions. What did Thomas do with his doubt? He stayed in the community of believers----he stayed with the other disciples. It was in the company of believers that he faced his doubts. I recall a television series I watched many years ago called 'Ballykissangel'----about a small town in Ireland and the various 'characters' of the town. In one episode the parish priest is going through a difficult time in his personal life. One of the men from the town challenges him to share his struggles and says something like, 'face your demons in the company of your friends.' That line struck me then and continues to strike me as good advice. Over the years I have seen people who had some problem with the Church or some person in the Church just leave. No one really knew why. They did not bring their doubts or questions or confusion to the community of believers---rather they just drifted away or slipped away or ran away. They did not 'face their demons in the company of their friends.' Thomas provides a model for us-----bring your doubts to the community of faith.

We can also have personal doubts about God and how we perceive God acting or not acting in our lives. Personal tragedies such as the illness or death of a loved one can cause us to ask about God's love and care for us. Why did a young person have to die in a terrible accident? Why did that young mother have to cope with cancer? Why did my spouse leave the marriage? Why have my children turned to drugs? Why is dementia affecting my mother or father? Why didn't I get into the college of my choice? Why didn't I get the part in the school play? Why did my boyfriend or girlfriend 'break up' with me? It is the perennial question of explaining why bad things happen to good people. Wrestling with these kinds of questions can cause us to doubt.

On a grander scale we can have a 'collective' doubt about God's presence when we see the tragic events that occur daily in Ukraine. Where is God in a time of war? God is always on the side of 'right.' God always is with those who suffer. Who is suffering in this war? Certainly, the people of Ukraine who have had to flee their homeland; the men, women and children who have been victims of horrific, violent crimes; those killed by a single gunshot or a missile hitting a train station-----there are so many who are suffering. What about the parents of young Russian soldier who learn that their son has died in this war? Perhaps that soldier was uncertain about why he was even sent into Ukraine. There are so many victims in the time of war.

In the midst of tragedy our God weeps. Our God accompanies us. Our God walks with us as we flee; our God embraces us in our terror; our God holds us close in our sadness, our disappointment and in our doubt. Our God sent his son into our broken world to save us----even when that meant he would suffer a horrible, painful death.

Jesus' weapon is love and his 'tactic' is to change hearts. Our own 'free will' has it's 'down side'----we can choose to treat others in terrible, violent ways. Or we can treat others with kindness and respect. We can choose war or we can choose peace. The work of the Resurrected Christ continues in his Church----to sow the seeds of love, the seeds of faith, the seeds of hope. The work of the Church is to turn hearts to peace and away from war.

Let us pray for victims that they may have all they need to survive this difficult time. Let us pray for our leaders that they will have the wisdom to peacefully resolve this conflict. Let us pray for our enemies that their hearts may be turned from hatred to love. Let us pray for each other as we, like Thomas, face our doubts, our confusion, our questions----in the company of our friends----brothers and sisters in Christ.

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 25
8:00 AM – *Gail Leoni*

TUESDAY, April 26
8:00 AM – *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

WEDNESDAY, April 27
8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, April 28
8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY, April 29
8:00 AM – *Rowland Howard*
by his family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 30
5:00 PM – *Mary Kusmierz*
by her family

SUNDAY, May 1
7:00 AM – *Rev. Frederick J. Halloran*
8:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

10:30 AM – *Michael Pacchia*
by his family

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Matthew Repetto who was received into the Catholic Church, received First Holy Communion and received the sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. He along with many adults in our diocese and around the world received the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. If you are an adult and have not been Baptized or would like to enter the Catholic Church, please speak to Fr. Gaffney. Matthew and his fiancée will be married at St. Bernard in November.

Women's Bible Study

Walking With Purpose Catholic women's Bible study is back! Please come to discover how the Old Testament Scriptures point to our Redeemer, Jesus. Beholding His Glory is a 9-week study of which we will cover through Lesson 5. NO Bible experience is necessary! Light refreshments will be served. All women and their friends are welcome. Daytime study: Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am: May 4, 11, 25, and June 1, 8.

Nighttime study: (10 participants minimum) Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm, May 9, 16, 23, and June 6, 13. The second half of the book will be completed next fall OR over the summer...depending on what the study group decides!

- 1) Sign up with Mary Capobianco (marykcapobianco@gmail.com) or Jean Martish (jjbbam2@aol.com)
- 2) Order your Beholding His Glory Workbook from www.walkingwithpurpose.com... OR
- 3) Email Mary Capobianco and she will order your workbook in a group order for \$23.00.
- 4) Come with your workbook, a Bible, a pen and an open heart!

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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Book Club Registration

Tuesday, May 10th, 7:00 PM

Please register me for this session:

(Name) _____

Name) _____

Parish Support

	April 10, 2022	2021
Basket	\$24,708.00	\$8,377.00
ACH	\$2,381.00	\$2,704.00
	April 17, 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,277.00	\$5,599.00
ACH	\$3,321.00	\$2,916.00
YTD	\$421,485.00	\$393,607.00

Golf Tournament Committee Meeting

There will be a golf committee planning meeting for our 2nd Annual St Bernard Golf Tournament on Tuesday, May 3rd 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, May 3rd at 6:00**

St Bernard Second Annual Golf Tournament



**SAVE THE DATE:
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 2, 2022
GOLF, DINNER,
CONTESTS, PRIZES**

If you played last year, please join us again. If you did not play, please join us this year! A great time was had by all! Meet fellow parishioners. Enjoy the day! Look for additional information in coming weeks.

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 18th parishioners had pledged \$65,285 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 May Luncheon

Tuesday, May 17, 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, May 10, 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)