

Saint Bernard Church



May 1, 2022
Third 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

As a Church, we continue our celebration of Easter, holding fast to the joy, hope and peace of this season. Our scripture readings speak of the Resurrection appearances of the Risen Christ and of the work of the Apostles in the early church. It was so important for the Apostles to gather to do what Jesus had asked them to do at the Last Supper. They were asked to share that sacred meal---his own Body and Blood.

Just recently, I read a news article about how during the pandemic and even during these days 'after' the pandemic that the rates of those suffering from depression and anxiety continue to grow. This is especially true for young people. The social isolation, loneliness, fear of infection, death of loved ones, and grief associated with the pandemic are some of the realities of their lives. Contrast this with the reality that in recent years, as you have witnessed, Church attendance has gone down. Some families have stopped coming to church. They are not currently practicing their faith. The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium) calls the family "the domestic church". It means that it is in the context of the family that we first learn who God is. How important 'the domestic church' and the parish church community is for our young people---and indeed for all of us!

The USCCB (the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) offers some suggestions on how to build your 'domestic church' through a life of prayer that can help all families.

- Begin praying as a family and reading from Scripture daily, certainly before meals, but also first thing in the morning or before bed. Find a time that works for your family.
- Pray a Family Rosary (each member leads a decade, and everyone shares intentions)
- Have a crucifix in a prominent place in the home, and in every bedroom.
- Make the Sacraments a regular celebration---take the whole family to Confession and Mass.
- Begin family traditions based on the seasons celebrated in the liturgical year.
- Make your vacation a holy pilgrimage by visiting the shrines and saints of our land and the world.
- Make worshipping God a priority. Never miss Mass, even while traveling.
- Teach stewardship and charity to your children, through word and example.
- Demonstrate love for your spouse, your children, your neighbors, and the world. Remind your children that they are loved by God and have been given gifts to serve others.
- Participate in the activities of your parish church
- Allow your children to witness you in private prayer. Encourage your children to pray daily on their own, to listen to God's call, and if heard, to respond.

What an amazing list of suggestions! I encourage families to take a look and see if there is 'one suggestion' that they think they can adopt now, during the Easter season. Why wait? As we build up our families---and as our families build up the community that is the church, we are providing a solid foundation for our children as they face any number of crises in their lives. While depression and anxiety will likely always be a part of our human experience, we can give our children and members of our families a solid foundation of faith in our homes and in our parish that can serve as a strong support for them.

As our young children receive First Holy Communion this year, we encourage their families to build that 'domestic church'-----their family---and to keep Christ as the center of their lives! As you bring them to Mass each week to be strengthened by Jesus 'in word and sacrament' and to be encouraged by the community of believers, you are helping your children to develop the tools they need for the future to navigate a personal crisis or a 'global crisis'---even one we have not yet experienced or can even imagine. (If we go back a few short years, would we have ever imagined a Global Pandemic or a War in Ukraine?) Let us strengthen each other by building a strong faith life in our families and in our parish community!

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, May 2

8:00 AM – *Joseph & Edna Gillen*

TUESDAY, May 3

8:00 AM – *Jeffery Damon*

WEDNESDAY, May 4

8:00 AM – *Doris Silva*

THURSDAY, May 5

8:00 AM – *Deacon Robert V. Stone*

FRIDAY, May 6

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, May 7

5:00 PM – *Albert Krebel*
by his family

SUNDAY, May 8

7:00 AM – *Agnes McDade*
by her family

8:30 AM – *Florence Fulford*
by her family

10:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*



On Sunday, April 24,, 2022

Rayna Augustine Andolfo
Aubrey Anne Amaral
Maeze Frances Howard
Kenneth Michael Hudson

were welcomed to our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate their parents.

Introducing the St. Bernard Award.

This new award will be given annually to a parishioner (or parishioners) who exemplify “love of God and love of neighbor”. There are many worthy candidates! In my short time here I have come to know so many parishioners whose ‘love of God and neighbor’ is an inspiration to me---and helps my faith to grow. In creating this award we honor a community of believers who calls each of us to witness to our ‘love of God and neighbor’. The award is a recognition and “thank you” for their example. –Fr. Gaffney

First Annual St. Bernard Award

In recognition of “love of God and neighbor” awarded to
The Sisters of the Cross and Passion
Saturday, June 4, 2022
Mass 5:00 p.m.
Ticketed Hors d’oeuvres Reception in the Parish Hall
(tickets: \$15. per person; cash bar available)

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.

Men of St. Joseph

The Men of St. Joseph monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, **May 4 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Center. New members are welcome. .

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! 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.



Vacation Bible Camp **June 27 July 1, 2022**

Each day the fun starts at 8:30am
and will end at 11:30am

Registration Fee: \$70-1st child and
\$50 for each additional child

A week-long, half day camp for students entering
grades K-5 in the fall of 2022.

In this wet and wild VBS, kids learn that what
they do today can change the world around them.
When we put our trust in Jesus, we can “make
waves” because of His Spirit living inside us.
Through fun activities, engaging lessons, and
God’s Word, we’ll help kids understand how they
can share God’s love with the people around
them!

Registration and payment can be done on our
website:

**[www.stbernardnk.org/faith-formation/
vacation-bible-school](http://www.stbernardnk.org/faith-formation/vacation-bible-school)**

Adult and high school student volunteers are
needed. If anyone is interested, please contact the
Faith Formation office at 401-295-0387 or by
email at sbcreligiouseducation@gmail.com.

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.

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!

Mass of Graduation

At St. Bernard Parish we are very proud of our High School Seniors who are now preparing to graduate from area schools. We would like to recognize them for their achievements, and let them know we wish them well in their endeavors. We will have a special ‘Mass of Graduation’ on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th at the 10:30AM Mass followed by a light reception in the Parish Hall. During the Mass, the graduating seniors will be recognized and receive a special blessing. Those seniors who have served in our Parish since their Confirmation will also be recognized with the Youth Ministry Award. If you are a graduating Senior, please RSVP by Wednesday, May 25th to Christina at sbc.teenff@gmail.com or by calling the office. Please be sure to let us know what your plans are for next year, and how many people will be accompanying you to Mass in order to reserve you and your guests a pew.

Coffee & Donuts

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for next weekend, **May 8**, after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Come spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners.