

# Saint Bernard Church



May 8, 2022  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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**Pastoral Assistant:** Angelo Giacchi  
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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

**Address:** 275 Tower Hill Road  
North Kingstown, RI 02852

**Phone :** 401-295-0387

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**Web:** www.stbernardnk.org

**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

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd in today's Gospel. It is an appropriate time to reflect on the priesthood----since every priest tries to be the 'good shepherd' of the flock entrusted to him. I have three points for this Ponderings.

First Point: On April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Bishop Tobin asked the priests to renew their "Priestly Promises." Here is how the dialogue goes:

Bishop: Beloved sons, on the anniversary of that day when Christ our Lord conferred his priesthood on the Apostles and on us, are you resolved to renew, in the presence of your Bishop and God's holy people, the promises you once made?

Priests: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to be more united with the Lord Jesus and more closely conformed to him, denying yourselves and confirming those promises about sacred duties towards Christ's church which, prompted by love of him, you willingly and joyfully pledged on the day of your priestly ordination?

Priests: I am.

Bishop: Are you resolved to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical rites and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching, following Christ the Head and Shepherd, not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls?

Priests: I am.

Second Point: On February 17<sup>th</sup> Pope Francis gave an address to the "International Theological Symposium on the Priesthood." It is a very fine talk addressed to priests. He speaks about "Four Forms of Closeness". They are: Closeness to God; Closeness to the Bishop; Closeness to other priests; Closeness to people. I think Pope Francis is right on target with all four! As a priest I try to maintain my prayer life---time to spend with God. As a priest I try to maintain a good relationship with the bishop. It was Bishop Mulvee who ordained me a deacon and priest. Bishop Tobin assigned me to St. Bernard's as pastor. If I go back in time, I received Confirmation when Bishop Gelineau was our bishop----although the bishop who confirmed me was Bishop Joyce, who was the retired bishop of Burlington, VT—Bishop Tobin invited him to our diocese to help with administering the sacrament of Confirmation. When I was baptized in 1960----Bishop McVinney was our bishop! The third form of closeness is be close to other priests. I have quite a few friends who are priests. Some are older than me, some are younger, and some are my age. We are a source of mutual support for each other. We understand 'the life' and 'the mission'. We often have the same "highs" and "lows"---successes and challenges. The fourth 'closeness' is to people. I look back on the various assignments I have had as a priest and in each case, there are people---'laymen and laywomen' with whom I have kept contact. I have always enjoyed my human interactions with parishioners.

Third Point: I recently saw the movie, "Father Stu". I liked it. You probably have heard the 'storyline'----it is about a man who was a boxer who led a 'rough and tumble' kind of life and one event after the other leads him back to practicing the faith, back to church and onto a path that leads him to the priesthood. It is a reminder that God can call his priests from any background. We see "Fr. Stu" with all his imperfections--called to serve God as priest. St. Paul would say that we hold 'this treasure' in an earthen vessel. An ordinary human being who carries in himself the spark of Christ----- a man configured to Christ through priestly ordination who desires to be a "Good Shepherd".

Each day I try to be the best Shepherd I can be to the parishioners of St. Bernard. I'm still working on it. It is often your faith, your hope and your love that inspire me to 'be the best I can be'----thank you for helping me to be the best Shepherd I can be.

--Fr. Gaffney

Remember St. Bernard Church in your will and estate planning. Thank you.
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## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, May 9**

8:00 AM – *Edith & Giuseppe DeQuattro*  
by their daughter

### **TUESDAY, May 10**

8:00 AM – *Innocents of Abortion*

### **WEDNESDAY, May 11**

8:00 AM – *Robert Katkowski*

### **THURSDAY, May 12**

8:00 AM – *Elfreida Haggarty*  
by her daughter Arlene

### **FRIDAY, May 13**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, May 14**

5:00 PM – *Carmelo DiBiasio*

### **SUNDAY, May 15**

7:00 AM – *Thomas Flatley*  
by his wife

8:30 AM – *Deceased of the Walsh family*

10:30 AM – *Everett Salisbury*  
by his family



On Saturday , May 7, 2022

**Olivia Anne Iadevaia**

was welcomed to our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate her parents.

## **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)

## **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.

## **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 24, 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,722.00	\$5,473.00
ACH	\$2,974.00	\$1,904.00
	May 1, 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,430.00	\$7,720.00
ACH	\$3,116.00	\$2,870.00
YTD	\$440,727.00	\$422,642.00

### Debt Reduction Collection

Thank you!  
April Total: \$3,885.  
Year-To-Date: \$15,906.  
Thank you for your generous response to this monthly collection!

### 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 28th parishioners had pledged \$67,510 towards our goal. Thank you!

### Morning Glory Gathering

Please join us for coffee and socializing on  
**Thursday, May 12**  
after the 8:00 AM morning Mass in the Parish Hall.

### Lafayette Band Armed Forces Salute Concert

The Lafayette Band's concert honoring veterans, members of the military, and their families is back after a two-year break and will be held here at St. Bernard. The concert features patriotic, big band, swing and show tunes.

#### **Date and Time:**

Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 3:00 PM

#### **Concert Location:**

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

**The concert is free** - good will donations are welcome. Donations are shared between the Providence VA Medical Center Voluntary Services Office, which aids veterans in need, and the band to support their free community concert program.

For more information about the band visit their website, [lafayettebandri.org](http://lafayettebandri.org), or follow them on facebook, Lafayette Band - Rhode Island.

Concert made possible by a grant from the North Kingstown Arts Council.

### K o f C Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, May 15th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Eggs - Scrambled or Fried, Bacon, Pancakes, Home Fries, Breakfast Pastries, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.

### 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.**

## **Confirmation**

Keep our Confirmation Class in your prayers. They will join the young people of St. Francis de Sales on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> in receiving the sacrament from Bishop Thomas J. Tobin. Confirmation will take place at St. Francis de Sales church. Please keep all of the Confirmation candidates and their families in your prayers.

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

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

Registration Fee: \$70-1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:sbcreligiouseducation@gmail.com)**.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:marykcapobianco@gmail.com)**) or Jean Martish (**[jjbbam2@aol.com](mailto:jjbbam2@aol.com)**)

2) Order your Beholding His Glory Workbook from **[www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://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](mailto: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.

## **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)**

# First Annual St. Bernard Award

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“love of God and love of neighbor”

Awarded to:  
**The Sisters of the Cross and Passion**

Saturday June 4, 2022

+Mass at 5:00 p.m.

-Ticketed hors d'oeuvres reception in  
the parish center/cash bar

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*TICKET ORDER FORM: Return to Parish Office (place in basket)*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets @ \$15 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to St. Bernard)

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AND PAYMENT ON OR  
BEFORE: MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>.