

# Saint Bernard Church



May 22, 2022  
Sixth 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](http://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](mailto:sbcreligiouseducation@gmail.com)

Confirmation Grades 8 & 9: [sbc.teenff@gmail.com](mailto:sbc.teenff@gmail.com)

Gospel Weeklies Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7:  
[stbernardgospelweeklies@gmail.com](mailto:stbernardgospelweeklies@gmail.com)

## Ponderings

When I was a boy, I used to walk with two of my friends who had an afternoon paper route (i.e., newspaper route!). It was a time to ‘hang out’ with friends. When one of them was on vacation with their family I would ‘substitute.’ That meant getting the weekly tips also! That newspaper was the source of our news. If we wanted to ‘watch the news’ we tuned in to one of the three networks. That was it. Getting the news seemed to be simpler not so many decades ago.

Where do you go for your news? There are countless ways to ‘be informed’----countless ways to ‘get the news.’ Is it always ‘just the news’ that we are getting? Are we not getting interpretations, biases, political points of view? I suppose this was always the case. It just seems that the ‘news landscape’ has become so much more partisan and divisive in recent years. The facts, just the facts! Not always easy to get.

How providential that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, just this past Sunday (May 15<sup>th</sup>) canonized a Dutch priest and journalist who stood his ground against Nazi ideology and paid for it with his life. The example of Blessed Titus Brandsma has prompted many journalists to sign an open letter asking the pope to name this Dutch Carmelite priest as the patron saint of journalists.

The present patron saint of journalists and writers is St. Francis De Sales. The journalists do not want to negate or disparage any of the virtues of this saint who died in 1567, but they want to recognize that Blessed Titus as a journalist in the modern age is a worthy patron for journalists of our time. The journalists wrote to the pope, “We, Catholic journalists, recognize in Titus Brandsma a professional peer and fellow believer of considerable standing. Someone who shared the deeper mission that should drive journalism in modern times: a search for truth and veracity, the promotion of peace and dialogue between people.”

Journalists face many challenges in the present age. According to a report by UNESCO published in January, 55 journalist and media professionals were killed in 2021. Two-thirds of those killed, the report said, ‘died in countries where there is no armed conflict.’

The new saint, now St. Titus Brandsma, lived from 1881-1943 when he was killed by lethal injection at the concentration camp of Dachau, Germany---the first camp established by the Nazi regime. Born to a humble, devout Catholic family in rural Frisia, in northern Netherlands, he became a Carmelite priest and teacher. He was known as an intellectual and a resistor to the Nazi occupation. He was well respected in the circles of academia and journalism. He was arrested in January of 1942 and was put to death on July 26<sup>th</sup> of the same year. The new saint said of his imprisonment, “Blessed loneliness, I find myself in this cell as in my own home. So far, I have not been bored at all, on the contrary. I am alone, that’s true, but the Lord is closer to me than ever.” He continues in his diary, “I feel like shouting for joy because the Lord wanted me to discover Him in all his fullness, without needing to be in the midst of people, or for them to come here. He is my only refuge. I feel happy. I will stay here forever if He commands it. Few times have I felt so happy.” What truly amazing sentiments---from his prison cell!

St. Titus Brandsma founded schools and taught at the Catholic University of Nijmegen, where he served as the rector in 1932. The postulator for his canonization, Fr. Millan Romerai, O. Carm., had this to say about him, “He is a Christian martyr because he realized that Nazism was a sort of ‘neo-paganism,’ the idolatry of race, nationalism, power, arrogance. Faced with this model, he proposed the Christian model as the only truthful one.” In his inaugural address as rector of the University St. Titus Brandsma said, “Among the many questions I ask myself, none worries me more than the enigma of why it is that man, who finds ways of development and feels proud of his achievements, turns away from God in such a remarkable way.”

As a journalist he published many articles. He founded a newspaper and was a ‘spiritual father’ to many of his fellow journalists. The straw that ‘broke the camel’s back’ was a letter he published in which he called the Nazi’s forced expulsion of Jewish children from Catholic schools a ‘flagrant injustice’ and an ‘attack on the mission of the Church itself.’ He wrote, “The Church, in carrying out its mission, knows no distinction of sex, race or nation.”

While in prison, many spoke of his kindness, charity, and spiritual support. The camp nurse who injected him with carbolic acid would later, based on his example, abandon Nazi ideology and convert to Catholicism.

St. Titus Brandsma, saint for our time, saint for all journalists, Pray for Us!

--Fr. Gaffney



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, May 23**

8:00 AM – *Joseph Morrissey*

**TUESDAY, May 24**

8:00 AM – *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

**WEDNESDAY, May 25**

8:00 AM – *Lena Cannon*  
by the Cannon Family

**THURSDAY, May 26**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*  
7:00 PM—*Michael Najim*

**FRIDAY, May 27**

8:00 AM – *Irene & Vincent Greene*  
by their family

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, May 28**

5:00 PM – *Gerald Carr*  
by his family

**SUNDAY, May 29**

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

10:30 AM – *Dolores Fiero*  
by her family

## Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 26 Holy Day

Masses will be celebrated  
at 8:00 AM and at 7:00 PM.

There will be NO Noon Mass.

## Confirmation Class

We congratulate the 12 young men and women of our parish and the 17 young men and women from St. Francis de Sales who received the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Tuesday, May 17th at St. Francis de Sales Church with Bishop Tobin as the celebrant. We pray that the power of the Holy Spirit and their Catholic faith will guide and direct their future lives.

Zachary Brew  
Susannah Compton  
David De la Cruz  
Maeve Kelly  
Keanu Kim  
Jack Harmon  
Michael Mongeau  
Ava Pickett  
Evan Shea  
Matthew Speltz  
Veronica Stowe  
Robert Walton



### Parish Support

	May 8, 2022	2021
Basket	\$7,763.00	\$18,617.00
ACH	\$1,904.00	\$2,465.00
	May 15, 2022	2021
Basket	\$5,491.00	\$10,775.00
ACH	\$2,611.00	\$2,490.00
YTD	\$458,496.00	\$457,003.00

### 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 May 12th parishioners had pledged \$68,928 towards our goal. Thank you!

### While You're Away Don't Forget

If you are away this summer enjoying the beach or far-away places, please don't forget that back home in old St. Bernard's, we still have to pay our bills. If you are away and miss a few weeks of your budget contributions, please try to make them up so that we can keep going or you can use the Online Giving Option. We miss you while you're away, and we miss your generosity too!

### Progressive Jackpot Raffle

Deadline is approaching!!  
Get Your tickets now!!



## Priestly Ordination of Deacon Mark Gadoury

Deacon Gadoury, (who was a seminarian here a couple of years ago) is being Ordained a Priest on June 4th! You are invited to all of the following to celebrate, pray for, and support him!

Friday, June 3, 2022

Holy Hour Prayer Vigil for  
Vocations and Deacon Gadoury  
7:00 p.m.

Saint Paul's Church  
One Saint Paul's Place  
Cranston, Rhode Island

Saturday, June 4, 2022

**Priestly Ordination**

10:00 a.m.  
Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul  
30 Fenner Street  
Providence, Rhode Island

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Father Gadoury's  
First Mass of Thanksgiving  
2:00 p.m.

Saint Joan of Arc Church  
3357 Mendon Road  
Cumberland, Rhode Island

### Knights of Columbus Hall Rental



Hold your next event at the Knights of Columbus Council Hall, located at 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. The hall is air conditioned and holds up to 80 people comfortably seated. here is a full bar, staffed with a bartender at \$75.00 per length of event if requested. Rates are \$75.00 per hour minimum 2 hours. For further information, please contact us at 401-295-0507.



**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)**.

**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.

**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)

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

Number of Tickets @ \$15.00 Each:

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Please return to parish office or drop in collection basket.

**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.

**Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter**

We are always in need of new socks, bath towels, and backpacks, twin-sized bedding, etc. Drop off items in the Church gathering space or at the Parish Center.