



# Saint Bernard Church

June 5, 2022  
Pentecost Sunday

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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

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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*

Like you, I am heartbroken at the recent school shootings in Uvalde, Texas and the terrible loss of life. In addition to the 21 people who have been killed---including 19 children, there are others who have been injured and then there are the many family members and friends of those who have been killed. I am sure that you have experienced a range of emotions with this latest tragedy---sadness, anger, confusion.

Inevitably, the conversation turns to a question like this, “What can we do to ensure that something like this never happens again?” It is an important question. We have learned some things from other school shootings and other ‘mass shootings’---and there have been efforts to improve security of buildings, etc. The experts speak about ‘hardening the targets’---in other words, how do we protect the targets? How do we improve the security of buildings like schools to protect the children and others in that building who are so very vulnerable?

I do agree that we need to find the best and most effective means to secure public buildings---all buildings, any place where there are gatherings of people. And yet, in an interview I heard recently (among many) an expert in the field suggested that in addition to the approach of ‘hardening the target’ we need to look at the ‘hard hearts’ of the perpetrators.

It got me to thinking about the phrase from sacred scripture that we often use during the season of Lent, “If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.” As believers in Jesus Christ we do not want our hearts to be hardened. A hardened heart is one that is angry, bitter, jealous, vengeful, unforgiving. Among the perpetrators of violent crime, especially mass shootings I suspect that there are many hardened hearts. There are lots of reasons hearts can become hardened---mental health experts can tell us about healthy emotional development for young people and what can happen if there are some important elements missing. As believers in Jesus Christ we try to take his message to heart and live our lives following his example. He is the one who saw the dignity of every person. We each have dignity. He is the one who loves us unconditionally. We are loved unconditionally. He is the one who offers forgiveness and another chance when we sin. We are the recipients of his forgiveness. He is the one who teaches the ‘Golden Rule’-----to treat others as we would like to be treated. He is the one who gives us the two-fold commandment to ‘love God and love neighbor.’ In following him, we are helping to ensure that our hearts will not become hardened.

We belong to a community of believers who also try to love one another-----even if we do so imperfectly. We belong to a community of believers who respects the dignity of every person. We belong to a community of believers that forgives.

How important it is for young people (and really all people) to stay connected to a community of believers-----whose hearts are loving, and not hardened-----who, in turn, model for young people how not let our hearts become hard. How important it is not only for our spiritual health, but for our emotional and mental health, to be part of a community of believers, with Jesus Christ as our head, to face whatever personal challenges may come our way.

I believe that that keeping our young people connected to Jesus Christ and a community of believers will strengthen them, guide them, and help them face the challenges of life. It is one way-----for them and for all of us, to not let our hearts become hardened.

We need to ‘harden the targets’-----but we need to keep our hearts from becoming hardened-----let Jesus continue to mold and fashion our hearts that they might be loving like his.

Let us continue to pray for the victims’ families and the families of all those who have been victims of violent deaths and violent crimes.

--Fr. Gaffney



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, June 6**

8:00 AM – *Ann Guay*  
by the Counters

**TUESDAY, June 7**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**WEDNESDAY, June 8**

8:00 AM – *Joan Keenan*

**THURSDAY, June 9**

8:00 AM – *Mary Ellen Kane*  
by a friend

**FRIDAY, June 10**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, June 11**

5:00 PM – *Thomas Walsh*  
by his family

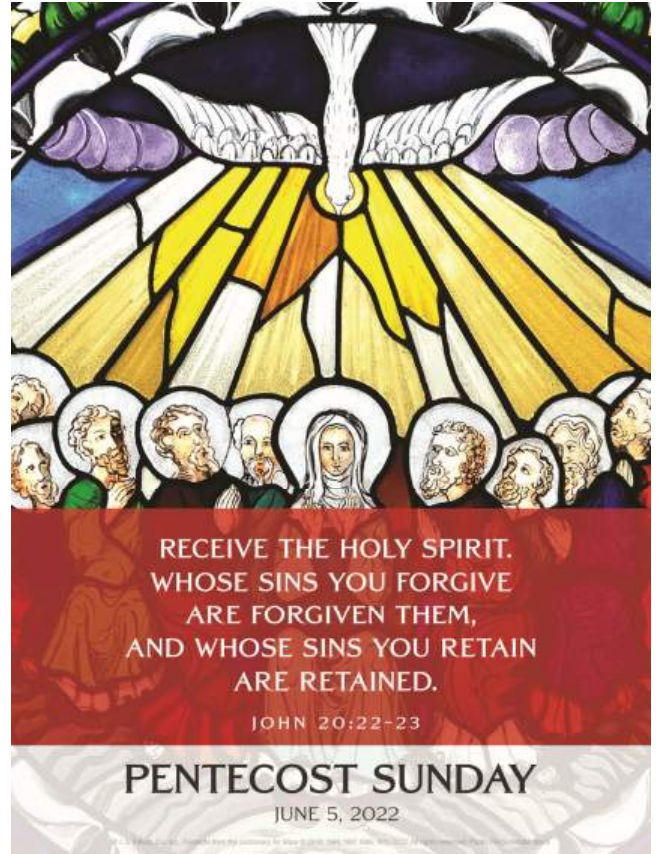
**SUNDAY, June 12**

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Angela Walsh*

10:30 AM – *Cornelius J. Sullivan, III.*

by his family



## Memorial Day Parade in Wickford



On Sunday May 29, 2022

**Ariane Theresa Spengos**  
**John Peter Spengos**

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

### Parish Support

	May 22, 2022	2021
Basket	\$10,374.00	\$5,053.00
ACH	\$2,306.00	\$1,694.00
	May 29, 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,534.00	\$4,300.00
ACH	\$2,169.00	\$2,383.00
YTD	\$479,899.00	\$470,950.00

### 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 26th parishioners had pledged \$76,380 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!

### Update: Emergency Food Collection for St. Martin De Porres Senior Center

Thank you for your donations for this 'emergency request'. One of our parishioners generously volunteered to bring the food in his van to the Senior Center. Two 'shipments' have been made. We will continue to receive donations through the end of June. (We will have participated in this emergency appeal for the months of April, May and June). Once again, we are grateful for your response to this request!

### Morning Glory Gathering

Please join us for coffee and socializing on **Thursday, June 9** after the 8:00 AM morning Mass in the Parish Hall.

### Golf Tournament Committee Meeting

There will be a golf committee planning meeting for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St Bernard Golf Tournament on Tuesday, June 7th 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, June 7th 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.

### Save the Date: St. Bernard Parish Feast Picnic: Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.



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After the 5:00 p.m. Mass we will have our parish picnic---hamburgers, hotdogs, water will be provided. Start time is approximately 6:00 p.m. Bring the whole family!



## **Vacation Bible Camp**

has been cancelled due to low registration. We were looking forward to holding this week-long camp again after a two year hiatus. We will try again next year!

## **Altar Server Training (Re-fresh!)** **Saturday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m.**

Please call the parish office to register. Any boy or girl who has made their First Holy Communion is eligible.



## **Lafayette Band**

On behalf of the Lafayette Band I want to thank St. Bernard's Parish for working with us to present the Armed Forces Salute concert on May 15. The parish was so welcoming to the band and we thoroughly enjoyed performing in the Church. We deeply appreciate what the parish has done for us.

Jacquelyn Lamoureux  
President, Lafayette Band

## **Our Lady of Czestochowa** **Polish Festival**

Will be held on Saturday, June 25, from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM on the school grounds located at 222 Mac Arthur Blvd, Coventry. Come and enjoy Polish/American Food, Games, Raffles, Cow Chip Bingo and much more. Visit [olcsvp.org](http://olcsvp.org) for more information.



## **Wedding Announcement**

Congratulations to:

Caitlin Ann Blanchard  
and  
Richard David Grenier

who were united in the  
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on  
May 21, 2022

## **Becoming a Catholic—or** **“making up my sacraments”** **Where do I begin?**

Are you someone who was baptized a Catholic but have not received First Communion or Confirmation? Are you someone who was baptized in another Christian church and would like to become Catholic? Are you someone who has never been baptized? The Church has a program known by the initials, R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is a process---a series of classes---whereby you prepare to receive one or more of the following: Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation. After a time of preparation, you would receive these sacraments at the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday). This celebration for adults receiving sacraments happens in Catholic churches all of the world at the Easter Vigil! Yes, you can receive these sacraments as adults! Maybe you are embarrassed because you have not received these sacraments---don't be embarrassed! Maybe you are unsure if you can 'learn what you need to know'---don't be worried---we'll help you through! Maybe you are worried about what others may think--don't worry what others might think---you are doing this to grow in your faith---to grow closer to God! Don't let any stumbling blocks get in the way! This might be the opportunity you have been waiting for! Classes will begin in the Fall. Before that time, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Gaffney. He can answer any questions you may have.