

Saint Bernard Church



July 10, 2022 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

I came across a list of “benefits of playing youth baseball” recently----you might also substitute other sports ----soccer, basketball, etc. Here are a few of those reasons:

- It gets your kid out of the house and away from electronic devices. This certainly sounds like a good goal-----time away from cell phones, internet, etc.
- It improves hand-eye coordination. Another benefit----developing coordination will be helpful both in the ‘short term’ and the ‘long term.’
- It teaches them about the importance of teamwork. Yes. It is not ‘all about me’----they can learn to cooperate, give others a chance, even while developing their skills.
- It helps them make friends outside school. True----the members of the team likely come from several different schools.
- It promotes patience and focus. The player has to ‘pay attention’ to what is going on in front of them---- the field, the court, etc.
- It gets the whole family involved. In addition to needing rides to practice and games, participation in a sport can rally the family to be fans!
- It introduces kids to the acceptance of failure. You’re not always going to win. You’re not always going to get the winning point. Sometimes the other team wins.
- It boosts mood and mental health. Especially since the ‘lock down’ of Covid we know even more now how important ‘social interaction’ is for our young people.
- It teaches sportsmanship. In addition to learning how to be gracious in both winning and losing, a young person can learn how to be supportive of an opponent.
- It will be fun. Maybe the best is saved for last----playing the sport should be enjoyable. Yes, there is hard work-----and some sore muscles! Hopefully, there is also Fun.

I then began to think that these same benefits might be applied to “coming to Mass on Sunday” ----get your ‘creative imagination’ working.

- It gets your kid out of the house and away from electronic devices! Come to church and pray-----words, gestures, song-----in ‘real time.’—put down the laptop.
- It improves hand-eye coordination. Learning to ‘bless yourself’-----remember needing hand eye coordination? How about negotiating----standing, sitting, kneeling.....
- It teaches them about the importance of teamwork. We gather as a ‘community of faith’----young, old, and everyone ‘in between’---we worship together.
- It helps them make friends outside of school. No doubt there are lots of opportunities as you walk in from the parking lot or as you are leaving to meet new people.
- It promotes patience and focus. Yes. When will Father Gaffney finish his homily?! Patience! Keep focused on the “Liturgy of the Eucharist” when the priest is at the altar.
- It gets the whole family involved. Coming together to church as a family will strengthen the bonds of love in the family-----not perfectly! ----but in a positive way!
- It introduces kids to acceptance and failure. We don’t always get everything ‘right’---we make mistakes, we sin-----that’s why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is so important.
- It boosts mood and mental health. Jesus’ overwhelming message is that we are loved unconditionally---- -God saw what he had created ‘was very good.’
- It teaches sportsmanship. How do we treat others? We learn to be respectful. We might need to ‘move down in our pew’----to make room for others.
- It will be fun. Jesus came that we might have ‘joy’ and that our joy might be ‘complete’-----the kind of ‘joy’ that we can receive from Jesus is even better than ‘fun.’

So, what do you think? Lessons learned on the ballfield. Lessons learned in church. We can do both. It’s not either/or. It’s both/and. There is time on the weekend for both. See you in church.....and maybe on the ballfield!

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

- MONDAY, July 11**
8:00 AM – *Joseph & Angelina Imondi*
- TUESDAY, July 12**
8:00 AM – *Holy Innocents of Abortion*
- WEDNESDAY, July 13**
8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*
- THURSDAY, July 14**
8:00 AM – *John Myers*
by Edith Slater
- FRIDAY, July 15**
8:00 AM – *Michael Burns*
by the Babat family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

- SATURDAY, July 16**
5:00 PM – *Lorie Gaouette*
- SUNDAY, July 17**
7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*
8:30 AM – *John Lotocki*
by Sal & Linda Sanfilippo
10:30 AM – *John Allen*
by his family

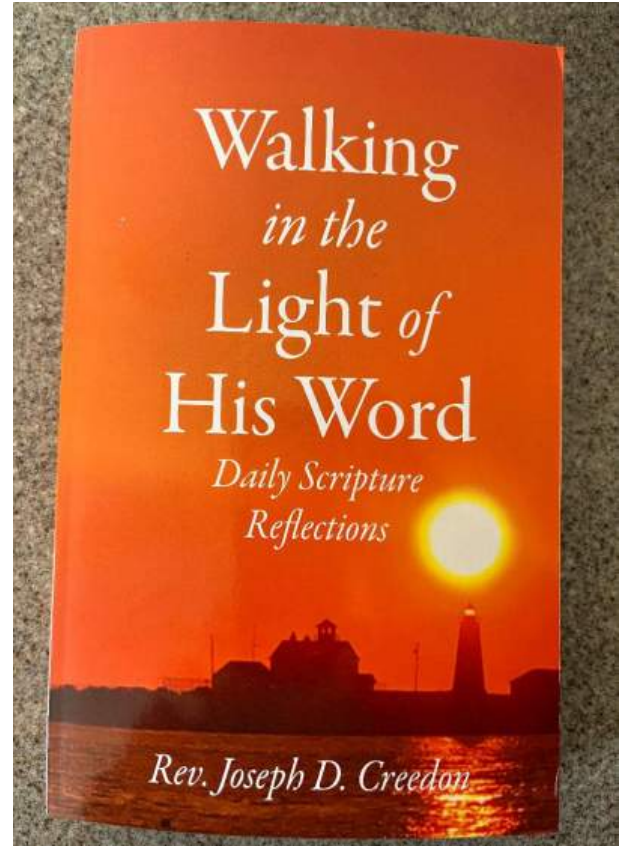
Morning Glory Gathering

Please join us for coffee and socializing on
Thursday, July 14
after the 8:00 AM morning Mass in the Parish Hall.



Walking in the Light of His Word

Fr. Joseph Creedon, pastor emeritus of Christ the King Parish in Kingston, has recently published a book of daily gospel reflections for each day of the year. The book, *Walking in the Light of His Word*, is available in the parish office. The cost is \$20.00.



Save the Date: St. Bernard Parish Feast Picnic Saturday, August 20th



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!

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Parish Support

	July 3, 2022	2021
Basket	\$7,639.00	\$6,700.00
ACH	\$3,223.00	\$3,564.00
YTD	\$10,862.00	\$10,264.00

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 June 30th parishioners had pledged \$80,099 towards our goal. Thank you!

Mission Co-Op Speaker and Collection.

On the weekend of July 16/17 we welcome representatives from the religious sisters, Missionary Sisters, Servants of the Word (HMSP) who will speak about their mission activity. They were founded in 1983 in Mexico and their mission is evangelization and catechesis especially among the Latino community. In 2020 the order established their first American novitiate in Rhode Island.

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!

Do you have a legal will?

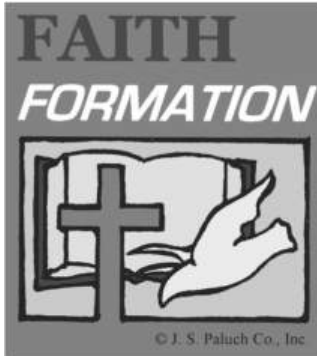
A recent survey found that approximately 42% of U.S. adults do not have a legal will or estate planning documents. For adults with children under the age of 18 this figure is even lower, about 36%. If you die without a will you have died 'intestate'---the intestacy laws of your state will determine how your property is distributed---bank accounts, securities, real estate and other assets. I heard a presentation recently that talked about the rather high number of Americans who do not have a will. Perhaps we don't want to admit that one day we will no longer be alive. Fear of death is real. Some people procrastinate---"I'll do it later." Some are so busy with other things that preparing a will is low on the list of priorities---the ordinary duties of family life come first. There are lots of reasons for not preparing a will. There are lots of good reasons for preparing a will and doing some estate planning. Your wishes will be honored at your passing. What you have 'worked hard for' will be distributed according to your plan. As pastor, I humbly ask that you consider listing St. Bernard Church in your will and estate planning. People "leave money" to family members, educational institutions, favorite charities, etc. Since St. Bernard Church was important to you during this life---let your gift be a 'legacy' that will help insure the continuation of the mission of this parish. Help to insure that future generations will have the spiritual nourishment that you have enjoyed. You will be contributing to the vitality of the parish even 'when you are gone'-----and yet, your generous spirit will remain! Thank you for considering the importance of 'preparing a will' and thank you for considering putting 'St. Bernard Church' as a beneficiary. The parish is truly grateful.

Emergency Food Drive Thank You.

St. Martin DePorres Senior Center in Providence has expressed their gratitude for the 'emergency food drive' we have held during April, May and June to help them with their food pantry. Thank you for your donations. We continue to collect donations of food items that we bring to the North Kingstown Food Pantry on a weekly basis!

Faith Formation 2022-2023

It's Registration Time!!!!



Check out our website for all details about the changes to the program for this year. Please view the informational slideshow first for an explanation of how the program will be running this year and then review the instructions on how to register your child.

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.

Altar Servers



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We recently trained four new altar servers. Another four 'experienced' altar servers will be starting again. It will be good to restart with these young people serving at the altar. We need more servers and are

happy to do additional 'trainings' or 'refreshers'. If your child or grandchild might be interested---call the parish office. Thanks.

The Men of St. Joseph



The Men of St. Joseph is holding its annual Men's Conference on August 6th from 8:00AM to 3:30PM at McViney Auditorium in Providence. This year Peter Herbeck and Reverend Christopher Murphy, two dynamic speakers, will speak on the theme "Our Hope is in the Name of the Lord". Cost for the conference is \$50.00 and includes breakfast

and lunch. To register contact Jim Martish 401-781-9189 or register online at Eventbrite. For more information visit

www.mosji.org

The North Kingstown Food Pantry is Here for You

The North Kingstown Food Pantry is available to any resident of the town of North Kingstown who is in need of nutritional support. The food pantry is a safe place where you will receive healthy food which is essential for good health.

Each month, North Kingstown residents may receive one week's worth of free food along with personal care products when available. In addition to the monthly week's worth of food that a household may receive, those 60 and older may participate in the food pantry's Senior Supplement Program each month. Families with children in school can receive additional food during the summer when government meal programs are unavailable and also during winter and spring vacation weeks. The food pantry also offers Holiday meals throughout the year and farm fresh produce on Thursdays.

If you could benefit from the services provided by the North Kingstown Food Pantry, you need to register by visiting their website at nkfoodpantry.org. If you do not have access to a computer, please call the food pantry at 401-885-3663 during food pantry hours. The hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00am-2:00pm. The food pantry is located at 445 School Street in North Kingstown. Please know that food distribution is by appointment and you will have to bring your own shopping bags. No appointment is needed for Thursday produce days.

The North Kingstown Food Pantry is here for you and will assist you whenever you could use the extra support – even if you receive SNAP or other food assistance.