

Saint Bernard Church



July 24, 2022 Seventeenth 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

There were many wonderful opportunities afforded me during the five years I lived in Rome. On several occasions I visited Castel Gandolfo----the small town outside of Rome that was for many years the ‘summer residence’ of the Pope. In my first year at the Pontifical North American College the faculty and seminarians went, as was the tradition, to the Sunday Angelus in the late summer where Pope Benedict appeared on the balcony of the Papal Residence in Castel Gandolfo for the Angelus prayer and blessing---and then gave a special ‘shout out’ to the seminarians. The town of Castel Gandolfo, located on Lake Albano, is very small. In addition to the summer residence of the pope there is the Vatican Observatory. Once located in Rome, it moved to a more ‘suburban location’ some time ago because of so much artificial light in the city. The artificial lights got in the way of the purer images that the telescope hoped to capture. One day during my last year in Rome I visited Castel Gandolfo with a couple of faculty members, and we had the good fortune to be given an impromptu tour of the Vatican Observatory.

For many years, the Church has been interested in the universe----of what is ‘out there’---of so many discoveries that have taken place in recent decades. On July 11 and 12 NASA released images from the James Webb Space Telescope--- full color images of the universe. Have you seen any of these images yet? You can find them ‘online’ ---of course. They really are magnificent---take the time to look at these images of the universe. The James Webb Space Telescope is the largest and most powerful space telescope ever built.

In an interview with Catholic New Service, Jesuit Brother Guy Consolmagno, the director of the Vatican Observatory commented on these images. He said, “The images are gorgeous, as anyone can see for themselves. It’s a tantalizing glimpse of what we’ll be able to learn about the universe with this telescope in the future.” He continued, “The science behind this telescope is our attempt to use our God given intelligence to understand the logic of the universe. The universe wouldn’t work if it weren’t logical. But as these images show, the universe is not only logical, it is also beautiful.” Brother Guy said, “This is God’s creation being revealed to us, and in it we can see both his astonishing power and his love of beauty.”

According to NASA, one cluster of galaxies, known as SMACS0723, is approximately 4.6 billion light-years from Earth. It is almost impossible to imagine!

For people of faith, we see such discoveries as further testimony of God’s creative activity. One writer had this to say, “The awesome, amazing images just continue to show the amazing works of our awesome God, of our awesome creator.” For believers, the new images that the telescope has brought to us will confirm our belief in a God whose creation is simply beyond our comprehension. Seen with the eyes of science, these images are evidence of a remarkable phenomenon---things we had no idea were there---but no more.

We can be grateful for the extraordinary work of so many people who developed this telescope----I agree with Brother Guy that they used their God-given talents to create an instrument that can now deliver images of galaxies up till now unknown. Those unknown galaxies---planets, etc. are for men and women of faith further proof of the supreme power of our God who created everything. I guess we might say that believers and scientists see the same things differently. But we are happily seeing things that are “out-of-this world”!

Recall the words of Psalm 148:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; Praise him, all his hosts!

Praise him, sun, and moon; Praise him all stars of light!

Praise him, highest heavens, and the waters that are above the heavens!

Then praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded, and they were created.

---Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, July 25

8:00 AM – *Alice O’Neil*

TUESDAY, July 26

8:00 AM – *Rev. Alfred Lonardo*

WEDNESDAY, July 27

8:00 AM – *Norman Fischer*

THURSDAY, July 28

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY, July 29

8:00 AM – *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 30

5:00 PM – *Benjamin Dabrowski*
by his family

SUNDAY, July 31

7:00 AM – *Rev. Charles E. Fountain*

8:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

10:30 AM – *Thomas Kennedy*

by *Karen & Jack McLaughlin*

Parish Feast Day and Parish Cook-Out!



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The Feast of St. Bernard is Saturday, August 20th. On Saturday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass we will have a Parish Cook-Out! We will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and bottled water. You bring whatever your family wants for ‘sides’ or dessert. Bring a lawn chair!

We will also have the parish hall set up with tables and chairs---with air-conditioning. Come----meet other parishioners! Renew old acquaintances! Watch the bulletin for more information in the coming weeks. For now: **SAVE THE DATE: SAT. AUG. 20TH**. (even if you plan to go to Mass on Sunday morning----- come to the cookout at 6:00 p.m.)

Please return this form through the collection basket. (or e-mail the parish office) This will help us as we plan the amount of food to purchase!

Name: _____

Number attending: _____



Sister Guadalupe and Sister Veronica, members of the ‘Missionary Sisters, Servants of the Word’, with Fr. Gaffney. The Sisters spoke at Masses on the weekend of July 17/18 as part of the Mission Co-Op Collection program.

Parish Support

	July 10, 2022	2021
Basket	\$5,830.00	\$7,574.00
ACH	\$2,918.00	\$2,477.00
	July 17, 2022	2021
Basket	\$5,463.00	\$5,179.00
ACH	\$2,570.00	\$3,273.00
YTD	\$27,643.00	\$28,767.00

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!

Have you considered "On-Line" Giving?

Maybe it is time now to sign up for "On-Line Giving" or maybe it is time to review what you have been doing with your current "On-Line Giving" program. What are some of the advantages to this way of supporting the parish? Here are a few (1) It is convenient---automatic. It might just be the way that you are presently handling many other financial transactions. (2) You need not worry about a missed donation. (3) "Young People" --- of all ages---don't often use cash or checks---this is the way so many people do their financial transactions. (3) You get to keep your own record of gift giving. (4) It provides 'continuity' for the church. Regular, reliable income is helpful for the budgeting process. It helps us to pay our bills, which are always 'regular'---that is, non-stop. (5) If you are away on vacation, on business or 'in the sun for a few winter months' you are able to have a continuous, unbroken way of supporting the church. If you need any assistance in setting up an "On-Line Giving" program for yourself or would like to re-visit a present arrangement of "On-Line Giving", please contact the Parish Office.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration at the Cathedral

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment is hosting the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration to honor couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2022. The celebration will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist. You must register with the parish by September 11. Please call the parish office or e-mail the parish office (sbc.pa@verizon.net) if you would like to attend this special celebration.

Wanted

Additional Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We would like to increase the number of ministers in both groups. This will help us in scheduling---and keep a rotation of ministers for these important roles. If you have been Baptized, received First Holy Communion, been Confirmed and, if married, married in the Church----and would like to serve as a lector or Eucharistic Minister, please speak with Fr. Gaffney. Training will be provided. Thank you!

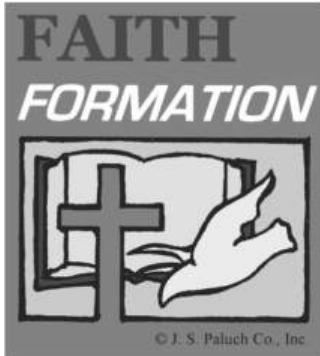
The Men of St. Joseph

The Men of St. Joseph is holding its annual Men's Conference on August 6th from 8:00AM to 3:30PM at McVinney 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.com. For more information visit

www.mosji.org

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.

Don't Wait ! Take a moment and register before your preferred time slot is FULL!

The Gospel Weeklies 9:30 AM session is filling up fast!

Registration is on a first come first serve basis.

There is a class size max of 15 students per session per grade.

Youth Ministry

The St. Bernard Youth Ministry Program would like to recognize Keara Culhane with the St. Bernard's Parish Youth Ministry Award. This award is given to those graduating Seniors who have been especially active in our Parish. Keara has been a valued member of the Teen Choir and our Music Program. We wish her all of God's special love and protection for her future success.

Catholic Book Sale

On the weekend of August 20 and 21 after all the masses there will be a sale of Catholic books in the parish center large conference room. A local vendor arranges these sales in parishes---it is like a Catholic Bookstore coming to you! There will be books, DVDs and CDs for children and adults. Take advantage of this opportunity to grow in the knowledge and understanding of our faith! For families with children---there will be 'Baby Bibles' and 'Bible Story books'. There will be a variety of topics in the books for adults---spirituality, lives of the saints, prayer, etc.

St Bernard Second Annual Golf Tournament

**SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday, October 2, 2022
Golf, Dinner, Contests, Prizes**



weeks.

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

North Kingstown Food Pantry

“Dear Friend,

Your thoughtful donation of 1,827 pounds of food and hygiene products during the first six months of 2022 to the North Kingstown Food Pantry is so appreciated. Thank You!

Your donation to the pantry provides our community with a variety of needed items. Working together, we make a difference every day in North Kingstown.

Thank you for partnering with the Pantry in the battle against hunger.

Kimberly A. Page
President of the Board of Directors”



www.nkfoodpantry.org/

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.