

Saint Bernard Church



July 31, 2022 Eighteenth 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

Some years ago, I had a conversation with a funeral home director about the number of burials that he arranged that were not reported in the newspaper. There were no obituaries for these deaths. And there were many. The families of the person who died shared the information with other family members and friends, but there was a painful privacy about these deaths. Why the privacy? The grief may have been overwhelming, perhaps there was embarrassment. These deaths were drug-related. They were the deaths of sons and daughters brought about by a drug overdose. Understandably, family members often 'did not want to talk about it'.

I thought about that conversation recently when I was listening to news reports about the increasing number of cases of drug overdoses, especially those involving fentanyl. I asked myself the question, given that deaths due to drug overdoses are increasing, is your 'attention level' increasing? Am I paying enough attention to this national problem-----a problem that is likely impacting people in our state, in our community and our parish? Just recently there was a news report of 10 people being arrested for their alleged involvement in a drug trafficking organization that operated across Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts. The arrested persons are also accused of involving a child at one point while carrying out their operations. Authorities seized 14.9 kilograms of suspected fentanyl from target locations. One kilogram has the potential to kill 500,000 people. The news article went on to report that fentanyl-related cases have been rampant in Massachusetts and Rhode Island in recent months. A spokesman for the Rhode Island Department of Health reported that about 75% of the total drug overdose deaths in the state were related to fentanyl. The DEA says that the synthetic opioid fentanyl is 50-100 times stronger than morphine.

There are two types of fentanyl: pharmaceutical fentanyl and illicitly manufactured fentanyl. Both are considered opioids. Pharmaceutical fentanyl is prescribed by doctors to treat severe pain, especially after surgery and for advanced-stage cancer. Most recent cases of fentanyl-related overdoses are linked to illicitly manufactured fentanyl, which is distributed through illegal drug markets for its heroin-like effect. It is often added to other drugs because of its extreme potency, which makes drugs cheaper, more powerful, more addictive and more dangerous. Many drug users are unaware that their drugs are laced with fentanyl.

Another article reports that our country is in the midst of a drug epidemic fueled by fentanyl which is now the leading cause of death for Americans 18-45 years of age. Between 2020-2021, approximately 79,000 people in this age category died of fentanyl. If we have loved ones in that age-group, children or grandchildren, maybe we might want to be more informed about the dangers of fentanyl-----really, the dangers of all illegal drug use. Sadly, it is only after the tragedy of a drug-overdose that we reflect on how blind we may have been to not see that 'my son' or 'my granddaughter' would ever have gotten involved with drugs.

Maybe we can all be more attentive to the physical, emotional and spiritual health of our loved ones. Have we noticed any changes in behavior? Can we ask, simply, "How are you doing?" ----and really mean it. Am I my 'brother's keeper' (sister's keeper) ----yes! Our own awareness that this is a national crisis is a good beginning. Our own awareness of what is happening in the lives of those around me----is a good next step.

When a young person dies of a drug overdose, we are left asking so many 'what if' questions. We grieve for the loss of their lives and we reach out with compassion to family and friends who experience this loss. It is estimated that 150 people die each day from drug overdoses related to fentanyl. We pray for the souls of our brothers and sisters who will die in such a tragic way this day. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, August 1

8:00 AM – *Rev. David T. Perry*

TUESDAY, August 2

8:00 AM – *Innocents of Abortion*

WEDNESDAY, August 3

8:00 AM – *David A. Lombardi*

THURSDAY, August 4

8:00 AM – *Egidio Capobianco*

FRIDAY, August 5

8:00 AM – *Robert Verdi*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, August 6

5:00 PM – *John & Rose Giacchi*

SUNDAY, August 7

7:00 AM – *Robert & Bertha Smith*
by their family

8:30 AM – *Tom Savoie*

10:30 AM – *Lois Scialo Ellis*

2nd Anniversary by her husband

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: _____

“St. Gabriel’s Call”

During the month of **August** St. Bernard Parish will be accepting donations to support this Diocesan program which helps women and families in what might be a crisis or unplanned pregnancy. The mission of **Gabriel’s Call** is “to reach out to all moms and dads during and beyond pregnancy by providing material items, emotional and spiritual support especially if they are in an unplanned or crisis pregnancy. There are currently 7 Gabriel locations throughout RI

Some suggested items needed include:

Practical baby seasonal clothing: onesies, sleepers and play outfits, Sizes 12 months – 4T

Diapers: Sizes 4, 5, 6 and Pull-Ups **Larger sizes are GREATLY needed**

Baby toiletries: Wipes baby wash etc. **(No powder please)**

Other Necessities: Bottles, sippy cups, umbrella strollers, crib sheets, socks,

Gently Used: bassinets, strollers carry-seats, swings, highchairs, We do **NOT** accept used car seats .

GIFT CARDS: in increments of \$10 – Walmart, CVS, Target, Stop and Shop

Monetary Donations: are used to purchase cribs, etc.

Checks made payable to **“The Retreat House/Gabriel’s Call”**

“Thank you for helping us to help others.” Lisa Cooley, Coordinator, Office of Life and Family Ministry

Parish Support

	July 17, 2022	2021
Basket	\$5,463.00	\$5,179.00
ACH	\$2,570.00	\$3,273.00
	July 24, 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,023.00	\$5,219.00
ACH	\$2,070.00	\$2,537.00
YTD	\$35,736.00	\$36,523.00

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!

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Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.

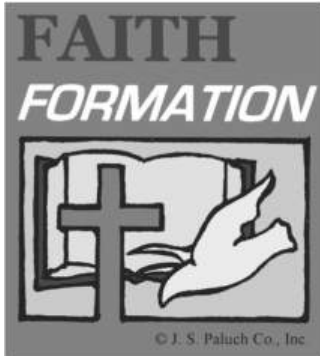
Luke 12:15

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Inspired from the sanctuary for June 19, 2020. 1800, 1800, 1800, 1800, 1800.

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.

Men of St. Joseph

The Men of St. Joseph International is a Catholic association of men committed to Jesus Christ. Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday

August 3rd at 7:00 PM

in the Parish Center. New members are welcome. Please join us and strengthen your faith through study of scripture and fellowship with other catholic men.

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

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.

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