

# Saint Bernard Church



## August 7, 2022 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

**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*

Pope Francis has concluded his 'penitential trip' to Canada which lasted from July 24-30. You may have seen the news reports that showed the pope using a wheelchair—this is due to a painful right knee. For the 85-year-old pontiff to make this extended trip given his present physical condition---you can be sure he believed this to be a particularly important 'pilgrimage'.

His first stop was a meeting with elders of some of the indigenous peoples---First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples. He entered a cemetery where many indigenous peoples are buried who had been sent to the 'residential schools'. The residential school is defined as an extensive school system set up by the Canadian government and administered by churches. They had the nominal objective of educating indigenous children. They wanted to indoctrinate them into Euro-Canadian and Christian ways of living and assimilate them into mainstream society. They operated from the 1880's all the way until the last school closed in 1996. We know that there were instances of abuse---physical, verbal, emotional, and sexual. A group of the elders had traveled to Rome earlier this year and after meeting with Pope Francis, they asked him to come to Canada---that it was important to hear his words of apology on their soil.

Pope Francis said, "I have come to your native lands to tell you in person of my sorrow, to implore God's forgiveness, healing and reconciliation, to express my closeness and to pray with you and for you." It is estimated that approximately 150,000 children attended the residential schools. A government commission has confirmed that 3,200 children died in the school with some estimating the number might be as high as 6,000. The pope said, "The memory of those children is indeed painful; it urges us to work to ensure that every child is treated with love, honor and respect."

In speaking about the residential schools he said, "It is necessary to remember how the policies of assimilation and enfranchisement, which also included the residential school system, were devastating for the people of these lands.....I think back on the stories you told: how the policies of assimilation ended up systematically marginalizing the indigenous people, how also through the system of residential schools your languages and cultures were denigrated and suppressed; how children suffered physical, verbal, psychological and spiritual abuse; how they were taken away from their homes at a young age, and how that indelibly affected relationships between parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren."

"Here, today, I am with you to recall the past, to grieve with you, to bow our heads together in silence and to pray before the graves.

At the Lake of St. Anne, a body of water sacred to the indigenous peoples, he said these words in prayer, "We bring to you our weariness and our struggles, the wounds of the violence suffered by our indigenous brothers and sisters. In this blessed place, where harmony and peace reign, we present to you the disharmony of our experiences, the terrible effects of colonization, the indelible pain of so many families, grandparents and children. Lord, help us to be healed of our wounds. We know, Lord, that this requires effort, care, and concrete actions on our part; but we also know that we cannot do this alone. We rely on you and on the intercession of your mother and your grandmother."

In speaking to government officials, he said, "The Holy See and the local Catholic communities are concretely committed to promoting the indigenous cultures through specific and appropriate forms of spiritual accompaniment that include attention to their cultural traditions, customs, languages and educational processes, in the spirit of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."

I recall that in my days as a social studies teacher there was a question used for debate when speaking about immigration-----was the goal to become a 'melting pot'----everyone becoming the same or a 'mixed salad'-- --the uniqueness of each part of the salad giving 'flavor' to the whole. It is a question worth contemplating in light of the pope's penitential pilgrimage. How do we form 'one family' of faith while at the same time recognizing the dignity of various cultures and traditions?

--Fr. Gaffney



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, August 8**  
8:00 AM – *Audrey Casey*  
by her family

**TUESDAY, August 9**  
8:00 AM – *John Cannon*  
by the Cannon family

**WEDNESDAY, August 10**  
8:00 AM – *Mary & Stephen Kusmierz*  
by their family

**THURSDAY, August 11**  
8:00 AM – *Marion Cardi*

**FRIDAY, August 12**  
8:00 AM – *Ralph Buteau*  
by Mary Lynch

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, August 13**  
5:00 PM – *Carlo & Dorothy Ciummo*  
by their daughter

**SUNDAY, August 14**  
7:00 AM – *Robert Verdi*  
  
8:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*  
  
10:30 AM – *Teri Bouchard*  
by her family

### Morning Glory Gathering

Please join us for coffee and socializing on **Thursday, August 11** after the 8:00 AM morning Mass in the Parish Hall.

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## Parish Feast Day and Parish Cook-Out!



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The Feast of St. Bernard is Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. 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. 20<sup>TH</sup>**. (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: \_\_\_\_\_



Teens from St. Bernard's who attended Steubenville East Program last weekend.

### Parish Support

	July 24, 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,023.00	\$5,219.00
ACH	\$2,070.00	\$2,537.00
	July 31, 2022	2021
Basket	\$12,879.00	\$8,854.00
ACH	\$2,270.00	\$2,717.00
YTD	\$51,295.00	\$48,094.00

### 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!

### Bible Study: The Psalms.

This fall we will offer a 6-session Bible Study focusing on The Psalms. Why the Psalms? A few reasons: (1) Jesus prayed the Psalms. (2) The Psalms are the most often quoted Old Testament book in the New Testament (3) The Psalms are prayed at every Mass---either recited or sung (4) The Psalms can help us with our personal prayer---the Psalms, for example express 'thanksgiving' and 'petition' and 'sorrow'. In addition to helping us understand a Book of Sacred Scripture, a study of the Psalms will help us understand Jesus better and 'prayer' better. We will use a book entitled, Psalm Basics for Catholics. Please purchase this book to use in the program. (On-line book sellers have it) No previous 'Bible Study' is required. Classes will be on Monday evenings 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the parish center. Sept. 19, 26; Oct. 3, 17, 24; Nov. 14. Please contact the Parish Office to register.

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

### 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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, August 9 at 6:00 pm** 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.

### Grief Support Group.

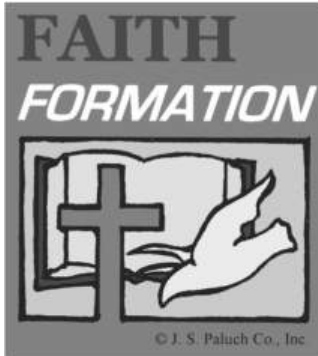
Several parishioners have asked about the possibility of forming a "Grief Support Group" for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. If you would be interested in being part of a 'monthly meeting' of a Grief Support Group please send an e-mail to Fr. Gaffney (sbc.pastor@aol.com). We will have an initial 'planning meeting' of those who are interested---to discuss programming, scheduling, etc.

### Victory Day

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, August 8, in observance of the Victory Day holiday.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Young At Heart Returns**

We will start our Young At Heart luncheons in September. These monthly luncheons for our 'seniors' were very well received. We ordinarily had between 60-80 people for the lunch. It is a wonderful time to renew friendships and meet parishioners. All "seniors" of the parish are welcome! See the registration form in an upcoming bulletin.

## **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

## **"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:** basinetts, 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