

# Saint Bernard Church



## August 14, 2022 Twentieth 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

The four words young people don't want to hear and at the same time the four words parents are happy to hear: Back To School Sale. Stores have their 'back to school' items in readiness for parents and students to do their shopping. I don't like to rush the summer. Some schools start before Labor Day-----they have their reasons, but it just seems too early. The days are usually still warm and the beach/ocean is still enticing!

No matter our age perhaps we might think of the slogan: "Back to the School of Faith". The disciples were in a kind of 'school of faith' with Jesus during the three years of his public ministry. The word 'discipulus' (in Latin) means 'a learner'. If we want to be a disciple of Jesus in our present age we must also be 'a learner.' There is so much for us to learn about our faith.

As a parish, here are a few things we have been doing to go "back to the school of faith".....

- We come together to celebrate the Eucharist---to listen to the Word of God in sacred scripture and to reflect on that word. Come to Mass each week.
- A group of men from the parish recently went to the 'Men of St. Joseph Conference' at the Cathedral-----speakers, fellowship, Mass.
- A group of women from our "Women's Bible Study" group have continued to meet, share, pray and learn during the summer months.
- A group of teens recently went to the regional 'Steubenville East' conference in Springfield. They enjoyed the program very much.

What's coming up?

- For your 'young parishioners' our Faith Formation Program will begin next month. They should be registered by now. Contact the Faith Formation Office with any questions.
- We will have a Bible Study focusing on "The Psalms" this fall. No previous experience with Bible Study is necessary. "First-timers" are welcome. Sign up. Details can be found in the bulletin.
- a Grief Group is being considered if there is enough interest----a way to learn, pray, share---with others who have lost a loved one. Contact the parish office if you are interested.

Joining with other people of faith can help our faith grow:

- our "Young At Heart" luncheons will begin in September. If you haven't come to one of them last year----
- why not try coming this year. I usually do a very brief 'spiritual talk' towards the end of the meal. Casual luncheon conversations with parishioners can strengthen our faith!

So..... whether you are preparing to take advantage of those 'Back to School Sales', or, if your 'school age children' have long since grown up and moved to their own homes and careers----know that we can all 'learn more about our faith'----you can teach an 'old dog new tricks'---even a St. Bernard!  
Where is Jesus calling you to grow in your discipleship?

--Fr. Gaffney



### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place immediately after the morning Mass on Tuesdays (approximately 8:30 a.m.) Benediction and reposition at 11:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for quiet, prayerful reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, August 15**  
8:00 AM – *Joseph Gillen*

**TUESDAY, August 16**  
8:00 AM – *Dr. Carl J. Battaglia*  
by his sister

**WEDNESDAY, August 17**  
8:00 AM – *Gerard J. Holder*

**THURSDAY, August 18**  
8:00 AM – *Terry Hendricks*  
by Mary Lynch

**FRIDAY, August 19**  
8:00 AM – *Ralph Buteau*  
by Mary Lynch

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, August 20**  
5:00 PM – *Mary DiDonato*  
by her family

**SUNDAY, August 21**  
7:00 AM – *Cecilia Bengford*

8:30 AM – *Eileen Arnold*  
by her family

10:30 AM – *Norman Schartner*

## Parish Feast Day and Parish Cook-Out! Last Call !!!



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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: \_\_\_\_\_



### Altar Servers Are Back!

If any young parishioner (who has made First Holy Communion) would like to be an altar server, contact the parish office. Training will be provided.



Jim and Jean Martish holding items donated to the "Baby Shower" for St. Gabriel's Call (which helps women experiencing a crisis pregnancy) and their families. Items will be collected during the month of August)

### Parish Support

	July 31, 2022	2021
Basket	\$12,879.00	\$8,854.00
ACH	\$2,270.00	\$2,717.00
	August 7, 2022	2021
Basket	\$9,353.00	\$9,344.00
ACH	\$3,178.00	\$2,682.00
YTD	\$63,826.00	\$60,120.00

### Assumption of the Virgin Mary

**Monday August 15th**

Is not a holyday of obligation this year. Mass will be at 8:00 AM only.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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!

### 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 below.

### Young at Heart September Luncheon

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 (sign in at 11:30 AM)

Menu: To Be Determined

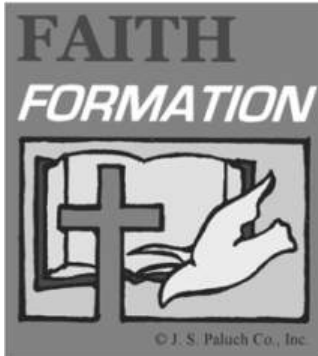
Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$14.00 per person. Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ (Made out to St. Bernard)

**Please respond by Tuesday, September 13, 2022.**

## **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.

## **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](mailto:sbc.pastor@aol.com)). We will have an initial 'planning meeting' of those who are interested---to discuss programming, scheduling, 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

## **"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:** basinet, 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