

Saint Bernard Church



August 28, 2022
Twenty-Second 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 definition of “outrageous” (noun) is: An action or event causing anger, shock or indignation. (of course there are other definitions----similar to this one)

What strikes you as “outrageous” these days? Do you find yourself on some days, after listening to the news, saying to yourself, ‘I can’t believe this is happening?’ or ‘Why do people do these things?’ ‘Am I living in the 21st century?’ ‘When will this bad behavior end?’ ‘Don’t they know better?’ You can detect a fair measure of frustration behind each of these questions. Here are a few of the things that have struck me as ‘outrageous’:

1. The war in Ukraine is ‘outrageous’. How can we have a war like this in our day and age with so many killed, a tremendous loss of property/homes, and a severe displacement of refugees? As we watch the ‘updates’ on television it becomes more frustrating each day since each day only adds more killing and destruction.
2. The violence occurring in many of our cities (and close to home in cities and towns in our own state). Sometimes I think the latest person to get stabbed, robbed, beaten, sucker-punched---must be the last one----surely we can rein in this kind of behavior. And yet, on a weekly and sometimes on a daily basis there is another ‘outrageous’ action of violence. Cain continues to kill his brother, Abel, in our own day. There is a frustration and a sense of powerlessness in the face of such random and unprovoked violence.
3. Just recently we witnessed the episode of the Patriots and Panthers breaking into fights on the field in preseason action. Sports figures are held in such high regard by many in our society, especially young people. To have them set such a bad example is indeed ‘outrageous’. There have always been such ‘fights’----but are they becoming more numerous, more frequent, more accepted? More encouraged and wanted by fans?
4. The kinds of robberies and thefts of businesses that have taken place in recent months----individuals entering a store---even a ‘high end business’----stealing items in broad daylight and walking out with no one contesting them or stopping them or preventing them. They have engendered fear in employees and bystanders. This is outrageous.
5. Bad driving is outrageous. Maybe it is me ‘getting older’----but some drivers on the highway make me nervous----their speed, the close distance they bring their vehicle behind mine---are they going to hit my rear bumper? Where are they going in such a hurry? I wish there was a policeman nearby to see them weaving in and out of traffic. I hope they don’t cause an accident---why drive in such an ‘unsafe way’? Outrageous.

I’m sure you have your own list of those things you consider ‘outrageous’ in people’s behavior. Such bad behavior can make us frustrated. We don’t know what we can do to make things better. Often we are powerless in the face of such behavior. We do what we are able---contact law enforcement, etc. And we pray!

How do we maintain our calm? How do we keep an inner peace in the midst of ‘outrageous behavior’?

You may be familiar with the prayer of St. Theresa of Avila:

***“Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing.
God alone suffices. Amen.***

There may be even more ‘outrageous’ events in our future! Keeping praying this prayer!
--Fr. Gaffney

Ponderings Stewardship Report *Addenda*

I knew I would not remember all of the wonderful things our parishioners do in service to the community! Please add to the list

- a parishioner who brings Holy Communion to residents at South County Nursing Center on Sundays
- a few parishioners who bring Holy Communion to homebound parishioners
- a parishioner who organizes our “Giving Tree” outreach project at Christmas
- all parishioners who generously support the “Giving Tree” outreach project



Mass Intentions

- MONDAY, August 29**
8:00 AM – *Terry Hendricks*
by Mary Lynch
- TUESDAY, August 30**
8:00 AM – *Robert Sciola*
by his family
- WEDNESDAY, August 31**
8:00 AM – *Robert Verdi*
by Kathy & Joe Gallichio
- THURSDAY, September 1**
8:00 AM – *Catherine Mattera*
by her family
- FRIDAY, September 2**
8:00 AM – *Salvatore & Mary Baldino*
by their family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

- SATURDAY, September 3**
5:00 PM – *Robert Verdi*
by his family
- SUNDAY, September 4**
7:00 AM – *Kerry Fenner*

8:30 AM – *John Walsh*

10:30 AM – *Dee Anne Madusky*
20th Anniversary by her mother and brother



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.

Parish Cook-Out for the Feast of St. Bernard

Another Success! Thank you to all who attended our parish cookout on Saturday, August 20th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We had a very enjoyable evening as a parish community. A SPECIAL thank you goes out to the Knights of Columbus who were the “grillers”.



Parish Support

	August 14 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$5,849.00	\$5,224.00
ACH	\$2,550.00	\$2,747.00
	August 21 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,553.00	\$4,950.00
ACH	\$2,523.00	\$2,884.00
YTD	\$81,301.00	\$77,048.00

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

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, by John Bergsma. 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 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.

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.

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

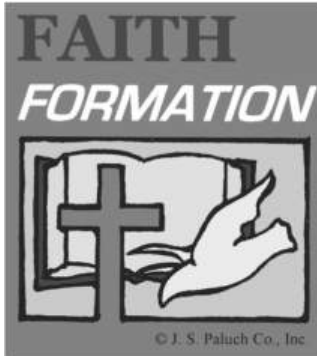
Name (s): _____

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.

2022 Diocesan Youth Day

Saturday, September 10, 2022 Fee: \$20.00

The beautiful Our Lady of Fatima Church property will be the location.

The theme chosen is "I Am". The day will include a Keynote and two rounds of three workshops. Justin Dery, a (native son) musician who created our diocese' "Glorify" program will keynote and his Band, "Summit" will be featured guests at the event.

The workshops will focus on the following themes and presented by:

Jesus the Healer; Deacon, Dr. Timothy Flanigan, Professor, School of Medicine Brown University, and St Theresa's Parish, Tiverton

Jesus the Way; Jim Flanagan, Director of Youth Ministry -Holy Name Parish- West Roxbury, MA
Our Hope has a Name, Jesus; Sarah Perini & Brendan Kearns – URI Students and Catechists at St Bernard, Wickford.

Also included will be Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, Concert, meals, games, t-shirt and more!

This event is open to those going into Grade 8 up to college age young adults. Please contact Christina Pichette at sbc.teenff@gmail.com by 8/31 to register.

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