

# Saint Bernard Church



## September 4, 2022 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor, Emeritus

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**Pastoral Assistant:** Angelo Giacchi  
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**Elementary Faith Formation:** Dawn Masterson  
**Youth Faith Formation:** Christina Pichette  
**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

Even though the ‘story of Robb Elementary School’ and the mass shootings of May 24<sup>th</sup> has largely disappeared from the national mindset, a reminder of this horrible tragedy as we begin a new school year can break our hearts once again. The start of a new school year reminds everyone in that small town of the loss they experienced---of the children and teachers who are not starting a new school year.

I came across a hopeful story about the start of the new school year in Uvalde. The local Catholic school---Sacred Heart Catholic School---started a new school year with a number of students who had gone to Robb Elementary but were now looking for a ‘new start’ in the face of that traumatic event. Thirty students from Robb Elementary were given a scholarship to attend Sacred Heart. The funding came from Catholic Extension---a Chicago based, Catholic non-profit. Father Jack Wall, president of Catholic Extension wrote, “Catholic Extension is committed to the ongoing care and support for the children and families of Uvalde. It is our belief that awarding scholarships to Sacred Heart School will provide a safe and a loving environment to children who are suffering from the physical and emotional wounds of violence.” He continued, “Eleven of these children were shot and survived. Most families cannot afford tuition---80 percent of families with school-age children in Uvalde are classified as low-income.”

One parent, Oscar Orona, the father of a survivor, said, “The tuition assistance means everything to my son and our family. My son has gone through a lot, and still has a long road to recovery ahead. At the very least, he deserves to go to a school where he feels safe.”

In addition to providing financial assistance to the students, Catholic Extension said it is supporting six religious sisters who will provide emotional assistance during the first week of school to both the students and the teachers of Sacred Heart Catholic School. “The sisters’ service aims to provide spiritual comfort and a presence of peace and solidarity as the new school year begins.” Over the next 18 months with the support of Catholic Extension, ultimately 100 sisters total will serve the Uvalde and Catholic community in various capacities.

“Returning to school is undoubtedly a scary and trying time right now for the kids of Uvalde, however, they are filled with hope,” said Sr. Esther M Guerrero, a member of the Missionary Catechists of Divine Providence religious order.

In late July there was a new initiative of a summer camp “Camp I-Can” which provided third, fourth and fifth graders a space to heal, have fun and gently reintegrate the children into a school-like setting around their peers. The majority of the children who attended the camp were survivors of the May 24 shooting. Led by Teresian Sister Dolores Avila and 13 religious sisters, the camp offered faith-based activities, arts and crafts, 30-minute intervals of physical activity; a game room for playtime, music and entertainment led by the sisters; and a family supper for the children and family members.

Catholic Extension has a 117-year history of building up our Catholic faith in communities in underserved regions. It helps churches in U.S. mission dioceses construct churches and provides pastoral resources to them.

We pray that the school year at Sacred Heart Catholic School is a good one for all of the children served and their families. We pray for continued healing for all in the Uvalde community.

Locally.....we pray for all students, teachers and administrators beginning a new school year from our parish. In a particular way, we pray for the students attending the Catholic schools in our Deanery (southern part of the state) which include: Monsignor Clarke School, Our Lady of Mercy School and the Prout School.

--Fr. Gaffney

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

**MONDAY, September 5**  
8:00 AM – *Frank Baldino*  
by his family

**TUESDAY, September 6**  
8:00 AM – *Claire & Bernard Sherman*  
by their family

**WEDNESDAY, September 7**  
8:00 AM – *Mary & Stephen Kusmierz*  
by their family

**THURSDAY, September 8**  
8:00 AM – *Jeannette & Alfred Boucher*

**FRIDAY, September 9**  
8:00 AM – *Clementina & James Birch*  
by their family

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, September 10**  
5:00 PM – *Douglas Crowell*  
by Ken and Sandy Crowell

**SUNDAY, September 11**  
7:00 AM – *Marion Cardi*  
by Joe & Rosemary Pariseault

8:30 AM – *Brian Lardner*  
by his sister

10:30 AM – *John Allen*  
by his family



Congratulations to Dennis and Erica Crump and newly baptized baby Isla who was baptized on Sunday, August 28.



The Crump family and friends celebrate the Baptism of Isla Michele Crump.



Congratulations to Anna Rose Squillante and Michael Landry who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on August 27, 2022

## 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 Support

	August 21 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,553.00	\$4,950.00
ACH	\$2,523.00	\$2,884.00
	August 28 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$4,487.00	\$6,211.00
ACH	\$2,468.00	\$2,856.00
YTD	\$88,256.00	\$86,115.00

### Missionary Sisters, Servants of The Word

The sisters wish to thank the parishioners of St. Bernard's for their generous contribution of \$3,922.00 to their Mission Appeal.

### 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 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.

### 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.

### 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

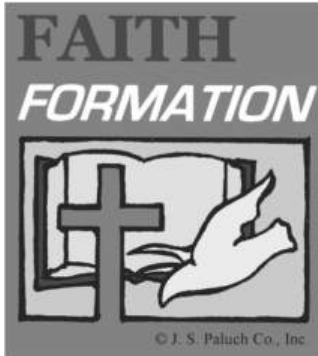
Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

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.

## **It's Time to Sing!!**

Have you always liked to sing? Are you looking for a new way to worship at church? Please consider joining the Adult Choir. We are always looking for new members. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:45 PM and will begin **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. No experience necessary! Just your desire to sing! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to see our Music Director, Alison Shea or any choir member.

**CHOIR NEWS**   
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## **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 **September 7 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome. Please join us and strengthen your faith through study of scripture and fellowship with other catholic men.

## **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

## **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, September 6 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.

## **Respect Life Committee**

The St. Bernard Respect Life Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join us. We will discuss upcoming events sponsored by the Diocese of Providence "Life and Family Ministry".

## **Morning Glory Gathering**

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

## **Labor Day**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.