

Saint Bernard Church



September 11, 2022 Twenty-Fourth 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

I recently had a conversation with someone about the unusual names given to ‘groups’ of animals, birds and fish. After doing a little research I discovered the following: Animal group names date back to medieval times when a list of collective terms for animals first appeared in *The Book of Saint Albans*, printed in 1486. This book, written by a nun named Juliana Barnes, covered the topics of hunting, fishing, and coat of arms, and it also included the first ever list of collective nouns for every type of animal one could imagine. Originally, the nouns were used primarily as hunting terms, but they have since extended into the everyday vernacular.

Here are a few. (Some will make you smile, maybe even giggle, if not laugh out loud!)

A troop of apes	A flange of baboons	A sleuth of beavers
A caravan of camels	A coalition of cheetahs	A parade of elephants
A band of gorillas	A thunder of hippopotamuses	A mob of kangaroos
A leap of leopards	A pride of lions	A raft of otters
An embarrassment of pandas	A prickle of porcupines	A warren of rabbits
A harem of seals	A scurry of squirrels	A streak of tigers
A pod of whales	A dazzle of zebras	A wake of buzzards
A clutch of chickens	A convocation of eagles	A stand of flamingos
A party of jays	An exaltation of larks	A gulp of magpies
A parliament of owls	A pandemonium of parrots	A tuxedo of penguins
A squabble of seagulls	A host of sparrows	A muster of storks
A bevy of swans	A rafter of turkeys	A venue of vultures
A congregation of alligators	A quiver of cobras	An army of frogs
A slaughter of iguanas	A rhumba of rattlesnakes	A family of sardines
A fever of stingrays	A hover of trout	A bale of turtles
An army of caterpillars	A cast of crabs	A risk of lobster
A plague of locusts	A bed of oysters	An audience of squid

So-----did you smile, giggle, laugh?

How about a group of Catholics? An assembly. A congregation. People of God.

While we can and do pray to God alone, we are called to be a “group” of believers. The Letter to the Hebrews says, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.....” (Hebrews 10:24-25.)

One writer has suggested the following reasons for our “group” or “corporate” worship: (1) We can encourage one another. How important this is for us when we have fallen or are in a ‘low place’ in our faith life. (2) To hold each other accountable. Coming together keeps me more disciplined when I know others will be holding me accountable. (3) Corporate worship is important. If corporate worship is genuine then it is something I cannot duplicate when by myself. Corporate worship enhances my own private time of worship and prayer. (4) God has called us to be part of the “Body of Christ.” If I am not part of the Body, and serving the Body, then I may be hurting the Body in some way. If I am not part of the Body I am like an ‘eye’ that has nobody to provide sight for or to receive support from.

How important it is then, to come together as a ‘group’ to worship together! A bale, a fever, a slaughter, a hover, a streak, a wake, a scurry (wait a minute----those are animal groups)-----we are the People of God, the Body of Christ.....keep coming back to worship together!

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, September 12

8:00 AM – *Robert Verdi*

by Bruce & Heather Quimby

TUESDAY, September 13

8:00 AM – *Innocents of Abortion*

WEDNESDAY, September 14

8:00 AM – *William Falvey*

11th Anniversary by Mary Lynch

THURSDAY, September 15

8:00 AM – *Ken Starr (LIVING)*

FRIDAY, September 16

8:00 AM – *Karen Johnson*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, September 17

5:00 PM – *Mark Tripp*

by his wife

SUNDAY, September 18

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Mary Culligan*

by Josephine Simeone

10:30 AM – *Louis “Tony” DeMichele*



Baby Supplies for Gabriel’s Call. St. Bernard Church collected items for mothers experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Pictured: Paul Yelle, Mike Benson, Fr. Gaffney, Jim & Jean Martish.

Wetlands Update

You may notice that our landscaper has begun the substantial project of clearing out the three “wetlands” areas on the property. DEM has told us that we must clear these areas of any ‘growth’ so that the water can flow freely through these areas. (During this summer of drought there is very little water in them). This project is costly---this is the first time we are clearing them. Going forward we will do an annual ‘maintenance clearing’ of brush from these areas.



Priests’ Retirement Collection

After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely upon Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many who have served faithfully for many years – some of whom continue to serve well after their ‘retirement’. At Masses on September 17-18, our parish will join others throughout the Diocese in a special second collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. The collection is also our way of saying “Thank You” for that service. Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. To learn how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation, please visit:

www.srpriestri.com

Thank You for your support of this worthy endeavor.

Parish Support

	August 28 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$4,487.00	\$6,211.00
ACH	\$2,468.00	\$2,856.00
	September 4 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$9,041.00	\$7,406.00
ACH	\$2,461.00	\$2,877.00
YTD	\$99,938.00	\$96,398.00

Blessing of the Pets

Monday, October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in front of the Parish Center. Please make sure that your pets are on a leash or in a pet carrier.

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.

Office of Family Life and Ministry Fall Events

Saturday, September 10th. 10:00 a.m. National Day of Remembrance
At Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Remembering all the aborted children and all babies who have died due to miscarriage, stillbirth and illness.

Saturday, September 24th. 10:00 a.m. Jericho Walk
At St. Patrick Church, 244 Smith St., Providence. Together we walk to the Rhode Island State House and prayerfully walk around it three times for life. This is the event kick-off to our 40 days for LIFE Fall 2022 campaign and is in collaboration with RI Right to Life.

Wed. September 28—Sun. Nov. 6. Forty Days for LIFE
At the public right-of-way outside 175 Broad St., Providence. 40 days of peaceful, prayer vigils and rosaries for life and for an end to abortion.

Saturday October 1st. 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Bishop Tobin's Human Life Guild Day. Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. RSVP by Fri. Sept. 23. (\$25. Includes brunch and speakers)

Sun. October 2nd. Life Chain Sunday. 2:00-3:00 p.m. A peaceful gathering of prayer and public witness for life and for the end of abortion.

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

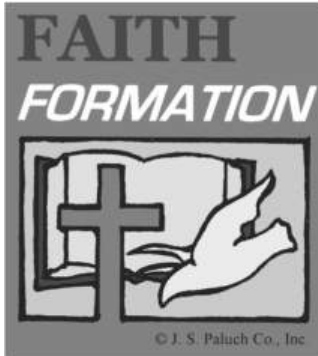
Name (s): _____

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 22nd**. 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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Grief Support Group.

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please contact the parish office by phone or e-mail to let us know if you want to be part of the group.

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

Name Tag Sundays

Please wear a name tag at Mass on the weekends of September 17-18 and September 24-25. At this time of year, we welcome new families who join our faith formation program.

Respect Life Committee

The St. Bernard Respect Life Committee will meet on **Wednesday, September 21st at 7 PM** 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".

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.