

Saint Bernard Church



September 18, 2022 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor, Emeritus

Rev. Charles Maher, Weekday Assistant

Rev. Albino Barrera, OP Weekend Assistant

Pastoral Assistant: Angelo Giacchi
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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

Thank you for your generosity with our diocese's annual "Priests' Retirement Collection" to benefit our Senior Priest Retirement Fund. It is so important to support our retired priests. There are approximately 88 retired priests in the diocese who receive a pension from this fund, each of whom has given a lifetime of service to the Church. About two-thirds of them are still active and helping in parishes. Some are not physically able to do so. Some are in nursing homes. As I was reflecting on our many retired priests, I began to realize that you probably know many of them. Some, I know you know! Others have served in this "South County" area while they were in active ministry and some of them now 'assist' parishes as they are retired and living in this part of the state.

Of course, you know Fr. Charles Maher and Fr. Jack Unsworth. Both Fr. Maher and Fr. Unsworth continue to help our parish. Fr. Maher continues to offer Mass on Thursday mornings (so that I can take my day off). Fr. Jack is so very helpful in covering Masses when I am on vacation or on my annual retreat. We also recall the service to our parish of Fr. Dennis Reardon, also now retired, who recently celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination.

I compiled a short list of other retired priests you may know from parishes in our deanery: Fr. Stephen Amaral (pastor emeritus of Our Lady of Czenstochowa, who assists at area parishes); Fr. Gerald Beirne (pastor emeritus of St. Philip, who assists at area parishes); Fr. Henry Bodah (pastor emeritus of St. Francis of Assisi); Fr. Randy Chew (former URI chaplain, pastor emeritus of St. Paul, who assists at area parishes); Fr. Joe Creedon (pastor emeritus of Christ the King), who assists at area parishes; Msgr. John Halloran (pastor emeritus of St. Thomas More and St. Veronica, who assists at area parishes); Fr. William McCaffrey (pastor emeritus of St. Joseph, who assists at area parishes); Fr. Eugene McKenna (pastor emeritus of St. Lucy, who assists at area parishes); Fr. Farrell McLaughlin (pastor emeritus of St. Francis De Sales, who assists at area parishes); Fr. Alfred Ricci (pastor emeritus of St. Gregory, who assists at area parishes) Fr. Nicholas Smith (pastor emeritus of St. Francis De Sales and St. Francis of Assisi); Fr. Bert Theroux (pastor emeritus of St. Francis De Sales); Msgr. Paul Theroux (pastor emeritus of St. Francis of Assisi)

Only a 'handful of parishes' now have an Assistant Pastor (unlike the old days). Most priests are 'on their own' as pastors. It is so very helpful---essential to have the assistance of our 'senior' (retired) priests. Although they are retired from their parish assignment and the burden of parish administration, they continue to be 'priests'-----to celebrate the sacraments---and support pastors in so many ways.

Diocesan priests retire at age 70 or older. Unlike Religious Order priests, who are provided for by their Order, diocesan priests lose benefits such as room and board, housing allowance, car insurance, salary, etc. when they retire. Diocesan retired priests do retain very good health insurance, but still need to pay their own Medicare Part B premium. Priests do participate in Social Security. But, salaries were so low years ago (\$50 monthly prior to 1952, then \$100 until 1972) that Social Security benefits for the oldest retirees are low. Priests at that time had no health care. The main source of income for retirees is the Diocesan Priest Pension. It is a challenge to fully fund this Pension fund.

Retired priests *are not* in dire straits. A healthy Pension Fund, however, is vital for our senior priests. The second collection for September 17-18 is for the Retired Priests of our diocese. I thank you on their behalf! I hope-----I will be able to join the ranks of the retired priests one day!

An online donation can be made by visiting:

www.srpriestri.com

Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, September 19
8:00 AM – *Herbert Keene*
24th Anniversary by Norma LaSalle

TUESDAY, September 20
8:00 AM – *Michael Keene*
by Norma Lasalle

WEDNESDAY, September 21
8:00 AM – *Anna Keenan*

THURSDAY, September 22
8:00 AM – *Ryan Cole*

FRIDAY, September 23
8:00 AM – *Fenwick Gardiner*
27th Anniversary by his family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, September 24
5:00 PM – *Mary DiDonato*
by her family

SUNDAY, September 25
7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Barbara & Don Yeager*
by their family

10:30 AM – *George Ward*
by Dorothy Madusky

Flu Clinic

Walgreens will be hosting a Flu Shot Clinic here at St Bernard's in the parish hall on:

Sunday, October 9 2022
from 7:30 AM until after the 10:30 AM Mass.

You can come anytime during that time period. . Please bring your insurance card. The Walgreens Vaccine Administration Record form can be found on the Forms tab on our website at:

www.stbernardnk.org/forms

The form can be printed and complete page 1 before attending. We will also have copies on the gathering space table.



We welcome families to bring their children—our youngest parishioners—in their strollers to Mass.



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

	September 4 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$9,041.00	\$7,406.00
ACH	\$2,461.00	\$2,877.00
	September 11 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$9,121.00	\$10,135.00
ACH	\$2,260.00	\$2,642.00
YTD	\$111,139.00	\$109,175.00

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.

Women's Bible Study

It's time to come back together again - for intimacy with God and one another!

Beholding His Glory by Walking With Purpose is a nine-week Catholic women's Bible study designed to bring ALL women together for authentic relationship and meaningful discussion around the Word of God. NO Bible experience is necessary!

Light refreshments will be served. Wednesdays, September 28 - December 21, 2022, from 10:00 am -12:00 pm. in the Parish Center. All women and their friends are welcome. We will have 9 Bible study meetingswith the new addition of two voluntary prayer meetings.

To attend please:

- 1) Sign up;
- 2) Buy the workbook from the *Walking With Purpose* website; and
- 3) Come with the workbook, a Bible, a pen, and an open heart!

To RSVP and/or to share any questions, please contact:

Mary Capobianco

(marykcapobianco@gmail.com) or

Jean Martish (jjbbam2@aol.com)

Office of Family Life and Ministry Fall Events

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.

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.

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

Faith Formation

GOSPEL WEEKLIES PROGRAM

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

In-person class schedule

9:30-10:30 am

Class this weekend.

Next in person class 10/2/2022

*** Return completed assignments to next in-person class*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

Next class is a mini-retreat on 10/2 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

Grade 2 & 8 is expected to return each Gospel Weekly to the next in person class. This is so the lesson from the Gospel of the week is reviewed in a timely manner and the program stays on track. For more detailed information, please refer to your Weekly News Family email.



Choir News 🎵

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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.

St Bernard Second Annual Golf Tournament

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Golf, Dinner, Contests, Prizes



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

weeks.

Golf Dinner Only.

If anyone would like to join in the dinner at Cranston Country Club after the Golf Tournament on October 2nd you are welcome. Price per non-golfer is \$35. Please place check made out to St. Bernard in an envelope marked 'Golf Dinner' and return to the parish office by September 25th.

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".

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.