

# Saint Bernard Church



## October 2, 2022 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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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*

On Tuesday (October 4<sup>th</sup>) we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It is said that he is the best known of all of our Catholic Saints. He is known by both Catholics and non-Catholics alike. So, what makes him so special? Below are some 'bullet points' about this great saint.

Born in Assisi, Italy, in 1182, he grew up in a wealthy family. To learn the skills of the family textile trade, Francis would often accompany his father on business trips to France.

He was very interested in becoming a knight. He wanted to fight in the Fourth Crusade but he became ill.

He tried to understand God's will for him. He spent hours in solitude, fasting and prayer.

He heard God say to him, "repair my Church, which has fallen into ruins". He thought it was the church at San Damiano. Francis spent a great deal of his own money on the project.

This puts him at odds with his father---who dragged his son before the bishop to give an account of how he has used his money. Francis renounced his rights as his father's heir. He even gave back to his father the clothes he was wearing.

Francis returned to San Damiano to continue refurbishing the chapel. Francis came to realize that 'repairing the church' meant more than stones and cement. He is called to preach, proclaim the Good News and show Christ's love to all.

Francis attracted other followers in his mission to serve the poor and proclaim the Kingdom.

They went to Rome in 1209 to receive permission of the Pope----to start the Franciscan order.

He had a great love for the environment and animals. He respected the grandeur of God's creation.

What then can we take from the life of St. Francis and incorporate into our own lives? A few thoughts: a love for the poor and the needy---we can imitate him in this way; 'rebuilding the church' through our lives of faith and holiness; a love for all of God's creation; a spirituality rooted in Jesus' humanity and divinity (he developed the 'living nativity' in Greccio, Italy); he showed a humble respect and friendship towards his 'fellow Franciscans'.

During my years in Italy, I had the opportunity to spend time in several places that were important in the life of St. Francis. We held retreats in Greccio, where he brought together the first living 'nativity scene'---that we now place in our homes at Christmas. We had meetings in Gubbio, where he encountered the 'wolf'. We had an annual weekend retreat in Assisi that was part of the orientation program for new seminarians. We were able to celebrate Mass in the Basilica where St. Francis is buried and in the Basilica of St. Clare where this saint is buried. Both are very popular places of pilgrimage. These places are part of the "Franciscan Way"----there are groups of people who go on pilgrimage to all of the places that were part of the life and mission of St. Francis.

The author, Thomas of Celano, provides some of the earliest biographical information about St. Francis---but there aren't too many original resources to study in order to learn more about his life. There are many traditions associated with him---that have become a kind of 'living memory' of his life---that exists within the Franciscan community of priests, brothers and sisters worldwide.

Happy Feast of St. Francis of Assisi,

--Fr. Gaffney

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



# Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, October 3**  
8:00 AM – *Domenic Columbo & Dolly Absi*  
by their sister

**TUESDAY, October 4**  
8:00 AM – *Innocents of Abortion*

**WEDNESDAY, October 5**  
8:00 AM – *Barbara, Mark & Nedo Nora*

**THURSDAY, October 6**  
8:00 AM – *Robert Verdi*  
by friends

**FRIDAY, October 7**  
8:00 AM – *Ryan Cole*

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, October 8**  
5:00 PM – *Wilbrod Gravel*  
by Hollie Lussier

**SUNDAY, October 9**  
7:00 AM – *Patricia LaFreniere*  
by her children

8:30 AM – *Dr. Philip Monte*  
by Dr. Frank Connor

10:30 AM – *Nina & Fabia Ferriola*  
by their family



Faith Formation

Classes Begin!



Congratulations to Jordan and Samantha Capece and newly baptized baby Alexander who was baptized on Sunday, September 26, 2022..



The Capece Family and friends celebrate the Baptism of Alexander James Capece.

### Parish Support

	September 18 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$5,230.00	\$5,748.00
ACH	\$2,822.00	\$2,963.00
	September 25 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$7,890.00	\$7,558.00
ACH	\$1,980.00	\$2,815.00
YTD	\$129,061.00	\$128,258.00

### 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 **October 5 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.

### Grief Support Group.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 18 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.

### Blessing of the Pets

Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Office of Family Life and Ministry

**Saturday October 1, 2022.** 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 2, 2022.** Life Chain Sunday. 2:00-3:00 p.m. **LIFE CHAIN** is a gathering held in locations throughout the Diocese of Providence as a peaceful time of prayer and public witness for life and the end of abortion. St. Bernard Church parishioners will join with parishioners of St. Francis De Sales Church on the **Post Rd. Sidewalk in front of the T. J. Maxx Plaza in North Kingstown.** All are welcome to join us. You may wish to bring a chair.

### Bible Study: The Psalms.

This fall we are offering a 6-session Bible Study focusing on The Psalms. The first class was on September 19, 2022. The remaining classes will be on Monday evenings 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the parish center: Oct. 3, 17, 24; Nov. 14.

### Knights of Columbus

On October 5th at 7:00 P.M, The Knights of Columbus of St. Francis Council 2011 at 1265 Tower Hill Rd. North Kingstown will be hosting a Fraternal Benefits Night. This event is open to any member of the parish who is interested in hearing about life insurance or financial planning opportunities for themselves or members of their family. You do not need to be married to hear what options are available to you. This is just for informational purposes and there will be no pressure to sign up at all. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jay Masterson, parishioner at the 8:30 A.M. mass at St. Bernard's by email at [jaymasterson.rikofc@gmail.com](mailto:jaymasterson.rikofc@gmail.com)

### Young at Heart October Luncheon

Tuesday, October 18, 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, October 11, 2022.**

## **Faith Formation**

### **GOSPEL WEEKLIES PROGRAM**

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

In-person class schedule

9:30-10:30 am

Class this weekend, 10/2.

Next in person class 10/2/3

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

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM**

*Grades 2, 8, 9*

Next class on 10/16 from 9:30 to 10:45.

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.

## **The Prout School Open House**

Join us at The Prout School Open House for prospective students on Sunday, October 23 from 1-4pm and Monday, November 7 from 6-8pm. Discover the Prout advantage! We offer rigorous academics, including the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, a strong Catholic identity, amazing theatre, music and dance programs, competitive athletic teams, and numerous clubs and extracurricular activities. For more information, please call Admissions Director Sharon DeLuca at 789-9262, Ext 514 or go to

**[www.theproutschool.org](http://www.theproutschool.org)**

## **St. Mary's Academy**

St Mary's Academy invites you to an open house on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at noon. To learn more about the benefits of an all-girls Catholic education for girls age 3 through grade 12, or to pre-register, go to

**[bayviewacademy.org](http://bayviewacademy.org)**

## **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](http://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.

## **Women's Bible Study**

Light refreshments will be served. Wednesdays, September 28, 2022 - 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 meetings .....with the new addition of two voluntary prayer meetings.

## **Women's Evening Bible Study**

Many women have asked about offering our daytime women's Bible study during the evenings. We currently have eight women very interested, but we cannot offer the study until we get a committed group of 12-15.

*Living in the Father's Love by Walking With Purpose* is a six-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!

We would meet six Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 8:15pm, in October and November. The study would end before Thanksgiving. We would order all the workbooks in one order to save on shipping. Cost of the workbook is \$25.00 w/shipping - payable on your first night. All women and their friends are welcome.

We would LOVE to offer this study in the evenings!

IF you are interested please contact:

Mary Capobianco or Jean Martish