

Saint Bernard Church



October 16, 2022
Twenty-Ninth 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

You may have heard the maxim, “The blood of martyrs is the seed of Christians”---it is attributed to Tertullian, a second century priest. Down through the centuries we know that the blood of the martyrs has indeed encouraged the faith of others. We think to ourselves, “If someone would give their life for what they believe---maybe I should take my faith more seriously.” We might also tend to think that martyrs only existed in another time and in another country. That is why the feast we celebrate on October 19th is so helpful for us.

On October 19th we celebrate the Feast of the North American Martyrs----St. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and companions. Eight Jesuit missionaries came to the “New World” in the 17th century to work among the indigenous people in the remote areas of what is now New York state and eastern Canada. There were six priests and two oblate laymen. They were canonized saints through their heroic missionary efforts between 1625-1649. Each of these missionaries had heard about the difficult conditions they would encounter, but none could possibly have imagined the disease, severe weather, the lack of food, unsanitary living conditions, solitude and a hostile population that they would encounter. Travel was by canoe on treacherous waterways or walking through miles of dense insect filled and uncharted forests. The indigenous people spoke a different language.

The Huron nation was made up of 20,000 to 30,000 people. They lived mostly in the interior of Canada. They were generally hospitable to the missionaries----but could be suspicious of the “Black Robes”—the Jesuits and their religion. They also ministered to the Iroquois, who hated the Hurons and the French. The French were the trade partners with the Hurons.

The first of these Jesuits, Fr. John de Brebeuf, arrived in New France in 1625. He was the founder of the Huron mission and has been referred to as the Apostle of the Hurons. He worked here as a missionary for 24 years. He prepared a catechism in their language. He was put to death in a most violent manner. Fr. Isaac Jogues, another of the Jesuit martyrs, is unique. He lost some fingers and a thumb after being tortured. He survived. He was imprisoned and used as a slave for 13 months. He escaped and made his way back to France. Because of his mutilated fingers and the lack of a thumb, he believed the Church would not allow him to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ. Pope Urban VII, however, made an exception for the courageous priest, and in 1646 Fr. Jogues eagerly returned to New France where he met his martyrdom.

Their companions included Oblate John Lalande, Oblate Rene Goupil, Fr. Anthony Daniel, Fr. Gabriel Lalemant, Fr. Charles Garnier and Fr. Noel Chabanel.

Around the world, even in our own day, missionaries face challenging pastoral assignments. In recent months and years, these men and women have faced violence, kidnapping and death. The blood of the martyrs continues to be the seed of the Christians.

Has your faith been inspired by the Martyrs of our Church?

--Fr. Gaffney

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 17

8:00 AM – *Donna Pepe*
by the Biron Family

TUESDAY, October 18

8:00 AM – *Elfrieda & J. Francis Haggarty*
by their daughter Arlene

WEDNESDAY, October 19

8:00 AM – *Edward & Joan Keenan*

THURSDAY, October 20

8:00 AM – *Francis ‘Buck’ Reis*
by the Verdi Family

FRIDAY, October 21

8:00 AM – *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 22

5:00 PM – *Mary DiDonato*
by her family

SUNDAY, October 23

7:00 AM – *Special Intention*

8:30 AM – *Barbara O’Connor*
by Joe Fulford

10:30 AM – *John & Gloria Sherman*
by their family

Faith Formation is Well Underway !!!!



All Souls Day Memorial Mass

On Wednesday November 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM there will be a special Mass for all those who have died in the parish during the past year. Please join us as we remember our parishioners who have had their funeral Mass celebrated in our Parish since November 1, 2021. Also, if you know of someone dear to you who has died in the past year and would like them mentioned at this Mass, please call the office at 295-0387 and leave us the name before Friday, October 21.

Coffee & Donuts

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for next weekend, **October 23**, after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Come spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners.



Parish Support

	September 25 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$7,890.00	\$7,558.00
ACH	\$1,980.00	\$2,815.00
	October 2 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$9,009.00	\$7,321.00
ACH	\$3,360.00	\$2,760.00
YTD	\$141,430.00	\$138,339.00

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

Hurricane Ian

Hurricane Ian left a path of destruction in southwest Florida, trapping people in homes, flooding streets and buildings, and knocking out power across the region. The storm is one of the strongest hurricanes to ever hit the United States. As requested by Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, our parish will be taking up a special collection for Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief on the weekend of October 9th and 16th. Donations may also be dropped off at the parish office. Your generosity will directly support the response efforts of Catholic Charities agencies on the ground providing emergency aid including water, food, shelter, medical care and long-term recovery and humanitarian needs. Please make checks payable to St. Bernard Church and in the memo line write ‘Hurricane’.

All Souls Memorial Book

A special “Memorial Book” will be placed in the front of the church, to the left of the altar for all those who died in the parish. Parishioners are welcome to write in the names of those they would like us to pray for during the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls. In order to not wait in line, we offer two additional options for providing the names of you deceased loved ones.

- 1) E-mail the names of your deceased loved ones to the parish office at: **sbc.pa@verizon.net**.
- (2) Fill out the form in the bulletin and mail it to us or drop in the collection basket.

The names you send us will be inscribed in the Memorial Book. We will pray for all our beloved dead during the month of November. May our prayers help them find a home in Heaven.

Please Inscribe the Following Names in the Memorial Book

Attach additional sheet if needed

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

Next in person class 10/23

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

Next class on 10/30 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

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.

Youth Ministry

During the weekend of October 29th & 30th, Youth Ministry representatives will be handing out First Treat Bags for all who are interested. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per bag which will go to help Youth Ministry with the cost for their Summer Trip to Steubenville East. Each bag will contain some candy items as well as religious Halloween themed games, crafts, toys, or supplies. Grab a bag for your kids, grandkids, neighbors, nieces/nephews or Godchildren!

*Join the
Halloween Fun!*

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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 meetingswith the new addition of two voluntary prayer meetings.

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.

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: October 17, 24; Nov. 14.

Annual Coat Drive

Please drop off your **GOOD, USED COATS** and **HATS** at the Church or Parish Office to be distributed to those in need. For more information or to help, please contact the Parish Office .