

Saint Bernard Church



October 30, 2022 Thirty-First 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

The month of November is the month of “All Souls”. We celebrate “All Souls’ Day” on November 2nd. There is our regular 8:00 a.m. Mass on that day and there is an evening Mass at 7:00 p.m. At that evening Mass we mention the names of those who have had their funeral Mass at St. Bernard in the last year. Also, as you have seen in the bulletin, we invite parishioners to give us the name of a loved one who died during this past year whose funeral took place in another church. For example, if your mother or father died in Florida and had their funeral Mass at their church in Florida, but you will not be able to go to Mass on November 2nd in that church, you can come here to St. Bernard where we will read out the names of those we remember in a particular way. This evening Mass is an opportunity for family members and friends of the person who died just within the last year to come together---to support each other and pray for their dearly departed loved one. It can be very ‘moving’ to realize that just as I am mourning the loss of a loved one, so also are many fellow parishioners. We hold this in common---we are all going to experience the death of a loved one. It may have happened to us many times over the years---or you may be going through the process of grieving the loss of a loved one for the very first time. The parish wants to support you and pray with you for your loved one---so, we gather for Mass on November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners and their guests are welcome.

We also have the Memorial Book available at the front of the church near the statues of Mary and Joseph. You are welcome to inscribe the names of loved ones who have died who you would like included in our prayers for the dead during the month of November.

In addition, we have a Mass “intention” for all of our daily masses and weekend masses. In the parish office there is a “Mass Book” where we keep track of the requests made for “Mass intentions”. Family members or friends will often ‘book a Mass’ to be celebrated on the anniversary of the loved one’s death; or their birthday; or an anniversary. Some also ask for the Mass to be celebrated for the “deceased members of a particular family”---for example, the intention of the mass might be for the ‘deceased members of the Gaffney family’.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.” (#1032) Our prayers for the dead, including the celebration of Mass, bring comfort to those who are grieving. St. Paul reminds us in his First Letter to the Thessalonians that we do not grieve like the rest who have no hope. When we pray for the deceased we remind ourselves that we are a people of hope who believe in the pledge and promise of the resurrection. Even as we pray for our deceased loved ones we pray, in hope, that we will be together with them again, sharing in the joy and peace and life that is promised to all in Heaven.

It is interesting to hear from the Church Fathers and how they spoke about ‘praying for the dead’. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386) in one of his many catechetical discourses, explained how at Mass both the living and the dead are remembered, and how the Eucharistic sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinner, living and dead. St. Ambrose (d. 397) preached, “We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord.” Pope Gregory (d. 604) said, “Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.”

From the earliest days the Church has gathered to pray for the dead. We will continue that tradition ---in a very beautiful way on November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at our Mass for All Souls. Why not join us to pray for your departed loved ones.---and to support our parishioners who have experienced a recent loss of a loved one.

--Fr. Gaffney

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 and leave us the name .



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 31

8:00 AM – *Mary Kayatta*

TUESDAY, November 1

8:00 AM – *Evelyn Ricci*

7:00 PM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEDNESDAY, November 2

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

7:00 PM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, November 3

8:00 AM – *Tommasina DiBiasio*

FRIDAY, November 4

8:00 AM – *Andre J. Lareau*

by his sisters, Corinne and Claire Lareau

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 5

8:00 AM – *Peter Fitzpatrick*

by his family

SUNDAY, November 6

7:00 AM – *Montoya Family*

8:30 AM – *Crowley Family*

10:30 AM – *Julian McRandal*

by the Hirsch Family



Solemnity of All Saints

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

St Bernard's Young at Heart Luncheon



Congratulations to Kayla McKenna and Matthew Greene who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on October 22, 2022

Parish Support

	October 16 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$7,392.00	\$4,553.00
ACH	\$3,104.00	\$2,520.00
	October 23 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,694.00	\$6,096.00
ACH	\$1,860.00	\$2,465.00
YTD	\$167,089.00	\$166,297.00

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

Hurricane Ian

An update on the special collection for those who have suffered because of Hurricane Ian. Thank you for your generous response to this collection authorized by Bishop Tobin. Our parishioners donated \$5,303.25. This is a great sign of your care for brothers and sisters in need.

Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter

We are always in need of new socks, bath towels, and backpacks, twin-sized bedding, etc. Drop off items in the Church gathering space or at the Parish Center.

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 November Luncheon

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 (sign in at 11:30 AM)

Menu: Turkey Dinner

Name (s): _____

Cost: \$14.00 per person. Cash: _____ Check _____ (Made out to St. Bernard)

Please respond by Tuesday, November 8, 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 , 11/6

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

Class today 10/30 from 9:30 to 10:45.
Next Class: 11/13/2022

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.

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.

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

November 2 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.

Youth Ministry

This weekend, 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, November 15 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 class will be on Monday evening 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the parish center: 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 .