

Saint Bernard Church



November 13, 2022 Thirty-Third 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

You may have found the news story about the Pope's visit to Bahrain (or maybe too many election stories dominated the news cycle!)-----so, it may all be 'new to you'. So, why did the pope go to Bahrain? And, perhaps, firstly, where is Bahrain?

Bahrain is a small archipelago of islands in the Persian Gulf. There are more than 50 small islands. The largest island, the main island is Bahrain. It has a population of 1,641,172 people. It has a post-oil economy, the result of decades of the development of a banking and tourism economy. The country's official religion is Islam---approximately 80% of the population. Christians make us 12% of the population.

The Holy Father attended a conference entitled, "Bahrain Forum for Dialogue: East and West for Human Coexistence". The visit, which lasted from November 3-6, was the first visit of a pope to set foot in the Gulf nation. A document from the meeting, "Bahrain Declaration" states that whenever hatred, violence and discord are preached, 'God's name is desecrated.'" In his speech Pope Francis pointed to the paradox that humanity has never before been so connected, yet at the same time is 'much more divided than united.' Noting that Bahrain itself means 'two seas', referring to its fresh underwater springs and the salty waters of the Gulf, he said humanity itself, and the religious leaders gathered for the forum, are also looking at two different seas: 'the calm, freshwater sea of a serene life together, and the salty sea of indifference, marred by clashes and swept by the winds of war, its destructive billows growing ever more tumultuous, threatening to overwhelm us all."

He continued, "Tragically, East and West increasingly resemble two opposing seas," noting that much of the world faces the same challenges, such as hunger, poverty, climate change, the lingering effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, and acute global inequalities." In the face of these challenges, Pope Francis said religious leaders must reject "isolating thinking" and an approach to reality "that overlooks the great sea of humanity by concentrating only on its own narrow currents." Religious leaders, he said, "must surely commit themselves and set a good example" and have "a specific role to play" when it comes to tackling issues such as these.

In speaking about prayer, he says, it is "essential for purifying ourselves of selfishness, closed-mindedness, self-referentiality, falseness and injustice." Those who pray, he said, not only receive peace and the ability to be a more credible witness, but they also avoid falling prey 'to a paganism that reduces human beings to what they sell, buy or are entertained by, but instead to rediscover the infinite dignity with which each person is endowed.'" He said religious freedom is an 'essential premise' for this to happen and insisted that 'any form of religious coercion is unworthy of the Almighty, since he has not handed the world over to slaves, but to free creatures, who he fully respects.'" He urged religious leaders to commit themselves to ensuring 'that the freedom of creatures reflects the sovereign freedom of the Creator,'" and that places of worship 'are always and everywhere protected and respected, and that prayer is favored and never hindered.'

You might be curious about the population of the world's religions: Christianity with 2.3 billion (1.2 billion are Catholic); Islam with 1.8 billion; Hinduism with 1.1 billion; Buddhism with 500 million; Shintoism with 104 million; Sikhism with 25 million; Judaism with 14 million and Daoism with 12 million.

It is has been and continues to be a challenge to peacefully 'co-exist' with all religions----this meeting which Pope Francis attended, perhaps is a small step in helping 'religious values' held in common to be the basis of a world-wide community.

--Fr. Gaffney

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 14
8:00 AM – *Robert D. Mitchell*
by Joan Elouadih

TUESDAY, November 15
8:00 AM – *Suzanne Carcieri*
by her family

WEDNESDAY, November 16
8:00 AM – *Jeffrey Bausch*
by Trish Dignan

THURSDAY, November 17
8:00 AM – *Douglas McEwen*
by Verdi family

FRIDAY, November 18
8:00 AM – *Carl Abramowitz*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 19
5:00 PM – *Mary DiDonato*
by her family

SUNDAY, November 20
7:00 AM – *Barbara Senese*

8:30 AM – *Fr. Ronald Brassard*
by Natalia Montoya

10:30 AM – *Russell Peakman*
by his family

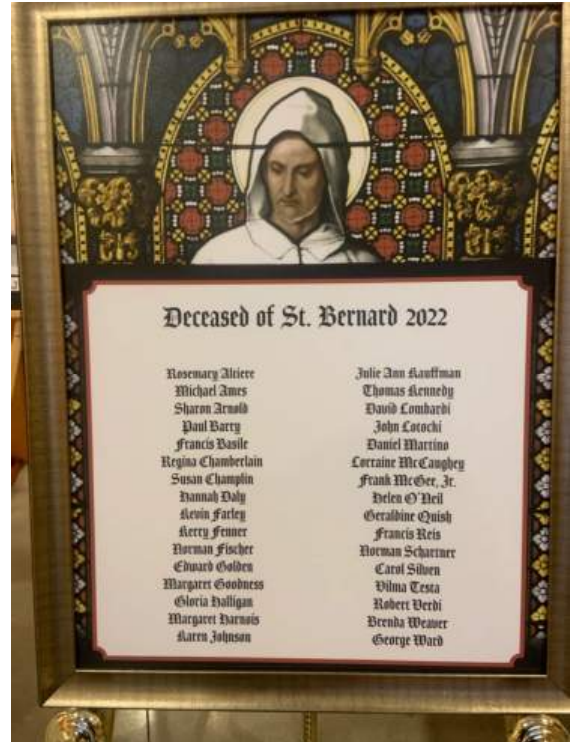
Thanksgiving Day Mass



Please join us on Thanksgiving Day for Mass at 8:30 a.m. In a year when there have been so many challenges and difficulties we pause to recall God's blessings, as well.

All Souls Mass "thank you"

The framed poster with names of those whose funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Bernard last year as well as the 'memorial' book marks with those same names, were provided by Cranston-Murphy Funeral Home. We thank them for their generosity.



Parish Support

	October 30 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,812.00	\$6,621.00
ACH	\$2,622.00	\$2,520.00
	November 6 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$7,068.00	\$10,589.00
ACH	\$3,120.00	\$2,860.00
YTD	\$188,785.00	\$188,887.00

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

Annual Collection

Letters have been mailed to all registered households in the parish. (We have extra copies of the mailing if you did not receive it for some reason) We are grateful for your generous support of this “annual” collection in the past and look forward to your support this year. This collection literally enables us to pay our bills. It is our hope that every family will be able to contribute to the collection. Thank you to those who have already sent in their donation. The collection continues till the end of the calendar year.

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be up next weekend, November 19th—20th. All you need to do is take a tag and fulfill the suggested gift. The tag should be attached to the gift and placed under the tree by **Sunday December 10th**. For some individuals it will be their only gift so we need time to process them well before Christmas. If you cannot, for any reason, fulfill the suggested item, please return the tag to the tree or the Parish Office as soon as possible.

If your family, or any family you know, needs help with gifts this Christmas, please contact the parish center at 295-0387 or email: sbc.pa@verizon.net.

Thanksgiving Food Drive and Gift Card Drive

Non perishable food: On a weekly basis many of you generously bring in non perishable food items that are brought to the North Kingstown Food Pantry. Thank you! We invite all parishioners to take part in our ‘Thanksgiving Food Drive’ with donations of non-perishable items. (such as: cereal; baked beans; canned vegetables; hearty soups; pasta; tomato sauce; hamburger-helper; rice-a-roni).

Food Store Gift Cards: We use the money from the “Poor Box” to purchase \$25 gift cards that we distribute on a regular basis to those who call the parish office who are in need of assistance. We have experienced an increase in requests for gift cards in recent months. If you would like to donate a food gift card (\$25 denomination)----please put them in an envelope marked ‘Thanksgiving Gift Card’. Your donation will help those in need.



Bishop Hendricken Information Night

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an information night on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Information on admissions and financial aid as well as academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The entrance exam for prospective 8th, 9th or 10th grade students will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 8:30 AM. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 401.889.5425.

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.

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: 11/20.

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

Class Today: 11/13/2022
Next in person class: 12/11/2022

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.

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.

The Music Corner **Calling All Youth Singers!!!!**

It is time for our Children and Teens to start singing again. We will be having both children and teens sing for our 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will be in the parish center for 4 Tuesdays starting November 29th, from 5-5:45pm. Open to ages 6 and up.

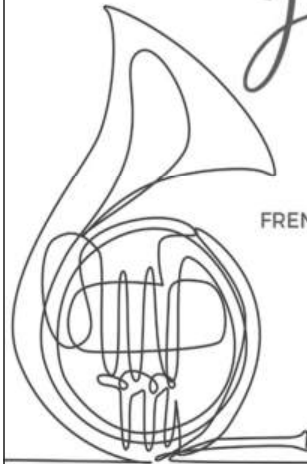
Please email alison.shea72@gmail.com if your interested or have any questions.



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SUNDAY - December 4

3:00pm

St. Bernard Church
Tower Hill Road
North Kingstown

WSOri.org

Golf Tournament Update

We are very grateful for the generosity of our sponsors, golfers, local businesses, friends, parishioners and others! Our Second St. Bernard Golf Tournament has raised \$24,253 for our parish. Thank you to everyone for your support!

Winner

The winner of the "Split the Pot/50-50 Raffle" at our Golf Tournament was Dave Murray

Congratulations Dave !!

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.

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.