

Saint Bernard Church



December 4, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent

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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Elementary Faith Formation: Dawn Masterson
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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North Kingstown, RI 02852

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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

Biography: Bishop Richard G. Henning

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Richard G. Henning, an Auxiliary Bishop in the Diocese of Rockville Centre (Long Island, NY), as the Co-Adjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Providence. At the age of 75 our present bishop, Bishop Thomas Tobin, will submit his resignation to the Pope. Once that is accepted, then Bishop Henning will become our Bishop. The title “Co-Adjutor” means that Bishop Henning will work with Bishop Tobin in a kind of ‘apprenticeship’ for the next several months. Please keep both Bishop Henning and Bishop Tobin in your prayers during this time of transition in our diocese.

On June 8, 2018, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States announced that Pope Francis had appointed Rev. Msgr. Richard Garth Henning to be an auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. On July 24, 2018 in St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, New York, Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre ordained Bishop-Elect Henning an auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Most Reverend William Murphy, Bishop-Emeritus, Diocese of Rockville Centre and Most Reverend Robert Brennan, Vicar General, Diocese of Rockville Centre and Auxiliary Bishop were co-consecrators.

Bishop Henning was born in Rockville Centre, New York in 1964 to Richard and Maureen Henning, the first of five siblings. He grew up in Valley Stream receiving the sacraments of baptism, first Holy Communion, and confirmation at Holy Name of Mary Parish, where he also attended the parish grammar school. In the summers, Bishop Henning spent a good deal of time on a small island in the Great South Bay where his family has gone for generations. There, he developed a lifelong passion for the water, sailing, boating, and kayaking on the bay.

Bishop Henning attended Chaminade High School in Mineola, New York and counts the Marianists as a major influence in his faith life and commitment to learning. He received a BA and MA in History from St. John’s University, Queens New York and received his training for the priesthood at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington New York. He was ordained in 1992 and served for five years as an associate pastor at the Church of St. Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington. In that assignment, he did extensive pastoral work in the large parish school and ministered to the Spanish-speaking Catholics of that peninsula. In addition to fluency in English and Spanish, Bishop Henning is fluent in Italian and is able to read French, Greek and Hebrew.

In 1997, Bishop McGann assigned then Father Henning to post-graduate studies in Sacred Scripture. He earned a Licentiate in Biblical Theology at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and a Doctorate in the same from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy.

After his studies, Bishop Henning joined the faculty of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, where he taught scripture for more than ten years. At that same time, he began assisting on the weekends at St. Patrick’s Parish in Bay Shore and later added pastoral work at the Catholic Mission, Our Lady of the Magnificat in Ocean Beach on Fire Island.

In 2012, as part of the partnership for seminary formation among the Dioceses of Rockville Centre, Brooklyn, and the Archdiocese of New York, then Rev. Msgr. Henning was appointed to lead the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception through its transition to the largest retreat house in the Northeast. The Ordinaries of Rockville Centre, Brooklyn and New York also charged him to establish and lead the Sacred Heart Institute for the ongoing formation of Catholic priests and deacons. Bishop Henning is also noted for his work with international priests serving in the U.S.

Bishop Barres appointed Bishop Henning the interim Episcopal Vicar for the Central Vicariate of the Diocese of Rockville Centre in September of 2017. Since that appointment, he has worked closely with Bishop Barres on projects related to parish evangelization and in Bishop Barres’ call to dramatic missionary growth. On June 29, 2018, Bishop Barres appointed Bishop Henning to lead a new office to help drive *dramatic missionary growth* in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Bishop Henning will serve as Vicar for Parish Evangelization and Pastoral Planning.

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 5

8:00 AM – *Raymond McDade*
by his family

TUESDAY, December 6

8:00 AM – *Innocents of Abortion*

WEDNESDAY, December 7

8:00 AM – *Joseph O. Cetruda*
by his family

THURSDAY, December 8

8:00 AM – *Daniel & Kathryn Sullivan*
by their family
7:00 PM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY, December 9

8:00 AM – *Russell Peakman*
by St. Bernard Choir

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 10

5:00 PM – *Susan Smith*
by her family

SUNDAY, December 11

7:00 AM – *Patricia & Maurice LaFreniere*
by their children

8:30 AM – *Margaret & James Flynn*
by their family

10:30 AM – *Richard F. Collier, Jr.*
by his family

Congratulations to Dean & Gabrielle Smith and baby Brynn Concetta who was baptized on Sunday November 27th.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday December 24

4:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Sunday December 25

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Confession Times Added for the Week before Christmas

Many people are accustomed to 'going to confession' before Christmas. We have added some additional times for this opportunity.

Saturday, December 17th we have added 3:00-4:00 pm. (in addition to the usual 4:00-4:30 pm.)

Monday, December 19th we have added 5:30-6:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, December 20th we have added 9:00-11:00 a.m. (this is during our usual time of Eucharistic Adoration).

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered in the Reconciliation Room where there is a choice of going anonymously' (kneeling behind a screen) or sitting 'face to face'.



Immaculate Conception Mass

Thursday
December 8, 2021
8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Parish Support

	November 20 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,593.00	\$6,280.00
ACH	\$2,670.00	\$2,815.00
	November 27 , 2022	2021
Basket	\$5,249.00	\$6,638.00
ACH	\$2,156.00	\$2,145.00
YTD	\$218,158.00	\$215,984.00

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

Annual Collection

Participation is its own goal! We are grateful for all who have sent in a contribution to our Annual Collection. Do you think we could get 100% participation? How about 75% or 50%. Are you able to participate? Any and all contributions are gratefully received. As of now approximately 160 households have made a donation. Imagine what might be contributed if every one of our 1400 families participated. Thank you for your participation! Your contribution is an important factor in maintaining our financial viability as a parish.

Debt Reduction Collection

November Total: \$3,139.00
Year-To-Date: \$40,561.00

Thank you for your generous response to this monthly collection!

Visit with Santa, enjoy breakfast,
Arts & Crafts and Games

PANCAKES WITH SANTA

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 18, 2022
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

BREAKFAST INCLUDES:
Pancakes, juice, coffee, hot chocolate
Free will offering will be accepted!

St. Bernards Parish Hall
275 Towerhill Rd.
North Kingstown, RI 02852



Coffee & Donuts

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for next weekend, **December 11**, after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Come spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners.



Young at Heart December Luncheon

Tuesday, December 13, 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, December 6, 2022.

Faith Formation

GOSPEL WEEKLIES PROGRAM

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

In-person class schedule
9:30-10:30 am

Class today: 12/4.
Next in person class: 12/18

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

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, December 13 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.

Society for the Propagation of the Faith

“Thank You very much for the generous World Mission Sunday contribution of \$1,217.00 from the people of St. Bernard Parish. This money will assist over 1,111 mission dioceses and other parts of the Catholic Church in need. When our country was young, in 1882, the Diocese of Louisiana was one of the first beneficiaries of the work of Blessed Pauline Jaricot, the foundress of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.”
Fr. Francesco Francese:

Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Hope

A New Classical, Catholic High School
Open House: December 10, 12-3 PM
487 Jefferson Blvd, Warwick, RI
401-287-2280
www.chestertonri.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 **December 7 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.

The Giving Tree



The Giving Tree is up. 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.

K of C Breakfast



The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, December 11th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Home Fries, Sausage, Baked Beans, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.

Morning Glory Gathering

Please join us for coffee and socializing on **Thursday, December 8** after the 8:00 AM morning Mass in the Parish Hall.