

Saint Bernard Church



January 15, 2023 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor, Emeritus

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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

I mentioned recently at Mass that my first year of working in Rome at the Pontifical North American College as a spiritual director, coincided with the final months of Pope Emeritus Benedict XIV's final months as pope. I arrived in the summer of 2012 and, as was the custom, we went to Castel Gandolfo on one Sunday in August for the Angelus Prayer by the pope from his summer residence in that small town. We were able to look up at the second-floor balcony to see Pope Benedict. If you 'fast forward' a few months, I was at the Epiphany Mass in January 2013 and as the pope celebrated that Mass it occurred to me that he had become very frail. It was not long after that he announced he would retire. I was at his last 'public Mass' on Ash Wednesday 2013.

These many memories came back to me as I heard the news of his declining health in his final days and of his passing. I was able to watch the funeral on 'YouTube'----that, too, brought back memories of being in St. Peter's Square for a variety of Masses, etc. Since that time, I had the chance to print a copy of the homily from his funeral Mass, given by Pope Francis. I thought I would share some of that with you in this 'Ponderings'.

The pope would have planned his funeral---especially which scripture readings he wanted.

The first reading was from the Prophet Isaiah 29:16-19. Here's a portion, "Shall the potter be considered as equal with the clay, that what is made would say to its maker, 'He did not make me'; or what is formed say to him who formed it, 'He has no understanding'?"

Homily by Pope Francis: "Father into your hands I commend my spirit". This is the invitation and the program of life that he quietly inspires in us. Like a potter, he wishes to shape the heart of every pastor, until it is attuned to the heart of Jesus Christ."

The second reading was from the First Letter of St. Peter 1:3-9. Here's a portion: "In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Homily by Pope Francis: "Attuned in prayerful devotion, a devotion silently shaped and refined amid the challenges and resistance that every pastor must face in trusting obedience to the Lord's command to feed his flock."

The Gospel Passage was from Luke 23:39-46. Here's a portion, "Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Father into your hands I commend my spirit'; and when he had said this, he breathed his last."

Homily by Pope Francis: "Father into your hands I commend my spirit." These were the final words spoken by the Lord on the cross; his last breath, as it were, which summed up what had been his entire life: a ceaseless self-entrustment into the hands of his Father. His were hands of forgiveness and compassion, healing and mercy, anointing and blessing, which led him also to entrust himself into the hands of his brothers and sisters."

Pope Francis concludes the homily in this way, "Benedict, faithful friend of the Bridegroom, may your joy be complete as you hear his voice, now and forever!"

Overall, I thought it was a beautiful reflection on Jesus' ministry and Pope Benedict's own efforts in a life of service to the Church, to imitate the example of Jesus.

May Pope Emeritus Benedict XIV, now rest in peace.
--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 16

8:00 AM – *Victims of Maine Maritime Academy Car Crash*

TUESDAY, January 17

8:00 AM – *Rev. Robert Hawkins*

WEDNESDAY, January 18

8:00 AM – *Sharon Arnold*
by her family

THURSDAY, January 19

8:00 AM – *Theodore McKendall (L)*
by his family

FRIDAY, January 20

8:00 AM – *Catherine May*
by Linda & Sal Sanfilippo

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 21

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

SUNDAY, January 22

7:00 AM – *Edward Phillips*

8:30 AM – *Edwin Ryan*
by Bruce & Heather Quimby

10:30 AM – *Dee Ann Madusky*
by her mother & brother

Save the Dates

of July 21st-23rd for our Summer High School Trip to Steubenville East in Springfield, MA. We will be having a short informational meeting following the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday, February 26th for those student(s) who are interested and their parent. For questions contact Christina at

sbc.teenff@gmail.com

or check out the website at

<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/conf-east/>

Soup-er Bowl! (Super Bowl!) Outreach to help the Poor.

From January 1st through February 12th (the day of this year's Super Bowl) we will be collecting cans of SOUP for the North Kingstown Food Pantry. We are setting a 'challenge' to collect 500 cans of soup! Then on the weekend of February 11/12 the young people of the parish will hold 'Soup Bowls' at the exit for a 'free will' donation----which will support our parish's outreach to the poor and needy. (We purchase 'food cards' for those in need who approach us year round). Our Soup-er Bowl event is our initiative! Thanks for your support!

Congratulations to Aidan Pickett on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout

Pictured below: Msgr. Albert Kenny, Vicar General, Aidan and Fr. Gaffney



Children in our faith formation program at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass help us enter into the celebration of Christmas.

Parish Support

	January 1, 2023	2022
Basket	\$11,517.00	\$6,718.00
ACH	\$3,671.00	\$2,494.00
	January 8, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,463.00	\$5,694.00
ACH	\$2,051.00	\$2,720.00
YTD	\$293,204.00	\$291,787.00

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 267 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.

Income Tax Statements

We will not be mailing out donation statements for Income Tax purposes to all our parishioners. The cost of mailing hundreds of statements is no longer affordable for us. If you would like us to mail you your statement, please contact the office by phone (295-0387) or e-mail us at

sbc.pa@verizon.net

We will be happy to send it out to you.

Grief Support Group.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, 2023 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.

2023 March for Life Bus Pilgrimage to D.C., January 19-20

The annual March for Life Bus Trip joins Servants of Christ for Life in collaboration with the Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family Ministry on a charter bus to D.C. This year's event is both the 50th anniversary of the March and an opportunity to pilgrimage to give thanks to God for the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

We leave Rhode Island Thursday morning, Jan. 19, and stay overnight in a Knights of Columbus Hall in Maryland and then join the March for Life on Friday morning, Jan. 20. We return to Rhode Island early Saturday, Jan. 21. Cost: \$200 per person.

Trip/schedule includes:

- -Bus transportation
- -Dinner Thursday and breakfast Friday, provided by the Knights
- -Overnight lodging Thursday night, provided by the Knights
- -Pro-Life speaker on Thursday night
- -Thursday evening and Friday morning Holy Masses
- -Marching in the historic March for Life Friday

To register, please contact:

Tyler Rowley, Servants for Christ for Life, at 401-290-7201 /t3rowley@gmail.com or
Lisa Cooley, Coordinator, diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry, 401-278-2518 /
lcooley@dioceseofprovidence.org.

Stormy Weather and Daily Mass

If the public schools in North Kingstown are closed because of bad weather, our daily 8 AM Mass is also cancelled. We hope this will prevent people from venturing out in dangerous conditions just so see if we are open.

Young at Heart Luncheon

Our next Young at Heart Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Faith Formation

Weather related Class Cancellations!
Please log on to www.turnto10.com
or the local TV/Radio Channels for updates

GOSPEL WEEKLIES PROGRAM

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

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

Next in Person Class: 1/22/23

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

Next in person class: 1/29/2023

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 Visitation of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, January 7 through Sunday, February 5
The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting our diocese in various parishes throughout Rhode Island from Saturday, January 7 through Sunday, February 5, 2023. The image is an exact replica of the original image of Our Lady which She left on the Tilma of St. Juan Diego in December 1531. The image is among four blessed at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico by the Rector of the Basilica, Msgr. Monroy, to bring conversions, reverence for life, sanctity of the family and solidarity of the Church in America. The Missionary Images are known to have been associated with many miracles and healings. The schedule and locations will be available beginning January 3 by contacting the diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry at

401-278-2518

LCooley@dioceseofprovidence.org,
and by visiting the diocesan website at
dioceseofprovidence.org/OLG.

It will be at St. Bernard's on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

Please Be Careful!

The winter is just getting started. Cold and snow will surely come. The area around St. Bernard Church is especially difficult to keep clear from ice in winter weather. Our church has been built facing the north and the sun never shines on our front entrance. What melts during the day, refreezes at night.

We always do our best to keep the walks clear, but it is never going to be perfect (unless we turn the building around to face the South), and so we ask you all, when it does snow please use extreme caution and good common sense when coming to church. Please be thoughtful of others and lend a hand to those who are in danger of falling (especially the elderly).

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.

A Holy Mass for Life

In Thanksgiving for the overturning of Roe v. Wade

Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 9 a.m.

The diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry is sponsoring a Holy Mass for Life, in Thanksgiving for the overturning of Roe v. Wade, on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 9 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence. Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin, D.D., Bishop of Providence, will be the main celebrant and Rev. J. Joseph Brice, Assistant Pastor, St. Patrick and St. Michael the Archangel, Providence, will be the homilist.

For more information, please contact Lisa Cooley, Coordinator, Office of Life and Family Ministry, 401-278-2518 or lcooley@dioceseofprovidence.org. More information at dioceseofprovidence.org/life.