

Saint Bernard Church



February 5, 2023
Fifth 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

On Thursday, January 26th our Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul was filled with people celebrating the Installation Mass for our new co-adjutor bishop, Bishop Richard Henning. It was a joyful occasion with many guests, including Cardinal Dolan from New York and Cardinal O'Malley from Boston. In addition, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, The Most Reverend Christophe Pierre, was there to present the "Papal Bull" to Bishop Henning. Archbishop Pierre is the representative of Pope Francis in the United States (he also is the 'ambassador of the Holy See' to the U.S.). A Papal Bull is an official decree or letter that comes directly from the Pope. It is called a Bull because there is a seal that accompanies the document which is called a "Bulla" from medieval Latin. It is said that the sending of documents from the Pope with a "Bulla" has been the custom since the 6th century. The content of the Papal Bull usually takes the form of a fraternal exchange and carries great canonical significance. Given that the Pope is not usually present for such important occasions, the Bull authenticates that Bishop Henning has been appointed as the Co-Adjutor Bishop of Providence by the Holy Father in Rome. At the celebration, after the Bull was read by Archbishop Pierre, it was handed to Bishop Henning who then showed the Bull to Bishop Tobin and to the College of Consultors, a group of appointed priests who collaborate closely with the Bishop on administrative and pastoral matters in the diocese. He then moved about the Cathedral holding the Bull for the congregation to see.

PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP. This is the episcopal motto of Bishop Henning. Episcopal mottos are chosen by bishops to reflect a personal spirituality or devotion. They usually are taken from a passage from scripture and are just a few words in length. This passage comes from Luke's Gospel, Chapter 5, Verse 4. The disciples have been fishing all night and have caught nothing. Jesus tells them to 'put out into the deep'-----and lower their nets. The result is a tremendous catch of fish. How is it that we are all called to 'go deeper' in our faith lives? If we do a 'review of our faith lives' from the time we were children to our present age we can see how they have developed. As young children receiving First Holy Communion, for example, we had an understanding of the Eucharist that was compatible to that age. As we have grown, no doubt, our understanding of the Eucharist has 'deepened'-----we have 'put out into the deep'. As we take time to pray, to reflect on scripture to engage in other spiritual reading we can continue to deepen our spiritual lives. Some writers have said that our spiritual lives are like a well---we lower our buckets into that well and draw the life giving water of Christ. But the bucket can be lowered deeper----the water is cooler and even more refreshing. As we come to know our new bishop, let us commit ourselves to 'putting out into the deep'.

COAT OF ARMS (SCALLOP SHELL). So.....why is there a scallop shell on the new bishop's coat of arms? A scallop shell has been used in Christian art for many centuries. There are a few reasons. The scallop shell is in the shape of a 'font' used at baptism. So, one connotation of this symbol is "Baptism." A second meaning for the scallop shell is resurrection since the scallop shell can open and close. So, another connotation is "Resurrection." A third, and very popular connotation for the scallop shell is "Pilgrimage". One popular pilgrimage route for many years has been the route to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Tradition says that St. James the Greater walked that route. When a pilgrim completed the pilgrimage they would receive a 'token' of their pilgrimage----a shell, a scallop shell. They would sometimes put it on a rope and wear it around their neck. Others would recognize the symbol that this person was a pilgrim. There is connection, I believe, with each of the meanings. Through our Baptism, we become people on a journey----a spiritual journey that, through the Resurrection of Jesus, leads to that place in heaven where he sits at the right hand of the Father. We believe that we will pass through this earthly life----however long or short it may be for us---

We now are on a spiritual journey with our new co-adjutor bishop, who will become the ninth bishop when Bishop Tobin reaches the retirement age of 75 in the spring.

--Fr. Gaffney

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 6

8:00 AM – *Pauline MacDonald*
by Corinne & Claire Lareau

TUESDAY, February 7

8:00 AM – *Children Waiting for Adaption (L)*

WEDNESDAY, February 8

8:00 AM – *Joan F. Arnold*
by her husband

THURSDAY, February 9

8:00 AM – *Martha McAdam*

FRIDAY, February 10

8:00 AM – *Ryan Cole*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 11

5:00 PM – *Br. John J. Kusmierz, OP*
by his family

SUNDAY, February 12

7:00 AM – *Grayson Lee Toillion*

8:30 AM – *Al Smith*
by the Biron family

10:30 AM – *Jonathon Salisbury*
by his parents

Bishop Richard G. Henning,
Co-Adjutor Bishop, Diocese of Providence.



Congratulations to Derek & Kelly Ravenell and baby Travis James who was baptized on Sunday January 29, 2023



← Wetlands cleared and now ‘very wet’. With all of the rain recently, our wetlands areas have collected a great deal of ‘ground water’ that flows through our property.

Parish Support

	January 22, 2023	2022
Basket	\$5,083.00	\$6,246.00
ACH	\$2,761.00	\$2,830.00
	January 29, 2023	2022
Basket	\$9,095.00	\$809.00
ACH	\$2,391.00	\$2,940.00
YTD	\$323,086.00	\$314,091.00

Debt Reduction Collection

January Total: \$3,406.00
Year-To-Date: \$3,406.00

Thank you for your generous response to this monthly collection!

Stormy Weather and Daily Mass

If the public schools in North Kingstown are **closed or delayed** 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.

Grief Support Group.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 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.

Soup-er Bowl! (Super Bowl!)

Outreach to help the Poor.

752 cans—A New Record!

One more weekend to go!

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!

A Message from the North Kingstown Food Pantry

Dear Friends:

Your thoughtful total donation of 3,050 pounds of food and 92 pounds of hygiene products during 2022 to the North Kingstown Food Pantry is so appreciated. Thank You!

Your donation to the Pantry provides our community with a variety of needed items. Working together, we make a difference every day in North Kingstown.

Thank you for partnering with the Pantry in the battle against hunger.

Kimberly A. Page, President

Young at Heart February Luncheon

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 (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, February 14, 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

Class Today: 2/5/23

Next in Person Class: 2/26/23

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

Next in person class: 2/12/2023

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.

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**](mailto:sbc.teenff@gmail.com)

or check out the website at

[**https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/conf-east/**](https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/conf-east/)

Coffee & Donuts

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for next weekend, **February 12**, after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Come spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners.

2nd ANNUAL FAITH NIGHT SKATE NIGHT **GROUP SKATING**

With **St Bernard Parish**



Friday, February 24th

7:05pm vs Charlotte · Amica Mutual Pavilion

OFFER DETAILS:

All kids will receive a Hat & everyone will receive a Team Poster -
PLUS join us for an hour-long free-skate after the game on the ice!

ONLY \$20 PER PERSON

PURCHASE ONLINE NOW AT:

[**www.ProvidenceBruins.com/faith**](http://www.ProvidenceBruins.com/faith)

INSTRUCTIONS: Please go directly to the link listed above to purchase your tickets. List your congregation name and town while ordering to sit with the rest of your group. Tickets will be emailed the week of the event to ensure that everyone will be seated together. If you have any questions or concerns please call Jack Webster with the Providence Bruins at (401) 680-4732 or email him at webster@psaagency.com

Morning Glory Gathering

Please join us for coffee and socializing on
Thursday, February 9
after the 8:00 AM morning Mass in the Parish Hall.

The North Kingstown Community Chorus is offering two Scholarships!

If you are a college bound senior who has been active in the field of music throughout your high school career or if you plan to major in music, you may be eligible for one of two \$2000 scholarships awarded by the North Kingstown Community Chorus. There are residency requirements for both scholarships and both awards will be juried by a panel of music professionals. Winners will be asked to perform.

Please visit our website [**www.nkchorus.org**](http://www.nkchorus.org) for further information and to download the applications.

The deadline for application for either scholarship is March 31, 2023.