

Saint Bernard Church



February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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Youth Faith Formation: Christina Pichette
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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

Pope Francis just recently completed a six day pilgrimage to The Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan (January 31-February 5). The trip was originally scheduled for last July, but the pope was experiencing problems with his knee. He very much wanted to make this visit a pilgrimage for peace. DR of Congo has a population of 105 million people with half of them being Catholic. For the Mass in the capital of Kinshasa one million people gathered, with a choir of 700 people! The Congo has the largest Catholic community of any country in Africa.

The second part of the trip was unique in that it brought together the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Iain Greenshields along with Pope Francis on this 'joint pilgrimage of peace'----the leaders of these three churches had not come together for an event like this in 500 years (since the Reformation). There are members of each of those churches in South Sudan. This country is the 'youngest country' in the world. It broke off from Sudan in 2011. Sixty percent population of 11 million people are Christian. The country of Sudan is predominantly Muslim.

Below are a few quotes from our 86-year-old Holy Father----

From his Homily in Kinshasa (Feb. 1st) *"Brothers and sisters, when guilt and sadness overwhelm us, when things do not go well, we know where to look: to the wounds of Jesus, who is ever ready to forgive us with his infinite, wounded love. He knows your wounds; he knows the wounds of your country, your people, your land! They are wounds that ache, continually infected by hatred and violence, while the medicine of justice and the balm of hope never seem to arrive. My brother, my sister, Jesus suffers with you. He sees the wounds you carry within, and he desires to console and heal you; he offers you his wounded heart. To your heart, God repeats the words he spoke through the prophet Isaiah, "I will heal them; I will lead them and repay them with comfort."*

From a talk given to the Bishops of the region (Feb. 3rd) *"With you, dear brothers, I see Jesus suffering in the history of this people, a people crucified and oppressed, devastated by ruthless violence, marred by innocent suffering, forced to live with the tainted waters of corruption and injustice that pollute society, and to suffer poverty in so many of its children. Yet, at the same time, I see a people that has not lost hope, but embraces the faith with enthusiasm and looks to its pastors. I see a people able to turn to the Lord and entrust themselves into his hands, so that the peace for which they long, although stifled by exploitation, partisan selfishness, the venom of conflict and the manipulation of truth, can finally come as a gift from on high."*

From a talk given at a meeting of Authorities, Civil Society and the Diplomatic Corps (Feb. 3rd); *"I have come here as a pilgrim of reconciliation, in the hope of accompanying you on your journey of peace. It is circuitous journey, yet one that can do longer be postponed. Nor am I here by myself, for in peace as in life, we all journey together. So I have come with two brothers, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, whom I thank for all that they will say to us. Together, stretching out our hands, we present ourselves to you and to this people in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. We undertook this ecumenical pilgrimage of peace after hearing the plea of an entire people that, with great dignity, weeps for the violence it endures, its persistent lack of security, its poverty and the natural disasters that it has experienced. Years of war and conflict seem never to end and recently, even yesterday, there have been bitter clashes. At the same time, the process of reconciliation seems stagnant and the promise of peace unfulfilled. May this protracted suffering not be in vain; may the patience and the sacrifices of the South Sudanese, this young, humble and courageous people, challenge everyone and, like the seeds sown in the soil that give life to plants, allow peace to blossom and bear fruit. Brothers and sisters, it is time for peace!"*

--Let us continue to offer our prayer for peace in this this part of Africa and in all the troubled spots in our world. May Jesus, the Prince of Peace, inspire us to pray for peace and work for peace in our world.

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 13
8:00 AM – *Rolando Perea, Sr.*
by his family

TUESDAY, February 14
8:00 AM – *Theodore McKendall (L)*

WEDNESDAY, February 15
8:00 AM – *Ed Kendall*
by Joan Elouadih

THURSDAY, February 16
8:00 AM – *Christi Taylor*

FRIDAY, February 17
8:00 AM – *Peter Letz*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 18
5:00 PM – *Everett Beauregard*
by the Kirkutis family

SUNDAY, February 19
7:00 AM – *Bill & Ethel Burns*
by the Babat family

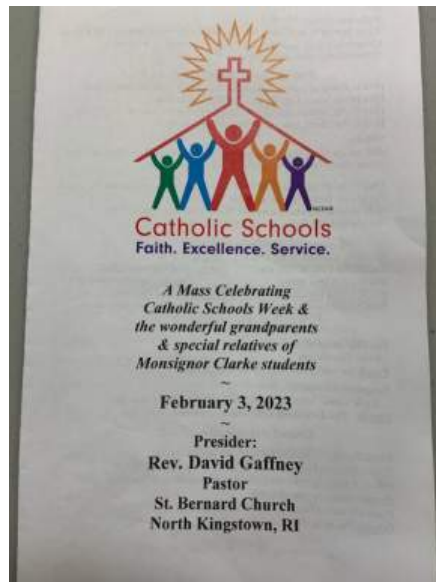
8:30 AM – *Thomas Savoie*

10:30 AM – *Margaret Gibbons*
by her family

The Catholic Schools Week Mass at Msgr. Clarke with "Grandparents" as guests



Pictured in photo: "Grandparents" Henry and Sandi Gonsalves, and grandchildren Thomas and Lily O'Neil (parishioners).



Parish Support

	January 29, 2023	2022
Basket	\$9,095.00	\$809.00
ACH	\$2,391.00	\$2,940.00
	February 5, 2023	2022
Basket	\$9,724.00	\$12,852.00
ACH	\$3,299.00	\$2,640.00
YTD	\$336,109.00	\$329,583.00

Maintenance Update:

As you read in a previous bulletin, we had a Masonry company do some repair work to the walkways around the entrance of the church. They have completed their work. The cost of the project was \$5,720. Our monthly maintenance collection helps with such projects. The average monthly maintenance collection brings in approximately \$1,000 (per month). Thank you for your generosity in supporting our parish.

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

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
1,025 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!

**Lenten ‘Soup and Scripture’ Series
The Gospel of Matthew**

Saturday, February 25th

Arrival: 11:30-11:45 a.m.
Bible Study with soup lunch: Noon.
End time: 1:00 pm.
Bring your Bible.
(Free Will Offering)

Please register me for this session:
(Name

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

Next in Person Class: 2/26/23

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

Class Today: 2/12

Next in person class: 3/12/2023

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

or check out the website at

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

Lenten Family Activity Packets

On the weekend of February 18th & 19th there will be available Lenten Family Activity Packets for \$5. Each packet includes a children's devotions book, a lenten mobile activity, a prayer activity, and a magnet. The packets are geared for families with children in grade school (K-5).

Lent at St. Bernard 2023

Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) 8:00 a.m. *Mass with Distribution of Ashes; 12 Noon-Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes; 7:00 p.m. Mass with Distribution of Ashes.*

Weekdays: Mass at 8:00 a.m. *Come for Morning Mass, Monday-Friday at 8:00 a.m.*

The Magnificat Lenten Companion. *Pick up a copy of this publication with daily reflections. One per household, please.*

Stations of the Cross. *This devotional prayer will take place on Friday mornings immediately after the Morning Mass. (This has worked out well for the past two years)*

Soup and Scripture Series. *Fr. Gaffney will offer a "Bible Study" focusing on the Gospel of Matthew on three Saturdays at Noon. A simple meal of 'soup' will be offered. The dates are: February 25, March 11 and April 1. Bring your Bible. Arrive at the parish center 11:30-11:45. Each session will begin at Noon and end at 1:00 p.m. A free will offering will be accepted. Please call, e-mail, or return response slip in the bulletin to the parish center one week in advance.*

Rice Bowls. *These will be available on the gathering space table if you would like to use them for 'sacrificial giving' during Lent.*

Children's Lenten Packet. *We have assembled a packet of Lenten activities appropriate for children in grades K-5. Why not get one for your child, grandchild or godchild! There is a \$5.00 offering per packet. (A limited number of packets are available)*

Sacrament of Penance. *We will increase the time available on Saturday afternoons. We will add 30 minutes to the time for 'confessions'. For the Saturdays of Lent we will offer the sacrament of Penance from 3:30-4:30 p.m.*

