

Saint Bernard Church



March 5, 2023
Second Sunday of Lent

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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

If you have been to the Sacrament of Penance recently (since Ash Wednesday!) you may have thought that you heard a different prayer of absolution spoken by the priest. You would be correct! The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (at the Vatican in Rome) confirmed the new English translation of the “Order of Penance” for liturgical use in the United States. The changes, for the most part, impact the priest, not the penitent.

In other words, the penitent (the person going to Confession) does not need to learn anything new. The priest does need to learn a slightly different form of the prayer of absolution. This new translation may start on Ash Wednesday but is mandated by the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday).

The prayer of Absolution (which the priest says) is:

“God, the Father of mercies
through the death and resurrection of his Son
has reconciled the world to himself
and **poured out the Holy Spirit** (*formerly: ‘sent the Holy Spirit among us’*) for the forgiveness of sins;
through the ministry of the Church
may God **grant** (*formerly: ‘give’*) you pardon and peace.
and I absolve you from your sins
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Although these changes are minor and might seem unimportant, they do add a valuable nuance to the prayer. The first alteration suggests a scriptural allusion to St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans 5:5, which states, “hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been **poured out** within our hearts through the Holy Spirit...” The sacrament of Penance is one of the most concrete ways in which a believer experiences that hope in God does not disappoint, as the sins which weighed them down are lifted away by the power of the Holy Spirit. The power and strength of the Holy Spirit is more powerful than any discouragement that the ‘evil one’ seeks to sow.

The word ‘grant’ specifies a particular type of giving. The action of granting is typically initiated in response to a request. Within the sacrament of Penance, the granting of absolution comes in response to the penitent’s request for forgiveness expressed in the confession of sins, the acceptance of a penance, and a subsequent Act of Contrition.

As one catholic periodical stated, “More broadly, changes such as these reflect the fact that language matters. How we speak to God in the liturgy has a powerful formative effect on what we believe.” The bishops of the United States have been working for years to produce better English translations for the liturgy. This new translation of the Rite of Penance is just the latest step in the ongoing project of producing elegant and accurate English texts for all our rites of worship (other rites would be the Rite of Anointing of the Sick; Rite of Baptism, etc.).

By the way, if the priest accidentally uses the ‘old translation’, the sacrament is still valid and the penitent’s sins are fully forgiven!

As mentioned in the bulletin there is an ‘extended time’ for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Lent. (3:30-4:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoons). Come by and hear the new prayer of absolution!

--Fr. Gaffney

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 6

8:00 AM – *Kathy Rechter*
by Ryan & Jen Bernard

TUESDAY, March 7

8:00 AM – *Michael Souza*
by a friend

WEDNESDAY, March 8

8:00 AM – *Elfrieda Haggarty*
by her daughter, Arlene

THURSDAY, March 9

8:00 AM – *Rosalie Falvey*
by Mary

FRIDAY, March 10

8:00 AM – *Vincent Corio & Anna Lariviere*
by their family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 11

5:00 PM – *Donald Barker*
by his wife

SUNDAY, March 12

7:00 AM – *Maurice La Freniere*
by his children

8:30 AM – *Greyson Lee Toillion*

10:30 AM – *Deborah Bentley*
by the Livernois family

The 2023 Catholic Charity Appeal !

A pledge or one-time gift to the Appeal will fund more than 35 ministries and agencies of the church. These include Evangelization, Pastoral Services, Seminarian Formation, Catholic School Tuition Assistance, Mother of Hope Camp in Chepachet, Rejoice in Hope Youth Center in Cranston, Campus Ministry at Brown and RISD, grants for St. Clare Nursing Home in Newport, support for All Saints Academy on Aquidneck Island, and immediate assistance programs that feed and shelter those in need in every city and town in RI. Visit givecentral.org/2023CCA to make a difference this year!

Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Mercy Church

“Our Relationship with Jesus:
The Pearl of Great Price”

Join us for a Lenten Mission preached by Father Justin Brophy, OP, a Professor of Political Theory at Providence College. Father Brophy will preach all the weekend Masses at Our Lady of Mercy the weekend of March 4/5, 2023. The Mission continues each night during the week with Mission Talks at 7:00PM each night on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (March 6-8). Confessions are heard each night of the Mission on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:00pm with Four Confessors. For more information, go to www.olmparish.org or contact the OLM Parish Office at 401-884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org Our Lady of Mercy Church, 65 3rd Street, East Greenwich, RI

St. Thomas More Parish

Please join St. Thomas More Parish on March 12, 13 & 14 when Fr. Michael Champagne, of the Jesus Christ Crucified Community in St. Martinsville, LA presents our Parish Mission titled, “Jesus Crucified and Eucharistic Revival.” All three evenings will begin at 6:00 PM at St. Veronica Chapel, 1035 Boston Neck Rd., Narragansett. All are welcome to join in-person or via Livestream from stthomasmoreri.org. Choose Watch Live/St. Thomas More Events.

Stations of the Cross on Friday Evenings

Our Lady of Mercy Church and St. Francis De Sales Church have Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. on the Friday evenings of Lent.

Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday March 8 from 10am to 12pm in the parish Hall.

Catholic School Tuition Aid

The deadline is May 15th. You need to apply each year you are requesting tuition aid. Please use the form found on our website:

www.stbernardnk.org/forms

Parish Support

February 19, 2023 2022

Basket \$5,824.00 \$6,993.00
ACH \$4,619.00 \$2,551.00

February 26, 2023 2022

Basket \$5,581.00 \$7,611.00
ACH \$2,469.00 \$2,141.00

YTD \$363,758.00 \$359,294.00

Lenten 'Soup and Scripture' Series
The Gospel of Matthew

Saturday, March 11th

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)

K of C Breakfast (Public Invited)

The Knights of Columbus will hold a full traditional Irish Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, March 12th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled Eggs, Irish Bangers, Home Fries, Rashers, Baked Beans, Corned Beef Hash, Grilled Tomatoes, Irish Bread, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$12.00, children 6 and under are free.

Morning Glory Gathering

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

Grief Support Group.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 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.

Mystery Stations of the Cross!

A couple of weeks ago a workman who had been part of the renovation of the former rectory and church stopped by the parish office to say he had in his possession a set of Stations of the Cross that were found in the attic of the former rectory. Rather than dispose of them, he kept them in his own storage area. Last fall, Fr. Jack was preaching at St. Lucy's in Middletown where this man is a parishioner. When he asked Fr. Jack if St. Bernard's might want the Stations of the Cross, he told him to contact us. And so he did. He recently brought them to us. We have them in storage. There is some damage to a few of them. I have given one of them to a parishioner who is knowledgeable about pieces of art and might be able to tell us something about the age of the Stations of the Cross. During Lent I have displayed one of the stations and will change the station each week of the season. I have asked our most "senior" parishioners if they remember them from the 'old church' and they do not-----so, the mystery continues.....stay tuned!

Young at Heart March Luncheon

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 (sign in at 11:30 AM)

Menu: Corned Beef & Cabbage

Name (s): _____

Cost: \$14.00 per person. Cash: _____ Check _____ (Made out to St. Bernard)

Please respond by Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

Faith Formation

Weather related Class Cancellations!
Please go 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: 3/5/23

Next in Person Class: 3/19/23

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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

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.

2023 St Bernard Vacation Bible School: Save the Date

August 14 -18, 2023 ~ 8:30am to 11:30am

A week-long, half day camp for students entering grades K-5 in the fall of 2023. In this wet and wild VBS, kids learn that what they do today can change the world around them. When we put our trust in Jesus, we can “make waves” because of His Spirit living inside us. Through fun activities, engaging lessons, and God’s Word, we’ll help the kids understand how they can share God’s love with the people around them.

More details to follow in the upcoming Weeks!!!!



Lent at St. Bernard 2023

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

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.*

Coffee & Donuts

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

Scholarship Fund

“St. Bernard Scholarship Fund applications are now available on the Parish web site and at the Parish Center for graduating high school seniors of the Parish. Three \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded in June 2023. To be considered, completed applications must be returned by April 15, 2023.”