

Saint Bernard Church



March 12, 2023
Third 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

One of the tenets of liturgical theology is expressed in the Latin phrase, “lex orandi, lex credendi.” Translated means: “the law of prayer is the law of belief.” In other words, the Church’s teaching (lex credendi) is manifest in the celebrating of liturgy and prayer (lex orandi). Prayer and worship is the first articulation of the faith.

If someone who knew absolutely nothing about Catholicism came to a Sunday Mass they would have an introduction to what we believe. Our prayer contains what we believe. There is a story about Scott Hahn (a contemporary philosopher and writer) who describes the time of his conversion to Catholicism. He was told not to enter a Catholic Church. He did. He was told that Catholics had nothing to do with the Bible. As he sat and listened to the prayers of the Mass he heard one passage of scripture after another. In our prayer and worship, he discovered what we believe as a Church.

During the season of Lent there are a couple of options unique to the season that can be used in the celebration of a ‘weekday mass’ that involve the choice of Eucharistic Prayers. There are two “Eucharistic Prayers of Reconciliation” that are appropriate to use in Lent. Generally speaking, we use one of four Eucharistic Prayers throughout the year on both weekdays and Sundays. During the Lenten season, on weekdays there is an option of using one of the two special Eucharistic Prayers that have ‘reconciliation’ as their theme. There is the obvious connection between the season of Lent that calls for “repentance” and the “reconciliation” theme of these two Eucharistic Prayers. (The Eucharistic Prayers are spoken by the priest--they contain the words of consecration).

Here is a passage from Eucharistic Prayer of Reconciliation I:

*It is truly right and just
that we should always give you thanks,
Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
for you do not cease to spur us on
to possess a more abundant life
and, being rich in mercy,
you constantly offer pardon
And call on sinners
to trust in your forgiveness alone.
Never did you turn away from us
and, though time and again we have broken your covenant,
you have bound the human family to yourself
through Jesus your Son, our Redeemer,
with a new bond of love so tight
that it can never be undone.
Even now you set before your people
a time of grace and reconciliation,
and, as they turn back to you in spirit,
you grant them hope in Christ Jesus
and a desire to be of service to all,
while they entrust themselves
more fully to the Holy Spirit.
And, so filled with wonder,
we extol the power of your love,
and, proclaiming our joy
at the salvation that comes from you,
we join in the heavenly hymn of countless hosts,
as without end we acclaim:
Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.....*

Which phrases ‘stand out’ for you? “spur us on”; “you constantly offer pardon”; “never did you turn away from us”; “a new bond of love so tight that it can never be undone”; “you grant them hope in Jesus Christ”. -----these are a few that give me strength----and which I believe---and pray. “lex orandi, lex credenda”.

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 13

8:00 AM – *Joseph Jacome, III*
by a friend

TUESDAY, March 14

8:00 AM – *Margaret Hand*

WEDNESDAY, March 15

8:00 AM – *Angelo Imondi*
by Joan Elouadih

THURSDAY, March 16

8:00 AM – *Stuart Cowen*
by his family

FRIDAY, March 17

8:00 AM – *Kambiz Dowla*
1st Anniversary by the family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 18

5:00 PM – *Edward Cooney*
by his family

SUNDAY, March 19

7:00 AM – *Mathias, Irene & Doris Theroux*
by their family

8:30 AM – *John Walsh*

10:30 AM – *Kathleen Asher*
by her 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!

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.

All-Day Confessions

Saturday, March 25, 2023

9:00am-3:00pm

Our Lady of Mercy Church
65 3rd Street
East Greenwich, RI.

“Do not be afraid of Confession”-Pope Francis
Four Confessors available all-day in traditional Confessional Boxes. Eucharist Adoration during the hours of Confession.

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.

Upcoming Maintenance Project

The retaining wall behind the rectory (behind the patio) has toppled over ---- likely due to all of the rain we have had recently. We have contacted the company that originally set the stone and will get their suggestion about how to best repair it.



Parish Support

February 26, 2023 2022

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

March 5, 2023 2022

Basket \$11,890.00 \$10,483.00
ACH \$3,152.00 \$3,135.00

YTD \$378,800.00 \$372,912.00

Lenten ‘Soup and Scripture’ Series
The Gospel of Matthew

Saturday, April 1st

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)

Debt Reduction Collection

February Total: \$5,375.00
Year-To-Date: \$8,781.00

Thank you for your generous response to this monthly collection!

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

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

Next in Person Class: 3/19/23

Return completed assignments to next in-person class

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

Class Today: 3/12/23

Next in person class: 3/26/2023

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.*

Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday March 15 from 10am to 12pm in the parish Hall.

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.”

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