

Saint Bernard Church



March 19, 2023
Fourth 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

In last week's Ponderings column I wrote about the Eucharistic Prayer that can be used on week-days with theme of "Reconciliation". There are two of them. In this weeks column I would like to share some of the Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II.

Recall the Latin phrase, 'lex orandi, lex credendi'-----'the law of prayer is the law of belief'. What we believe can be found in the words we use to pray. Our prayer expresses our beliefs. The Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II-----is precisely that, a prayer. The greatest of prayers we offer is the Eucharist.

I ordinarily use these prayers during the season of Lent. I do not use them every weekday, but 'mix it in'-----a bit of variety with a theme that is entirely aligned with the liturgical season of Lent with its emphasis on repentance.

In this Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II we pray these words:

*It is truly right and just
that we should give you thanks and praise,
O God, almighty Father,
for all you do in this world
through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*For though the human race
is divided by dissension and discord,
yet we know that by testing us
you change our hearts
to prepare them for reconciliation.*

*Even more, by your Spirit you move human hearts
that enemies may speak to each other again,
adversaries join hands,
and people seek to meet together.*

*By the working of your power
it comes about, O Lord,
that hatred is overcome by love,
revenge gives way to forgiveness,
and discord is changed to mutual respect.*

*Therefore, as we give you ceaseless thanks
with choirs of heaven,
we cry out to your majesty on earth,
and without end we acclaim:*

Holy, Holy, Holy.....

If we reflect on our own lives, or the life of our community or nation, or even the world community, it is fairly easy to apply this prayer to the reality we live with day-to-day. For example, Think of families, communities and nations that are 'divided by dissension and discord'. Or, 'you move human hearts that enemies may speak to each other again'---is this not one of our deepest desires---for reconciliation and unity in our families, in our communities, between countries. We do want hatred to be overcome by love. We do want revenge to give way to forgiveness. We want discord to turn in to mutual respect.

Imagine for a moment, and pray that 'adversaries join hands and people seek to meet together'-----it would change our families, communities and the world.....

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 20

8:00 AM – *Barbara Crowley*

TUESDAY, March 21

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

WEDNESDAY, March 22

8:00 AM – *Phyllis Sciola*
by her family

THURSDAY, March 23

8:00 AM – *Rev. Roger Houle*

FRIDAY, March 24

8:00 AM – *Linwood, Margaret & Marguerite
Sherman*
by their family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 25

5:00 PM – *Ricky Santos*
by his family

SUNDAY, March 26

7:00 AM – *Anne Lacey*
by her family

8:30 AM – *Michael Ames*
by his wife, Cheryl Ames

10:30 AM – *Charlene Morgan*
by her family

All-Day Confessions

Saturday, March 25, 2023

9:00am-3:00pm

Our Lady of Mercy Church

65 3rd Street

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

Sunday Community Dinners

The weekly Sunday Community Dinners will be resuming on April 16th. They have not been held since ‘before Covid’. Every Sunday a meal is provided by area churches free of charge and everyone is welcome. The dinners are held at the First Baptist Church in Wickford, 44 Main Street at 12:30 p.m. St. Bernard’s will be providing the meal on the fourth Sunday of each month. We prepare, set tables, serve and clean up. If you would like to join fellow parishioners in this ministry, please call Chris Kosak at 294-2885. *(If you cannot physically help but would like to support these dinners you can make a donation towards the cost for the monthly dinner----make the check out to St. Bernard and put “community dinner” in the memo line).*

Progressive Jackpot Raffle-

---watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for details!

We are grateful to the “We Dig It” company in Kingston, who did the repair work to the part of the wall behind the rectory that had toppled over. —free of charge! (www.wedigcorp.com).



The 2023 Catholic Charity Appeal !



As of: 3/12/2023
Parish Goal: \$80,750
Pledged: \$33,562
Number of donors: 90

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Parish Support

	March 5, 2023	2022
Basket	\$11,890.00	\$10,483.00
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	March 12, 2023	2022
Basket	\$8,421.00	\$6,214.00
ACH	\$2,599.00	\$2,218.00
YTD	\$389,800.00	\$381,344.00

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)

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, April 11, 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.

The Pilgrim Icon of St. Joseph

The Icon will be in Church on Monday, March 20th during the morning Mass and Tuesday, March 21st during Mass and adoration.

The Pilgrim Icon of St. Joseph is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Men of St. Joseph. The St. Joseph Icon is the latest icon to be a part of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program. Every few years the Knights select an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to the Knights and their communities to be featured in the program. The icons travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the order.

Thank you for your contributions to our Maintenance Collection

. We recently had the light bulbs in the church replaced. The 'spots' were changed to LED bulbs. Renting the 'lift' increases the expense of this project. The cost for this project was \$6,855.00.



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: 3/19/23
Next in Person Class: 4/2/23

Return completed assignments to next in-person class

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

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

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.*

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 22 from 10am to 12pm in the parish Hall.

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