

Saint Bernard Church



March 26, 2023
Fifth 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

I am grateful for your prayers for me and my family as we mourn the loss of my brother, Michael. He passed away at the age of 73 on March 18th after a battle with cancer. The funeral Mass was celebrated here at St. Bernard on Friday, March 24th. Like you, I often wonder why God ‘calls home’ one person at a ‘young age’ and others at an ‘old age’-----and really, every age in between. As a priest I have celebrated the funeral Mass for infants (always very sad) and for men and women in every decade of their lives. I recently celebrated a funeral Mass at our parish for someone who was 100 years old.

St. John Henry Newman has a beautiful meditation on the purpose of his life. He says, “God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission----I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.” All of us have been placed on this earth for a unique ‘mission’, a unique ‘purpose’, a unique ‘part in God’s plan’. We may not know exactly what that is, but, as Newman relates, ‘I shall be told it in the next’. I might think I know what that mission is----but I can’t be sure. Have I already accomplished what was in God’s plan for me? I suspect that we may be surprised when we discover what that ‘purpose’ was.

For now, we keep living! We continue our earthly pilgrimage committed to the twin commandment to ‘love God and neighbor’. As we do so, we do not know when God will call us back to himself. We can leave that in his hands! A 100+ year old recently told me he was ‘ready to go home to God’. I told him he had to wait till God was ready---but that God would be happy to know that he was ready!

Not long ago I came across this short reflection----about our life’s journey---about being ‘in line’.....I share it with you for your ‘pondering’.

From an ‘unknown’ author

*“Every minute someone leaves this world behind.
We are all in “the line” without knowing it.
We never know how many people are before us.
We cannot move to the back of the line.
We can not step out of the line.
We can not avoid the line.
So while we wait in the line.....*

*Make moments count.
Make priorities.
Make the time.
Make your gifts known.
Make a nobody feel like a somebody.
Make your voice heard.
Make the small things big.
Make someone smile.
Make the change.
Make love.
Make up.
Make peace.
Make sure to tell your people they are loved.
Make sure to have no regrets.
Make sure you are ready.”*

Let us continue our Lenten journey with Jesus -----to the cross and to the New Life of the resurrection.

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 27

8:00 AM – *Albert Sciola*
by his family

TUESDAY, March 28

8:00 AM – *Alice Bailey*
by her family

WEDNESDAY, March 29

8:00 AM – *Lawrence DiGiacomo*

THURSDAY, March 30

8:00 AM – *Special Intention*

FRIDAY, March 31

8:00 AM – *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 1

5:00 PM – *Raymond Davide*
by the Cannon family

SUNDAY, April 2

7:00 AM – *Gerard Bruneau*
by his family

8:30 AM – *Mary Kusmierz*
by her family

10:30 AM – *Al Krebel & Christi Krebel-Taylor*
by their family

The 2023 Catholic Charity Appeal !



As of: 3/19/2023
Parish Goal: \$80,750
Pledged: \$34,362
Number of donors: 91

Visit givecentral.org/2023CCA to make a difference this year!

Holy Thursday **“Washing of the Feet”**

Volunteers needed! If you haven't volunteered in the past, please consider doing so. If you have volunteered but are willing---please give your name to the parish office. Thank you.

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!

New Flag

Thank you to a parishioner who donated a new flag. Several of you mentioned that the old one was frayed from the wind. They don't last too long! The winter wind is tough on them. Ordinarily we replace it around the start of Spring!



Parish Support

	March 12, 2023	2022
Basket	\$8,421.00	\$6,214.00
ACH	\$2,599.00	\$2,218.00
	March 18, 2023	2022
Basket	\$9,646.00	\$5,000.00
ACH	\$3,204.00	\$2,421.00
YTD	\$402,650.00	\$388,765.00

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.

St Bernard Third Annual Golf Tournament SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022
GOLF, DINNER, CONTESTS, PRIZES
New Venue!
RICHMOND COUNTRY CLUB

If you played last year, please join us again. If you did not play, please join us this year! A great time was had by all! Meet fellow parishioners. Enjoy the day! Look for additional information in the coming weeks.

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)

Men of St. Joseph Prayer Breakfast

At St. Francis de Sales Church on School Street in North Kingstown

All men of St. Bernard's parish are invited to join us at St. Francis de Sales church on Saturday, April 1 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, beginning with Mass in the church and continental breakfast in the parish center. Our speaker is Father Ryan Connors, a priest of the Diocese of Providence, currently serving as Professor of Moral Theology at St. John's Seminary in Boston. Consider bringing a friend or a family member. The cost is \$5.00 per person, but there is no obligation. Please call Gene Ripa at 401-626-7922, if you plan to attend.

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."

Young at Heart April Luncheon

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 (sign in at 11:30 AM)

Menu: TBA

Name (s): _____

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

Please respond by Tuesday, April 11, 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: 4/2/23

Return completed assignments to next in-person class

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

Class today: 3/26/23

Next in person class: 4/23/2023

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.*

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

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