

Saint Bernard Church



April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday

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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

We celebrate Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday) and we embark on the spiritual journey that is “Holy Week”. The liturgies of this coming week are unique in the liturgical year. They are beautiful expressions of our deepest beliefs as Catholics.

So.....let me take a survey. Are you someone who has
___ always gone to the liturgies of Holy Week
___ have gone a few times in the past
___ have never gone to the liturgy for a. Holy Thursday b. Good Friday c. Easter Vigil
___ am not sure what the “Sacred Triduum” is-----haven’t heard that phrase before

I invite you to come to the liturgies of Holy Week, no matter what your practice has been in the past. Take advantage of this opportunity. It can be like a “mini-retreat”-----time to step back, step aside and pray and reflect.

Imagine yourself accompanying the disciples during this week. On Holy Thursday they will share that most special meal with Jesus, ‘The Last Supper’. They will be a bit unsure of what that meal really is-----and how it will impact the rest of their lives. They will continue to share that meal ‘in remembrance of Me’-----as we continue to do. Jesus also teaches them the all-important lesson of service as he washes the feet of the disciples at that last meal with them.

Imagine yourself accompanying the disciples as they go with Jesus to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, see him betrayed by Judas, arrested, scourged, humiliated, imprisoned, crowned with thorns, made to carry a cross, nailed to that cross, suffered on that cross, died on that cross. Some of the disciples fled. Some fell into the shadows. Some were fearful for their own lives. Some remained.

Were their hopes dashed on Good Friday? Perhaps. What happens when our hopes are dashed? I came across an article that speaks about ‘hopelessness’. It is likely that we have all lost hope for some amount of time---whether it be a brief period or a longer period. The writer speaks about different kinds of hopelessness. He lists nine types. (1) alienation---this comes from feeling others have forgotten about you or don’t include you. (2) forsakenness—it comes from feeling others have abandoned you when you needed them the most. (3.) lack of inspiration---not feeling mentally stimulated or creative (4) powerlessness—the feeling that you and your actions have no influence or impact on others or the world. (5) oppression—this type of hopelessness is associated with a feeling of not being treated fairly or equally. (6) limitedness—you may feel you don’t have enough resources or skills to achieve your goals. (7) doom---this has to do with feeling condemned to a certain negative outcome in life. (8) captivity—if you’ve been a physical prisoner or in an abusive relationship you may have felt this lack of freedom and hope. (9) helplessness—feeling you are unable to stand up for yourself or act without someone else’s help.

Perhaps we have experienced one or more of these kinds of ‘hopelessness’---perhaps it is a present reality in your life. A lack of hope comes in a variety of ways---it is reasonable to assume that on Good Friday the disciples had to contend with ‘hopelessness’.

The disciples can be our spiritual companions as we enter into Holy Week. We know that they do not remain in hopelessness-----nor do we have to remain in hopelessness. Jesus is risen! Easter has happened! We have not been left ‘grieving like the rest who have no hope’----no, our hope is centered in the Risen Christ. (A preview of the Easter Ponderings: Hope!)

----Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 3
8:00 AM – *Robert Sciola*
by his family

TUESDAY, April 4
8:00 AM – *Special Intention*

WEDNESDAY, April 5
8:00 AM – *Rev. Joseph Henry*

THURSDAY, April 6
NO 8:00 AM – MASS

FRIDAY, April 7
NO 8:00 AM – MASS

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 8
NO 5:00 PM – MASS

SUNDAY, April 9
7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*
8:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*
10:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

Holy Week at Bernard's



HOLY THURSDAY, April 6
(no morning Mass today)
Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 PM,
which includes Eucharistic procession and Adoration. The Church will be open for private prayer until 9:00 PM.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7
(no morning Mass today)
Living Stations of the Cross – 3:00 PM –
Please join us for this inspirational *Way of the Cross* lead by our parish grade 8 students.

Solemn Good Friday Service – 7:00 PM
– includes the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8
(no 5 PM Mass today)
Easter Vigil Mass – 7:30 PM – this Mass will include the lighting of the Easter Fire, the Easter Vigil service and Mass. Attendance at this Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9

Masses will be at
7:00, 8:30 and 10:30 AM

Note: The 10:30 AM Mass will be filmed and available on our website by 2:00 PM

We invite you to join us for the observance of this Holy Week. It is a unique opportunity to enter into the mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord. We hope you and your family can attend all the services this week. If you know someone who has been away from the Church for a while, invite them to join you – you will all find your faith renewed



Parish Support

	March 18, 2023	2022
Basket	\$9,646.00	\$5,000.00
ACH	\$3,204.00	\$2,421.00
	March 26, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,000.00	\$5,478.00
ACH	\$2,890.00	\$2,191.00
YTD	\$411,540.00	\$396,434.00

The 2023 Catholic Charity Appeal !



As of: 3/26/2023
Parish Goal: \$80,750
Pledged: \$38,405
Number of donors: 99

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

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

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

St Bernard Third Annual Golf Tournament SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022

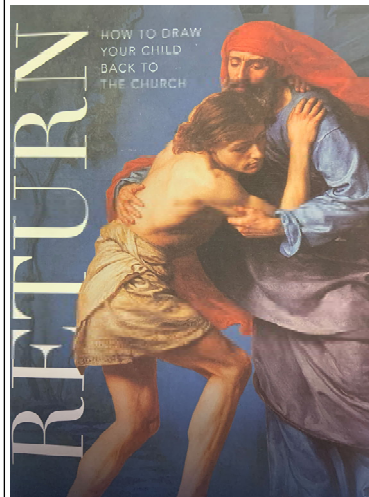


GOLF, DINNER,
CONTESTS, PRIZES
New Venue!
RICHMOND COUN-
TRY CLUB

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.

Book Club for the Spring

Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church, by Brandon Vogt.



Many parents and grandparents lament the fact that their grown children have stopped practicing the faith. They often ask, "Where did I go wrong?" or "How can I get them to come back?" We will have a book discussion about this work by Brandon Vogt. *Please purchase the book on your own.* The meet-

ing dates will be on Tuesdays: May 30, June 6 and 13 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

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

GOSPEL WEEKLIES PROGRAM

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

In-person class schedule

9:30-10:30 am

Class Today: 4/2/23

Next in Person Class: 4/16/23

Return completed assignments to next in-person class

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

Last in person class: 4/23/2023

2nd Graders until 10:30 AM

8th & 9th Graders until 1:30 PM

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.

Attention!

St. Bernard School Alumni!

On Sunday, May 21st the 10:30 Mass will be offered for the "Living and Deceased Alumni" of St. Bernard School. After Mass there will be a "coffee an'" reception in the Parish Center. Please 'spread the word' about this Mass so that we might have an 'informal reunion' of graduates of St. Bernard School. Mark your calendars!

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.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 5th from 10am to 12pm in the parish Hall.



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!!!!

Men of St. Joseph

The Men of St. Joseph International is a Catholic association of men committed to Jesus Christ. Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday

April 5th at 7:00 PM

in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome. Please join us and strengthen your faith through study of scripture and fellowship with other catholic men.

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."

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.

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