

Saint Bernard Church



April 9, 2023
Easter Sunday

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Youth Faith Formation: Christina Pichette

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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

On behalf of the parish staff and in my own name I wish you and your families a Blessed and Happy Easter! It is really the most important day for Christians----to celebrate Jesus Christ risen from the dead. This singular event has changed the course of history and has changed all of our lives. By our Baptism we were incorporated into the death and resurrection of Jesus. We were given the pledge and promise of eternal life-----we were given a share in the victory Jesus won for us by dying and rising. It is indeed Good News.

Last week in my Ponderings column I spoke about ‘hopelessness’----a lack of hope. As we journeyed spiritually with the disciples through Good Friday----the day of Jesus’ suffering on the cross----we could only imagine what the disciples were experiencing-----hopelessness, fear, anxiety about their own futures?

The “Easter event” for the disciples----with Jesus’ resurrection appearances (which we will hear about in the Sunday Gospels of the Easter season) gave them hope. It brought them away from fear and anxiety to that place of trust and confidence in Jesus’ promise to them----that he was the ‘Way, the Truth and the Life’. Easter renewed their hope, and it can renew our hope, as well. St. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, ‘we do not grieve like the rest who have no hope.’ I think it must be hard to be a person who has no hope-----who does not have a belief system that is rooted in hope. The sad and discouraging things that are part of our human existence would simply pull us down and keep us down---not letting us get on our feet again. Hope brings new life to us----Jesus is our hope!

I came across an article about being a person of hope. I share with you some of the points from that article about becoming a person of hope. (1) recharge your batteries—we cannot run on ‘empty’—we need to be spiritually refueled---it is why we gather each Sunday for the Eucharist (2) raise your expectations---life can be better than we expected---when our hopes are dashed we can ‘lower’ our expectations---with Christ all things are possible (3) refocus on the future---there may be occasions of sadness in our past, but we can move forward (4) play to your strengths---we are only too aware of our limitations---hope helps us focus on our strengths, and we all have those, as well. (5) refuse to go it alone—the disciples needed each other and they would come together---and proclaim the Good News---supported by each other; we can become people of hope through the encouragement of others (6) replace burnout with balance—we can lose hope or become discouraged because we are too busy, overcommitted, burdened by responsibilities---we can be people of hope when we seek to keep a better ‘balance’ in our lives. (7) play great defense—we will continue to receive bad news, experience one loss or another, one disappointment or another---but we can learn to respond to them in new ways---bolstered by our hope.

Easter is all about Hope. It is all about New Life. It is all about a renewed faith in Jesus. As we come together to celebrate Easter---especially as we come together for Mass on Easter Sunday I welcome you to St. Bernard’s if you are visiting---and if you’re someone who really wants to get ‘back on track’ with coming to church regularly---let this celebration give you the hope and encouragement you need. Let Jesus, the Risen Savior-----feed and nourish you with his Body and Blood----every week at the celebration of the Eucharist----we celebrate the Paschal Mystery----Jesus’ dying and rising---at every celebration of the Eucharist. Come, be renewed. May you have a Blessed Easter season!

--Fr. Gaffney

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 10
8:00 AM – *Hector Jaso*

TUESDAY, April 11
8:00 AM – *Ryan Cole*

WEDNESDAY, April 12
8:00 AM – *Greyson Lee Toillon*

THURSDAY, April 13
8:00 AM – *Assunda 'Sue' Sherman*

FRIDAY, April 14
8:00 AM – *Barbara Chapman*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 15
5:00 PM – *Helen & Arnold Nightingale*
by their family

SUNDAY, April 16
7:00 AM – *Myriam Wellenius*
2nd Anniversary by her family

8:30 AM – *Julia Walsh*

10:30 AM – *Edward Pietras*
by his family



Attention! **St. Bernard School Alumni!**

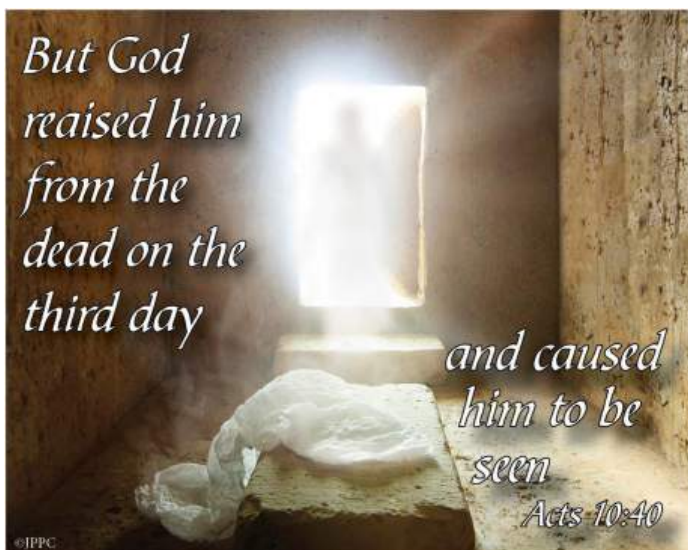
On Sunday, May 21st the 10:30 Mass will be offered for the “Living and Deceased Alumni” of St. Bernard School. After Mass there will be a “coffee an” reception in the Parish Center. Please ‘spread the word’ about this Mass so that we might have an ‘informal reunion’ of graduates of St. Bernard School.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

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!!!!



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

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St Bernard Third Annual Golf Tournament **SAVE THE DATE!**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022

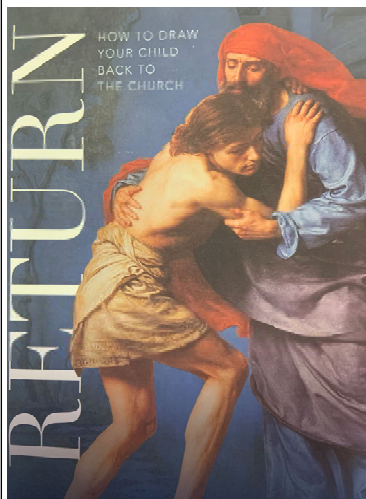


**GOLF, DINNER,
CONTESTS, PRIZES**
New Venue!
**RICHMOND
COUNTRY CLUB**

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.

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 dis-
cussion about this
work by Brandon
Vogt. *Please pur-
chase 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

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.

Morning Glory Gathering

Please join us for coffee and socializing on
Thursday, April 13
after the 8:00 AM morning Mass in the Parish Hall.



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.

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.”

K of C Portuguese Breakfast **(Public Invited)**



The Knights of Columbus will hold a Portuguese Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, April 16th, from 7:30 to 10:30.

Scrambled Eggs, Portuguese-Style Potatoes, Linguica, Chourico, Baked Beans, Massa-Traditional

Portuguese Sweetbread, Grilled Hash, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served.

The cost is \$12.00, children 6 and under are free.



The SPRED team. (SPRED stands for Special Religious Education). Parish catechists in the photo work with adults with disabilities---faith formation, prayer, community. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining please call or e-mail the parish office.

Women's Bible Study

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

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