

Saint Bernard Church



April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter

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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

Not long ago I heard a news story about “Loose Ends”, a relatively new organization with a unique mission! The idea for “Loose Ends” came about when the founders, Jennifer Simonic and Masey Kaplan, both avid knitters, realized that they had a shared experience: friends would often ask them to ‘finish’ blankets, sweaters or other projects left undone by deceased loved ones. They took on the challenge and the opportunity to take care of the “Loose Ends” of an item that was not completed by a loved one. For example, a person’s grandmother was knitting a blanket and then became ill, was hospitalized-----never had the chance to finish the project---and passed away. The granddaughter was left with a partially completed/partially knitted blanket----didn’t want to throw it away----it represented a ‘personal connection’ with her grandmother----so, asked friends, Jennifer or Masey, if they would complete the knitting.

According to the “Loose Ends Project” website, the goal is to keep ‘loved ones close by completing the projects they’ve left behind.’ Annie Gatewood, who is from Maine, was paired with a volunteer or ‘finisher’. Annie’s grandmother was dying of lymphoma. Before her death, the sweaters she was knitting for her grandchildren weighted heavily on her mind. Annie said, “She started knitting and she got through three of them before being diagnosed. She died three months later.” Around the time Gatewood thought of finishing her mother’s labors of love, a friend of hers asked her to be a prototype project for a new non-profit she was starting, the Loose Ends Project. Annie said, “There was a sense of peace for me. I absolutely know that my mother would’ve been delighted.” The Loose Ends Project is headquartered in Portland Maine and Seattle, Washington. The project has attracted around 1000 finishers globally and is growing. Gatewood said it was not easy to hand over her mother’s sweaters----it required trust on her part. “I have to admit there was definitely a little bit of faith involved----a leap of faith, giving away these sweaters that my mom had knit, to a stranger,” she said. The experience was necessary for her to make peace with letting go of her mother’s craft. Not only was she given her mother’s now finished sweaters, but she also met her finisher, Sarah deDoes.

During this Easter season our first reading at Mass is very often from the Acts of the Apostles. In this book of the New Testament, we literally read about the ‘acts’ of the apostles. We read about what the Apostles did after Jesus ascended to heaven. He had given them the Great Commission---to continue preaching the Gospel---carrying out the work he had done during his earthly ministry. They were to continue the project. They were to preach and teach. They were to perform miracles. They were to give witness by their very lives of Jesus’ message to love God and neighbor. They took the ‘loose ends’ of people’s lives---and did what Jesus did----tie them together, give them meaning and purpose. The ministry of Jesus was handed on to his followers-----and maybe I am stretching the analogy a bit---like the finishers of the knitted items. They took the work of the another----used their skills and abilities, in a generous way---to finish the work. The disciples, fortified with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, in a most generous way---putting their very lives at stake---generously followed the example of their Master and Teacher and continued his mission.

We are all called to be Jesus’ ‘modern day disciples’----being part of a mission, a project larger than ourselves, united with others---to proclaim the ‘Good News’ that Jesus preached. It is humbling to be a disciple. It is a privileged calling. It requires generosity and commitment. It will use all of our skills and abilities---the gifts we know we have and those ‘undiscovered’ gifts.

As we continue a season of celebrating Easter let us, with renewed strength and courage become ‘finishers’-----disciples----who will bring honor to the Master---by proclaiming the Gospel message.

--Fr. Gaffney

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



Mass *Intentions*

MONDAY, April 17

8:00 AM – *Clara & Edward Greene,
Theodore LaFreniere*
by their grandchildren

TUESDAY, April 18

8:00 AM – *Innocents of Abortion*

WEDNESDAY, April 19

8:00 AM – *Fenwick Gardiner*
by Arlene

THURSDAY, April 20

8:00 AM – *Costa & Venetia Georas*

FRIDAY, April 21

8:00 AM – *Jack Falvey*
by Mary

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 22

5:00 PM – *Albert & Norma Kirkutis*
by their family

SUNDAY, April

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Rev. Charles Quinn*

10:30 AM – *Elaine Chabot*
by her family



Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday: Young parishioners dramatically portrayed the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday. We are grateful to them for helping us have a prayerful and reflective Good Friday.



Parish Support

	April 2, 2023	2022
Basket	\$18,500.00	\$7,103.00
ACH	\$2,959.00	\$1,924.00
	April 9, 2023	2022
Basket	\$9,144.00	\$24,748.00
ACH	\$2,181.00	\$2,381.00
YTD	\$444,324.00	\$432,590.00

The 2023 Catholic Charity Appeal !



As of: 4/5/2023
Parish Goal: \$80,750
Pledged: \$41,632
Number of donors: 112

Visit

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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!

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 19th from 10am to 12pm in the parish Hall.

St Bernard Third Annual Golf Tournament SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022

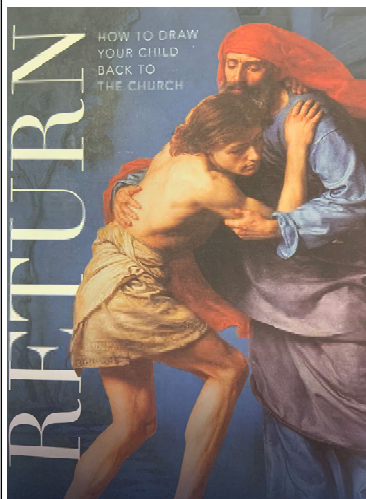


**GOLF, DINNER,
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New Venue!
RICHMOND
COUNTRY CLUB**

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 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: 4/16/23
Next in Person Class: 4/30/23

Return completed assignments to next in-person class

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

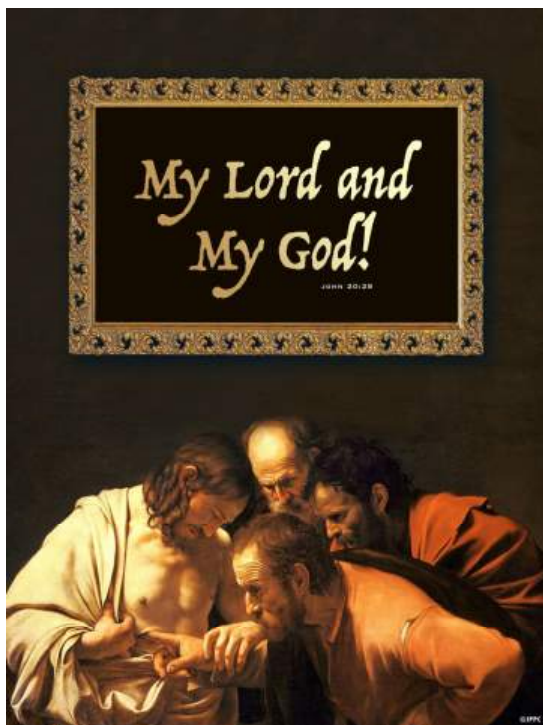
Grades 2, 8, 9

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.

Grief Support Group.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 16, 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.



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!!!!



Community Dinners

We are excited that 12 people have volunteered to help with the Community Dinners. St. Bernard’s will provide the dinner on the Fourth Sunday of the month. This month the date is April 23rd. If you would like to help you can contact Chris Kosack. If you would like to make a donation to defray the cost of these dinners please make check payable to St. Bernard and put in the memo line ‘community dinners’. Thank you.

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

Homebound Parishioners

Please let the parish know of any ‘homebound’ parishioners---those who cannot leave their homes---and might like to receive Holy Communion at home. Also, we like to ‘keep in touch’ with greeting cards for them. Call the parish office. Thank you.

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