

Saint Bernard Church



May 21, 2023 Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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

Our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 23rd with Bishop Richard Henning as celebrant. We welcome him to St. Bernard's. The young people of our Confirmation class have been preparing for this special day. As part of their preparation, they engaged in a series of 'intentional conversations' with their sponsors about their faith. They were asked to give a summary of those conversations. Below you will find a number of 'quotes' from their responses (no names have been given). Overall, their reaction is that the experience of having these conversations with their sponsors has been very beneficial. We don't often take the time to talk about our faith----like our sponsor with whom we are comfortable. How important to talk about our faith----and in a particular way, for our young people who are making a mature/adult decision to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, to engage in this kind of conversation.

"The conversations that I had helped make the sacrament of Confirmation more understandable. I realize now that God's spirit is within me and is my guide to the decisions about what to say and what to do in my life."

"One thing I learned is how the Holy Spirit will change you through Confirmation and that you need to prepare yourself for this big accomplishment. Some ways to do this are through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and by praying constantly in order to build a strong connection with God."

"I believe that there are many ways that I can grow in my relationship with Jesus. One way I can do this is by simply reading the Bible more often. Praying consistently also keeps me in contact with the Lord."

"I also learned why I actually am making my Confirmation. It's not just because my parents want me to, it is because I want to. I want to grow in my faith, and I want to become closer to God."

"Confirmation isn't the end of the road. It is the start of a life of hard work and effort that will be ultimately rewarding for yourself and those surrounding you. More than that, the gifts you receive at Confirmation will help you reach and help people that you meet in need of guidance. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit will be with you in your own life after Confirmation and it is up to you to figure out what you're going to do with them."

"During these conversations I learned that Confirmation is one of the most important steps in your faith journey; in Confirmation it is 100% your choice to decide if you want to get confirmed, and if you decide you want to be confirmed, you are confirming your Catholic faith and it is your responsibility on what you do as a Catholic from there on out."

"After these conversations, I realized that something very important to me is having the wisdom of distinguishing between right and wrong, and that strength will be given to me by the Holy Spirit through Confirmation."

"Through these conversations I discovered that unknowingly I have been relying on God and my faith for most of my biggest decisions. I realized that through my foundation with the church, I know I always have something to fall back on. When a serious issue arises, I often think what should I do? What would God want me to do? Through these series of thoughts, I am able to make the best decisions."

"Before I really did not think about being confirmed or even cared about it. However, now that Confirmation is getting closer I have realized that it is something I want to do in order to have a stronger connection with God and I am very excited and blessed that I get this opportunity."

After reading these quotes, I am certain that you would agree with me that our young people have matured in their understanding of the faith----they are able to articulate this----and, perhaps, most importantly, the Holy Spirit is at work in them already!

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, May 22

8:00 AM – *Sr. Teresina Scully, CP*

TUESDAY, May 23

8:00 AM – *Michael J. Gaffney*

WEDNESDAY, May 24

8:00 AM – *Sr. Mary Edna Lynch*
by Mary

THURSDAY, May 25

8:00 AM – *Irene & Vincent Greene*
by their family

FRIDAY, May 26

8:00 AM – *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, May 27

5:00 PM – *Frank Basile*
by his family

SUNDAY, May 28

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Stephen Ingram*
by the Kosak & Grabowski families

10:30 AM – *Michael J. Gaffney*

First Communion May 6, 2023



Parish Support

	April 30, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,707.00	\$6,430.00
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	May 7, 2023	2022
Basket	\$7,935.00	\$7,763.00
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YTD	\$481,027.00	\$471,423.00

The 2023 Catholic Charity Appeal !



As of: 5/7/2023
Parish Goal: \$80,750
Pledged: \$68,257
Number of donors: 167

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Debt Reduction Collection

April Total: \$3,621.00
Year-To-Date: \$15,810.00

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St Bernard Third Annual Golf Tournament SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023



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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.

Mass of Graduation

At St. Bernard Parish we are very proud of our High School Seniors who are now preparing to graduate from area schools. We would like to recognize them for their achievements, and let them know we wish them well in their endeavors. We will have a special 'Mass of Graduation' on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th at the 8:30AM Mass. If you have a graduating Senior, please RSVP by Wed., May 24th to Christina at sbc.teenff@gmail.com or by calling the office. Please be sure to let us know what your plans are for next year, and how many people will be accompanying you to Mass in order to reserve you and your guests a pew.

Grief Support Group.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 20, 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 Award: 'for love of God and love of neighbor'

The Second Annual St. Bernard Award will be presented on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass to

Danute "Donna" DeCesare and George Silva

Ticketed Hors d'oeuvres . Reception in the Parish Center to follow.
(tickets: \$15. per person; cash bar available)

Name(s): _____

Number of Tickets @ \$15.00 Each: _____ Cash: _____ Check: _____ (Payable to St. Bernard)

Please make your reservation and payment on or before May 27th.

Faith Formation

GOSPEL WEEKLIES PROGRAM

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

Return completed assignments to the parish center.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

Return completed assignments to the parish center.

Women's Retreat

Please join us Wednesday, June 7, 10:30 am at St Bernard's Church, 275 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown to hear more about what to experience on a Retreat at Our Lady of Calvary which is situated in the beautiful town of Farmington Ct. There will be women who will share their times on Retreat along with the Team Members who will present a brief overview of what to expect while on Retreat. The most important part of a Retreat is to spend time growing closer to God which may look and feel different for each woman. Come and listen, ask questions and see if going on Retreat is for you.

Lafayette Band Armed Forces Salute Concert

The annual Lafayette Band concert honoring veterans, members of the military, and their families will be held here at St. Bernard on Memorial Day weekend. Under the direction of Charles Johnson this concert features familiar patriotic music and new selections.

Date and Time:

Sunday, May 28, 2023, at 2:00 PM

Concert Location:

St. Bernard Church
275 Tower Hill Road
North Kingstown, RI

The concert is free - good will donations are welcome. Donations are shared between the Providence VA Medical Center Voluntary Services Office, which aids veterans in need, and the band to support their free community concert program. For more information about the band visit their website, lafayettebandri.org, or follow them on Facebook, Lafayette Band - Rhode Island.

2023 St Bernard Vacation Bible School: Save the Date

August 14 -18, 2023 ~ 8:30am to 11:30am

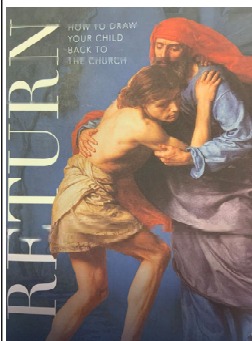
A week-long, half day camp for students entering grades K-5 in the fall of 2023. In this wet and wild VBS, kids learn that what they do today can change the world around them. When we put our trust in Jesus, we can "make waves" because of His Spirit living inside us. Through fun activities, engaging 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!!!!



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

Please return the form below to the parish office by May 23rd.

Name(s): _____

May 30: _____ June 6: _____ June 13: _____

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