

Saint Bernard Church



May 28, 2023
Pentecost 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

A rather significant meeting took place between two world leaders recently. Not much of the meeting was covered in the press. The meeting took place in Rome between Pope Francis and Pope Tawadros II. Two popes? Pope Tawadros is the leader of the Coptic Christians. Based in Egypt the Coptic Orthodox Church, also known as the Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria, is an Eastern Orthodox Church which, in addition to serving the faithful in Egypt, also has a strong presence in Africa and the Middle East. Christians in Egypt make up an estimated 10% of the country's population of 109 million, and of those, the vast majority are Coptic Orthodox. They constitute not only the largest population of Christians in Egypt, but in the Middle East as a whole.

The first ever meeting between a Catholic pope and a Coptic Orthodox patriarch of Egypt took place in 1973 when Pope Paul VI and Coptic Pope Shenouda III signed a historic Christological declaration, initiating a bilateral ecumenical dialogue between the two churches that continues to this day. In a joint declaration signed by Paul VI and Shenouda III, several shared beliefs between the two churches were highlighted, including faith in Jesus as full God and full man, the seven sacraments, veneration of the Virgin Mary and the saints, the church as founded by the apostles and the importance of ecumenism.

A second meeting between a pope and Coptic Patriarch took place when Shenouda III met with Pope John Paul II in Cairo in February 2000. The most recent meeting, forty years after the 1973 meeting, was held May 10, 2013, when the newly elected Pope Francis met with the also newly elected Pope Tawadros II in Rome.

Coptic Christians in Egypt and the Middle East have often been the victims of violent persecution against the Christian community and Pope Francis has repeatedly sent messages to Tawadros voicing sorrow and sympathy. Perhaps the most gruesome example was the horrifying video released by the Islamic State group in 2015, which showed militants beheading 21 men dressed in orange prison jumpsuits and wearing handcuffs. Of the 21 men killed on that occasion, 20 were Coptic Christians and one was a Ghanaian Christian, all of whom prayed to Jesus as they were killed.

In his meeting with Pope Tawadros, our Holy Father, Pope Francis said that these 21 men, “were baptized not only in water and the Spirit, but also in blood, a blood that is the seed of unity for all followers of Christ.” He then announced that the 21 men “will be included in the Roman Martyrology as a sign of spiritual communion that unites our two churches.” The Martyrology of the Catholic Church is considered a liturgical book and is used for the praying of the daily office, meaning the Copts can now be recalled in official Catholic prayers.

Pope Francis, though not calling for it directly, has repeatedly indicated his desire for a common Christian martyrology, often saying there is an ‘ecumenism of blood’ among those killed in violent Christian persecution regardless of what rite or church they belong to.” He said of these 21 men killed by ISIS, they are men “who kept the faith and bore witness to Christ, who did not lose heart in the face of torture, and who have passed onto us a living example in martyrdom.”

Sometimes, the ‘wheels of ecumenism’ spin slowly----and yet, there are glimmers of hope-----such as the meeting between Pope Francis and Pope Tawadros. They are united by the blood of the martyrs-----which has brought unity to believers since the earliest days of the Church.

--Fr. Gaffney

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, May 29

8:00 AM – *Stephen J. Ingram*
by the Verdi Family

TUESDAY, May 30

8:00 AM – *“Dee Dee” Gonsalves*
by the Verdi Family

WEDNESDAY, May 31

8:00 AM – *Anna DiPietro*
by Edward Altieri

THURSDAY, June 1

8:00 AM – *William Arnold, Sr.*
by his family

FRIDAY, June 2

8:00 AM – *Daniel Donovan*
by *Lewis & Cecile Bachmann*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, June 3

5:00 PM – *Br. John J. Kusmierz, OP*
by his family

SUNDAY, June 4

7:00 AM – *Julia Buckley*
by her family

8:30 AM – *John & Rita Velino*

10:30 AM – *Robert Madusky, Sr.*
7th Anniversary by his wife & son



Danute “Donna” DeCesare and George Silva at the May Young at Heart Luncheon. They will receive the second annual St Bernard Award on June 3. Donna recently turned 100 and George is not far behind.



Please join us in congratulating this year’s Confirmation Class who received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 23rd by Bishop Henning.

Elizabeth Benedict	Frank McGee IV
Mia Bucci	Riley McHale
Christopher Ciarniello	Madeline Monaco
Michael Confessore	Kazmeier Morosetti
Reis Edwards	Sadie O’Connor
Abigail Gauvin	Gabriella Peralta
Rose Hirsch	Madeleine Pisano
Colton Kim	John Reilly
William Kornacki	Ethan Schmitt
Sarah Liebman	Evan Simas
James Marcaccio	Erin Tierney

Men’s Clothing Drive

We will be collecting Men’s Clothing---*good, used clothing*---to be donated to the **Warde-robe**. The Warde-robe is a mission of McAuley Ministries. They are a volunteer-supported thrift store in Central Falls offering quality used clothing, shoes and household goods to those in need. Customers are working poor families from Central Falls, Pawtucket and the Blackstone Valley area. The proceeds from the sale of the clothing go to support McAuley House/soup kitchen. They also provide ‘free clothing’ for those in need by working with local service providers and charitable organizations. Since June is the month of “Father’s Day” we decided to collect men’s clothing. The administrator of Warde-robe also let us know that they generally get more women’s clothing donated and lesser amounts of men’s clothing. Learn more at: www.mcauleyri.org (Mother Francis Xavier Warde was the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy in America in 1843-----hence the name ‘Warde-robe’)

Parish Support

	May 7, 2023	2022
Basket	\$7,935.00	\$7,763.00
ACH	\$3,499.00	\$1,904.00
	May 14, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,988.00	\$5,491.00
ACH	\$3,048.00	\$2,611.00
YTD	\$491,063.00	\$479,525.00

The 2023 Catholic Charity Appeal !



As of: 5/14/2023
Parish Goal: \$80,750
Pledged: \$73,687
Number of donors: 179

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www.givecentral.org/2023CCA

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023



**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.

Memorial Day

On Monday, May 29th the Parish Office will be closed and our daily Mass will be at 8:00 AM.

Church Painting

Our painter has tentatively scheduled the exterior painting of our church for "late May". I do not have the exact date yet, but think it will take place in the next few weeks. We had hoped that this project would have been completed this past fall, but with a rainy month of October it was not possible to schedule. The painting of the church should not disrupt any of our regular parish activities.

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 26th.

Faith Formation

It's Registration Time!!!!

Check out our website:

www.stbernardnk.org

for all details about the changes to the program for this year. Please view the informational slideshow first for an explanation of how the program will be running this year and then review the instructions on how to register your child. Also, registration and payment can be done on our website. Upon your review of the documents, should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 295-0387 or email at:

sbcreligiouseducation@gmail.com

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!!!!

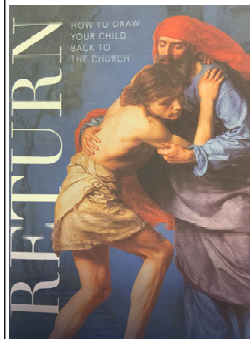


Women's Retreat

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.

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 read Chapter One before our first meeting on Tuesday, May 30th.

There is still room for those who would like to join the group

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

Name(s): _____

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

Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Festival

Will be held on Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17 from 5pm to 9pm, on the school grounds located at 222 Mac Arthur Blvd, Coventry. Come and enjoy Polish/American Food, Games, Raffles, Cow Chip Bingo and much more. Frozen Golombki and Pierogi also available for sale. Free admission and parking. Visit olcsvp.org for more information.

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