

Saint Bernard Church



June 11, 2023 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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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 recently had our parish celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Henning. It was great to welcome him to our parish. Those at the Mass enjoyed his engaging homily and after Mass met in the Parish Center for refreshments and photos with the bishop. He was gracious in spending as much time as families needed to get the 'perfect photo'!

At around this same time I came upon a bulletin from the Vatican about Pope Francis meeting a group of young people from Genoa (in northern Italy) who had received the Sacrament of Confirmation. He said to them, ".....they say that Confirmation is the 'farewell Sacrament'. The young person receives Confirmation, then goes away from the Church, is this true or not? (they reply: No!). No, good, this is a great thing, to stay. Because with the strength of Confirmation you go forward, you go forward not only in the Church, but in your own life, each one of us, because Confirmation prepares us to become good people, good citizens, good Christians. Ahead with this."

I found it interesting that even from the "highest authority"----our Holy Father, there is an awareness of how Confirmation can be viewed by some people----as the 'farewell Sacrament'. I know that it is true in many places in our country----young people receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and then think they have 'graduated' or that they are 'finished'. I like to tell them that Confirmation is really a 'launching pad'-----the place from which they can live their faith in a mature, adult manner.

Pope Francis continued his address to the young people of Genoa, "And one thing that comes to mind, a word: 'to conserve'. Because Confirmation is a gift, take care of the gift, do you not understand? This gift must not be put away in a drawer, no: conserve it in your heart. And how is it conserved? First of all with prayer, asking the Lord to give us the strength to go forward, that this strength of the Holy Spirit that we have all received may be conserved. And praying always, because the Lord said that if you ask, you will receive. But at times we do not ask. We forget to ask, to pray.....so, we must pray and insist that the Lord listen to us and give us the strength to keep going forward."

As a parish, let us pray for our young people and their families----those who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us pray that they may stay connected to the our parish, to the Church. We are a community that wants to support them! Pope Francis says, "...in the Church we are not 'me alone', me and God, no we are all of us, in community."

Can we beat the odds? Can we defy the statistics? The book we are reading in our book club entitled, Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church, says that statistically speaking, approximately 50% of young people will leave the church by the age of 24. And of the 50% who remain, only a small percentage will be regular in the 'practice of the faith'. Startling. Frightening statistics. Our young people need support and encouragement to stay connected. We have quite a few young people who have 'gotten involved' in parish life----as catechists, lectors and eucharistic ministers. We have a group of young people going to Steubenville East this summer----a large Catholic youth rally in Springfield that brings together young people from New England and upstate New York----this positive experience which includes talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, musical performances, community-building activities----tells the young people----you are members of the Church, of your parish communities----valued, important, and filled with talents and abilities that the Holy Spirit empowers you to share. May the Holy Spirit help our young people to deepen their friendship with Jesus Christ and so remain connected to his Body, the Church.

--Fr. Gaffney

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, June 12
8:00 AM – *Greyson Lee Toillion*

TUESDAY, June 13
8:00 AM – *Joan McHugh*

WEDNESDAY, June 14
8:00 AM – *Frank Basile*
by his family

THURSDAY, June 15
8:00 AM – *Thomas Rzemien*
by his family

FRIDAY, June 16
8:00 AM – *Souls in Purgatory*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, June 17
5:00 PM – *David Beauregard*
by the Kirkutis family

SUNDAY, June 18
7:00 AM – *Thomas Rzemien*
by his family

8:30 AM – *Thomas “Tim” Walsh*
by his family

10:30 AM – *Stephen J. Ingram*
by his sister

Congratulations to Jason & Rebecca Armitage and baby Cecilia Rose who was baptized on May 28, 2023.



Congratulations to the adults of the parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday: Hayden Almeida, Jennifer Horsfield, Thomas Wilkinson, Timothy Schartner.



St Bernard Second Annual Award Recipients George Silva and Donna DeCesare with Fr Gaffney.



St. Bernard Church choir at the Pentecost Sunday Mass. The choir will soon ‘take a break’ for the summer. We are grateful for their gift of time, energy and talent!



Parish Support

	May 28, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,708.00	\$6,534.00
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	June 4, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,753.00	\$6,744.00
ACH	\$3,176.00	\$3,084.00
YTD	\$522,792.00	\$510,736.00

The 2023 Catholic Charity Appeal !



As of: 6/4/2023
 Parish Goal: \$80,750
 Pledged: \$83,450
 Number of donors: 195

Thank You!!
 We have exceeded our goal!!!

Debt Reduction Collection

April Total: \$3,070.00
 Year-To-Date: \$18,880.00

Thank you for your generous response to this monthly collection!

Mission 150

In 2024 St. Bernard Church will celebrate its 150th anniversary-----the parish started as a “mission” of Our Lady of Mercy in 1874. There were, at that time, many Irish and French-Canadian mill workers in the area who were Catholic and desired to have Mass and the sacraments. The parish would like to mark this milestone anniversary with a few special events and celebrations. A planning committee will be formed during the summer months. If you would like to be a part of that planning committee, please contact the parish office.

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.

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.

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')

Faith Formation

Registration for the 2023-2024 year will be available June 10, 2023 on the parish website.

Thank You !!

We would like to take a moment to recognize the talented volunteer catechists who helped to make this Faith Formation year such a success. We thank them for their time and talent!

Melissa Asher	Jean Martish
Pam Benson	Colleen Miccolis
Mary Capobianco	Shelley O'Connor
Susannah Compton	Ava Pickett
Lu Ann Cox	Melissa Pickett
Helen Curran	Sarah Pierini
Rebecca Fasula	Renee Reis
Jamie Gainor	Emma Riggs
Lauren Gallagher	Mary Smith
Reis Grondin	Christine Stevenson
Courtney Hancur	Veronica Stowe
Rose Hirsch	Laura Tkacs
Brendan Kearns	Kirstyn Zaborski
John Kearns	

Youth Ministry

The weekends of June 24/25 and July 1/2 Youth Ministry will be at all Masses with an assortment of 4th of July themed Glow sticks/necklaces/bracelets to help support their trip to Steubenville East. These can be used for your upcoming Independence Day celebrations. Suggested donation of \$5 per pack

Book Club for the Spring

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

The last meeting date will be on Tuesday, June 13 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the large conference room. There is still room for those who would like to join the group

To Our College and High School Graduates

There are many graduation parties being held or being planned at this time of year, and several of those who are celebrating are sons and daughters of St. Bernard's Parish. We don't often have a chance to wish them well and let them know that we too are very proud of them and their accomplishments. For us, graduation is much more than merely the completion of an academic program, it is a commencement, a new beginning, a door through which they walk into an unknown future. Our prayer for them is that this future will be filled with hope, great accomplishments and God's generous Blessings. We want them to remember that whether they are going on for further studies or entering the job market, God goes with them if they allow Him to guide them and if they learn to trust in Him. We pray that they will not only do well, but they will also do much good. On Pentecost Sunday, our Youth Ministry Program presented the St. Bernard's Parish Youth Ministry Award to 7 High School Seniors who have been especially active in Parish ministry in the years following their Confirmation. We congratulate:

Isabella Cardi	Laura Pisano
Victoria Cardi	Thomas Speltz
Elvin Estrella-Vargas	Connor Shao
Zachary Mongeau	

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.

Progressive Jackpot Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following winners:

First Prize: \$2,000	Everett Salisbury
Second Prize: \$1,000	Joan Hernandez
Third Prize: \$700	Carolyn Bannon

Tickets Sold:	206
Gross Income:	\$10,300
Prizes:	\$3,700
Expenses:	\$178
Net Profit:	\$6,422

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