

# Saint Bernard Church



## June 18, 2023 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Happy Father's Day. We thank all our 'fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, uncles, stepfathers, father-figures'----all who have taken that role of father in the family. Fathers have always been important in the lives of their families----each age has presented its challenges for fathers and our own age is no exception. Whenever I write about family relationships (mothers, fathers, sons, daughters) I like to preface what I write by saying that none of them were or are perfect----they have their flaws and weaknesses, as we all do. Some of us have had a 'positive relationship' with our fathers and yet I also know that some of those 'father relationships' were not positive.

What I do think is 'timeless' is the father's role in helping his family in their life of faith. The father models what is important. An earthly father helps his family look to our Heavenly Father. How important it is, then, that fathers keep an active, healthy faith life. How important it is that our fathers receive the sacraments, come to Mass, take time to pray, engage in works of charity----they are growing in their own life of faith----receiving that source of strength that our Heavenly Father alone can give us, and they are modeling a good behavior for their families. We transmit values to our families by what we say, but perhaps equally important, we transmit those values by what we do. If fathers take time to pray for their children----and the children, see their father praying for them----those children will begin to understand that there is someone 'bigger than dad'----God the Father. To our fathers-----have you thought about joining the Knights of Columbus or our St. Joseph's Men's Group----gatherings that can support your efforts to keep the 'fire of faith burning' in your life.

The young Karol Wojtyla, the future Holy Father, Pope John Paul II lost his mother when he was nine years old. Young Karol was largely raised by his father. He recalls waking up in the early hours before dawn and seeing the figure of his father kneeling, deeply absorbed in prayer. This example of his father left an indelible impression on his young son.

A second 'timeless' quality of the father's role is the love he has for his wife. The love of husband and wife is meant for their own joy and for bringing new life into the world. How is it possible to keep a vibrant life of love of friendship going year after year? How can a husband and wife keep that loving relationship from becoming stagnate? The desire to keep the love and intimacy of married life must be intentional and be undertaken with both words and actions. One key element is the sharing of a faith life with each other. Do husband and wife share the fruits of their prayers? Do husbands and wives pray with and for each other? Do husbands and wives come to worship together? Am I crazy to think that it is possible that a husband and wife driving home from Mass just might talk about something that 'struck them'----the readings, the music, the homily (□)?

A third 'timeless' quality of the father's role is the love he has for his children. Do fathers see their children as a precious treasure from God, entrusted to them. I cannot help but think of the old phrase: 'roots and wings'. We give our children 'roots'----values, chief among them, our religious values. Fathers (and mothers) also give their children 'wings'----the skills and abilities to navigate the world, to enter new experiences----school, college, work----with independence and confidence. The earthly father is meant to convey the 'unconditional love' of our Heavenly Father. Yes, it is painful in a family when a child 'makes a mistake'; 'messes up'; 'makes bad choices'----how important it is to convey a love that does not end.

I recall conducting a Baptism preparation class when I was a deacon at St. Matthew's in Cranston. Two young fathers (who had been high school classmate) were now meeting up again year later----now in their new role as fathers. One said to the other, "It changes your whole life." "Yes, it does," the other replied. Being a father changes your whole life----thank you fathers.

--Fr. Gaffney

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



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, June 19**

8:00 AM – *Julia Buckley*  
by her family

### **TUESDAY, June 20**

8:00 AM – *Innocents of Abortion*

### **WEDNESDAY, June 21**

8:00 AM – *Patricia Fuller*

### **THURSDAY, June 22**

8:00 AM – *Peter Fontes*

### **FRIDAY, June 23**

8:00 AM – *Eleanor Reynolds*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, June 24**

5:00 PM – *Mary Skymba*  
by friends at the 5:00 PM Mass

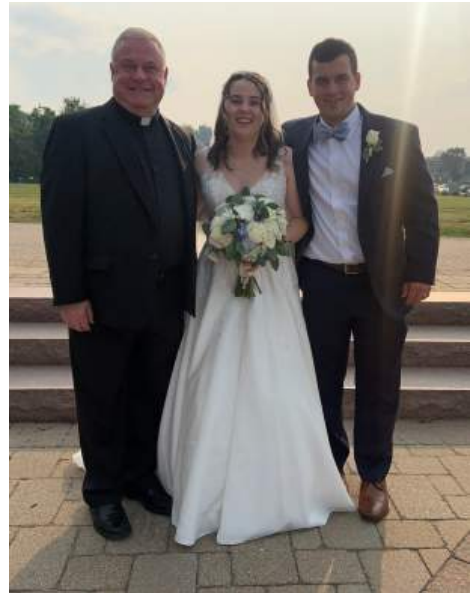
### **SUNDAY, June 25**

7:00 AM – *Robert Viera*  
4th Anniversary by his family

8:30 AM – *William Lineham*

10:30 AM – *Margaret Gibbons*  
by her family

Congratulations to  
Sarah Olivia Pierini and Brendan Patrick Kearns  
who were united in the Sacrament of  
Holy Matrimony on June 8, 2023



## Quo Vadis Days

Attention all Catholic high school boys! Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the Quo Vadis Days Camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. QVD is led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Providence and is supported by the Office of Vocations. QVD will be held from July 30th – August 2nd at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence. The cost of the camp is \$25.00. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Brian Morris at (401) 331-1316 or email [rev.brian.morris@gmail.com](mailto:rev.brian.morris@gmail.com) or visit [CatholicPriest.com](http://CatholicPriest.com) for more information.

## A Father's' Prayer

*O God, Giver of Life and Father of us all, help me to be the kind of father to my children that You are to me.*

*May I love them unconditionally, forgive them when they fail, counsel them when they doubt, lift them up when they fall, guide them in the darkness and walk beside them in the light.*

*Show me, Loving Father, how to teach them, to play with them, to share with them and to pray with them. Thank You for my children; thank You for my role as a father. Amen.*



### Parish Support

	June 4, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,753.00	\$6,744.00
ACH	\$3,176.00	\$3,084.00
	June 11, 2023	2022
Basket	\$7,249.00	\$6,862.00
ACH	\$2,557.00	\$2,551.00
YTD	\$532,102.00	\$525,537.00

### The 2023 Catholic Charity Appeal !



As of: 6/11/2023  
 Parish Goal: \$80,750  
 Pledged: \$83,820  
 Number of donors: 196

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

### While You're Away Don't Forget

If you are away this summer enjoying the beach or far-away places, please don't forget that back home in old St. Bernard's, we still have to pay our bills. If you are away and miss a few weeks of your budget contributions, please try to make them up so that we can keep going or you can use the Online Giving Option. We miss you while you're away, and we miss your generosity too!

### Priesthood Anniversaries

Congratulations!

Fr. Gaffney	June 24 <sup>th</sup> (23 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary)
Fr. Barrera, OP	May 21 <sup>st</sup> (30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
Fr. Maher	June 4 <sup>th</sup> (63 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary)
Fr. Jack	Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> (47 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)

### 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.

### 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](http://www.mcauleyri.org) (Mother Francis Xavier Warde was the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy in America in 1843-----hence the name 'Warde-robe')

### Save the Date: **St. Bernard Parish Feast Picnic:** **Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.**

After the 5:00 p.m. Mass we will have our parish picnic----hamburgers, hotdogs, water will be provided. Start time is approximately 6:00 p.m. Bring the whole family!

## **Faith Formation**

### **It's Registration Time!!!!**

Check out our website:

[www.stbernardnk.org](http://www.stbernardnk.org)

for all details about the changes to the program for this year. Please view Fr. Gaffney's introduction video and 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:

[sbreligiouseducation@gmail.com](mailto:sbreligiouseducation@gmail.com)

## **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

### Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's St. Bernard Scholarship awards: William Brew, Zachary Mongeau and Laura Pisano. Good luck to them and to all graduating high school seniors of the parish.



## **Mission 150**

In 2024 St. Bernard Church will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Sacraments of Initiation for Adults?**

Yes! Adults do receive the Sacraments of Initiation. On Pentecost Sunday four adults from the parish received Sacraments of Initiation: Hayden Almeida, Jennifer Horsfield, Thomas Wilkinson, and Timothy Schartner. Two of the adults were "received into the Church"---having been baptized in a different church. Both of them received Holy Communion for the first time as Catholics. All four of them received the sacrament of Confirmation. Each has had their own unique faith journey, which, through the prompting of the Holy Spirit---brought them to ask questions like these: "How do I become Catholic?" "How do I make my Confirmation?" "How do I prepare for Holy Communion?" If you are an adult and would like more information about receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation)---contact Fr. Gaffney.

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place immediately after the morning Mass on Tuesdays (approximately 8:30 a.m.) Benediction and reposi-tion at 11:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for quiet, prayerful reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.

## **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.

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