

# Saint Bernard Church



## June 25, 2023 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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**Youth Faith Formation:** Christina Pichette  
**Music Director:** Alison Shea

### 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*

Much of the world was captivated by the recent story of the four Colombian children, one a baby, who survived a plane crash and forty days lost in the Amazon jungle. The children are all siblings, ages 13, 9, 4 and 11 months. The children went missing after a plane crash that happened early on May 1<sup>st</sup> when a Cessna single-engine propeller plane that had six passengers aboard it as well as a pilot declared an emergency due to an engine failure on the plane. After the emergency declaration, the aircraft fell off of the radar and the search for the plane and the passengers began. A search team discovered the plane and recovered the bodies of three adults in the rainforest on May 16<sup>th</sup>, but could not locate the children.

The four siblings were on the plane with their mother and the group was traveling from the Amazonian village of Araracuara to San Jose delGuaviare in central Columbia. The children are members of the Huitoto people, an Indigenous group in southeastern Colombia, and the older children had some survival skills, officials said. The government of Colombia sent 150 soldiers with a team of 10 Belgian shepherd dogs into the area of the rainforest. There were also approximately 200 volunteers from various Indigenous tribes in the area who aided in the search. In more dense parts of the jungle, soldiers dropped food from helicopters to help the children survive. Multiple planes also flew over the jungle and fired flares to help people searching for the children in the jungle at night. There were also speakers that played a message from the children's grandmother, who encouraged them to stay put as opposed to continuously moving.

As the days searching for the children continued, the soldiers found multiple items that made them think the siblings were still alive in the jungle, including footprints, diapers, a baby bottle and chewed fruit. Ultimately, the children were found by a rescue dog first. On Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup> army radios crackled into life. "Miracle, miracle, miracle, miracle." It was the army code for a child found alive; repeated four times it meant all four had survived, in a remarkable feat of resilience. They were taken out of the jungle by helicopter. Locating the children was the combined efforts of the Indigenous communities and the Colombian military, but the siblings ultimately kept themselves alive for the 40 days.

On June 9<sup>th</sup> the children were transported to a Bogota hospital to be checked out. It was reported that the children suffered from dehydration and were first treated by military paramedics. The children, whose names are Lesly, Soleiny, Tien and Cristin have mosquito bites and showed signs of exhaustion. "They've given us an example of total survival that will go down in history," said Colombia's president, Gustavo Petro, calling it "a joy for the whole country."

A child saved, a child rescued, a child recovered----yes, we should shout 'miracle'. This story certainly was heart-warming. Our hearts go out to children who are lost----they are so vulnerable.

As men and women who believe in the dignity of all human life, we pray that the same intensity by so many people might be extended to the 'unborn'----that those children might be 'saved, rescued and recovered'-----and that keeping that child alive might be a goal we all have and one that gives us great joy when we witness the miracle of their birth. We need to take a step back----recognize the human life in the womb----marshal our resources to protect the unborn----and witness a miracle.

--Fr. Gaffney

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



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, June 26**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Cotter & Fanning families*

### **TUESDAY, June 27**

8:00 AM – *Angelina & Joseph Imondi*  
by their family

### **WEDNESDAY, June 28**

8:00 AM – *Debbie Casey*

### **THURSDAY, June 29**

8:00 AM – *Edward & Anna Keenan*

### **FRIDAY, June 30**

8:00 AM – *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, July 1**

5:00 PM – *Anthony Buonanno*  
by his family

### **SUNDAY, July 2**

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Mary & Stephen Kusmierz*  
by their family

10:30 AM – *Anthony Joseph*  
by a friend

## 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.

## 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!



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## Grief Support Group.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 18, 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.

### Parish Support

	June 11, 2023	2022
Basket	\$7,249.00	\$6,862.00
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	June 18, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,082.00	\$5,592.00
ACH	\$4,054.00	\$2,438.00
YTD	\$542,238.00	\$533,567.00

Remember St. Bernard Church in your will and estate planning. Thank you.

### 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!

### Annual Mission Appeal

On the Weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a visiting missionary preaching at our Parish. Fr. Carl Chudy is a Xaverian Missionary priest. He will be preaching on behalf of the Xaverian Missionaries. Fr. Carl had served in Sierra Leone, West Africa for his pastoral internship and the Philippines for 13 years until 2007. Presently he is director of InterFaith Outreach at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Holliston MA. The Xaverian Missionaries have as their primary service the presentation of Jesus to those peoples who have yet to know of him. They serve in 19 countries, with priorities in Africa, Asia and Latin America. More information on the Xaverian Missionaries can be found at

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

Please welcome Fr. Carl to our Parish.

### St Bernard Third Annual Golf Tournament **SAVE THE DATE!**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023**



**GOLF, DINNER,  
CONTESTS, PRIZES**  
*New Venue!*  
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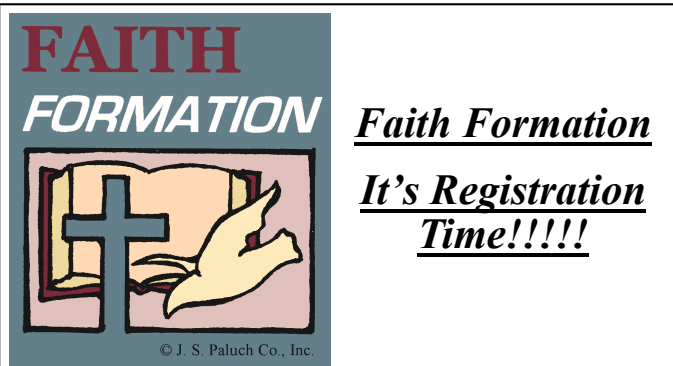
If you played last year, please join us again. If you did not play, please join us this year! A great time was had by all! Meet fellow parishioners. Enjoy the day! Look for additional information in the coming weeks.

### 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')

### 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.



**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)

**Father's Day Pens**

We gave these pens to dads on Father's Day. There are some left in the vestibule if you did not receive one.



**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**

There will be no adoration on Tuesday, June 27 or Tuesday July 4.

**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

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