

# Saint Bernard Church



## July 2, 2023 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**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*

Happy Fourth of July! On June 14<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Flag Day and now as we mark our nation's Independence Day, we will display lots of 'red, white and blue' decorations. It is helpful and interesting to recall some of the history of our American flag. The flag has had a number of changes over the years, but the current design has its roots in one of the first battles of the American Revolution. While fighting British troops who had invaded Boston on January 1, 1776, the United States' newly commissioned general George Washington, ordered a revised version of the British flag to be flown over his camp. This flag showed the traditional British "Union Jack" design in the top right-hand corner (where the stars are in today's flag) and the famous 13 stripes (representing the 13 colonies) appeared for the first time. It can be argued that this was our first 'official' American flag. One flag expert challenges this traditionally held position. He says that the Union Jack was only used by the navy and perhaps at forts. He says, "It was sort of a compromise between the radicals who wanted to see a separate nation and the people who were more conciliatory and wanted to see some accommodation with the crown."

But that flag, known as the Grand Union, was not the first flag to be flown by American soldiers. In skirmishes with British troops before the 1776 siege of Boston, Americans flew a number of flags aimed at rallying morale. The most famous of these pictures a deadly snake on a red background with the words "Don't Tread on Me". Because Americans were determined to separate entirely from England, the Grand Union's use of the British Union Jack did not seem entirely appropriate as the Revolutionary War took full hold throughout 1776. So, Betsy Ross's design does away entirely with the that feature and replaces it with the famous stars. Congress formally adopted Ross's design in early 1777 and it became an American icon until 1794 when new states began entering the Union. On June 14, 1777, Congress passed a resolution stating that 'the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white' and that 'the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.' Congress modified the design of the flag in 1794 to add two new stars and two new stripes. Then, in 1818, when even more states began coming aboard, Congress made the last major revision of the design: The flag would have 13 stripes again to represent the original colonies, but with each state's arrival, the design would add an additional star.

This tradition has held since, with only very minor modifications (such as the arrangement and position of the stars) being made since then. In 1960, Congress and President Eisenhower agreed to add what has become the last star to the flag. While the colors of the American flag are well known, they didn't actually have an exact meaning until this time. They also formally adopted words for which all three colors are said to represent; red symbolizes Hardiness and Valor, white symbolizes Purity and Innocence and blue represents Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice.

There have been no congressional or presidential proposals since 1960 to further change the design of the flag, and tradition holds that none are likely to be presented unless a new state is added to the Union. Private groups on occasion, have made attempts to convince elected officials to change the flag, but none have attracted serious consideration.

It was almost unheard of for individuals to fly the U.S. flag until the Civil War broke out in 1861, at which time the Stars and Stripes suddenly became a popular symbol in the North. In 1949 President Harry Truman signed legislation designating June 14<sup>th</sup> as National Flag Day. I suspect that the 'unofficial flag day' is actually July 4<sup>th</sup>----when there are many more flags decorating homes, businesses, etc.

Enjoy the holiday!

--Fr. Gaffney

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



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, July 3**

8:00 AM – *Sr. Madeline Pucella, C.P.*

**TUESDAY, July 4**

8:00 AM – *John Michael Barry*

**WEDNESDAY, July 5**

8:00 AM – *Brian Bastow*

**THURSDAY, July 6**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**FRIDAY, July 7**

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

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, July 8**

5:00 PM – *Elizabeth Bruneau*  
by her family

**SUNDAY, July 9**

7:00 AM – *Egidio Capobianco*

8:30 AM – *Christopher Nocera*

10:30 AM – *Elaine Chabot*  
by her family

We congratulate Dan & Stephanie Ferriola on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.



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



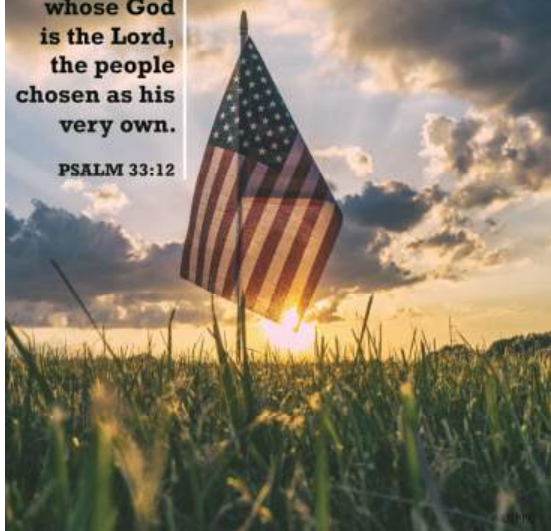
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After the 5:00 p.m. Mass we will have our parish picnic---- hamburgers, hotdogs, water will be provided. Start time is approximately 6:00 p.m. Bring the whole family!

## HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord, the people chosen as his very own.

PSALM 33:12



### Men of St. Joseph

The Men of St. Joseph International is a Catholic association of men committed to Jesus Christ. Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday

**July 5 at 7:00 PM**

in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome. Please join us and strengthen your faith through study of scripture and fellowship with other catholic men.

### Independence Day

On Tuesday, July 4, the Parish Office will be closed and our daily Mass will be at 8:00 AM.

### Parish Support

	June 18, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,082.00	\$5,592.00
ACH	\$4,054.00	\$2,438.00
	June 25, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,317.00	\$5,592.00
ACH	\$2,859.00	\$2,763.00
YTD	\$551,414.00	\$541,922.00

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 July 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**  
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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 and register on our website: <https://www.stbernardnk.org/golf>

### 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)

## **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.

## **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.

## **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, 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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