

# Saint Bernard Church



July 23, 2023  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Youth Faith Formation:**

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:**

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[www.catholicpriest.com](http://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](mailto:sbcreligiouseducation@gmail.com)

**Confirmation Grades 8 & 9:** [sbc.teenff@gmail.com](mailto:sbc.teenff@gmail.com)

**Gospel Weeklies Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7:**  
[stbernardgospelweeklies@gmail.com](mailto:stbernardgospelweeklies@gmail.com)

## Ponderings

Before Covid I enjoyed going to watch a movie at a movie theater. During Covid I didn't go at all. Slowly I am returning to the movie theaters! One particular movie review caught my attention recently was for a movie I did go to see: "Sound of Freedom". It is likely that you have not heard anything about it. Maybe you will hear more about it in the days ahead. One reviewer called it the 'surprise hit of the summer.' That same reviewer refers to the movie as 'provocative and gripping'—I would agree.

The movie is based on the experiences of Tim Ballard, a former Homeland Security Agent who has spent his career rescuing victims of human trafficking. It tells the fictionalized story of Ballard's (actor Jim Caviezel----Jesus in the Passion of the Christ) journey to Colombia to save a kidnapped brother and sister who have been seized by a woman posing as a model scout. The film progresses as you'd expect. Ballard saves the children and reunites them with their father.

Variety described it as a "compelling movie that shines an authentic light on one of the crucial criminal horrors of our time". The film has had a strong box office showing since it was released on July 4<sup>th</sup>. It was produced by a small independent studio. It has been described as a 'faith-based' movie and a major win for the Christian-centered market. Angel Studios is supported by Angel Guild, a voting body of fans of Angel films who have pledged \$100 or more to the studios. Guild members review 'Torches', which are previews of upcoming films and vote on whether the studio should distribute it. The Guild is specifically looking for films that 'amplify light', a phrase that defines films that are 'true, honest, noble, just authentic, lovely, admirable, excellent, or worthy of praise.' Brandon Purdie, head of theatrical distribution at Angel Studios, attributed the success to word of mouth. He said, 'We're deeply grateful to AMC, Cinemark, Regal and all our theater partners----and their hard working theater staff members—for working with us to accommodate the surging demand for this film and having the courage to release 'Sound of Freedom' during the busiest movie season of the year.'

For a number of years the United Nations has issued an annual report on human trafficking. According to its report the most common form of human trafficking (79%) is sexual exploitation. The victims are predominately women and girls. The second most common form of trafficking is forced labor (18%), although this may be a misrepresentation because forced labor is less frequently detected. Worldwide almost 20% of all trafficking victims are children. Although trafficking seems to imply people moving across continents, most exploitation takes place close to home.

In a document published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops we read, "Due to the clandestine nature of this crime, human trafficking is an underreported problem; the estimated number of victims actively trapped in a human trafficking situation worldwide is uncertain, as is the number of people involved in perpetrating this crime. Estimates vary widely, but the U.S. Department of State puts this number around 27 million victims worldwide at any given time."

Migrants are particularly vulnerable. The USCCB report states, "Individuals migrating from their country of origin to the United States through irregular means are often trapped in situations of labor and sexual trafficking. Their lack of status enhances their vulnerability to traffickers, who prey on these individuals due to their precarious situations."

Pope Francis introduced in 2015 an annual observance, a World Day of Prayer and Reflection against Human Trafficking, held on February 8<sup>th</sup>---the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese-born Italian Cannosian nun (1869-1947) who was sold several times as a slave since she was 8 years old, until she landed in Italy where she later became a Cannosian religious sister. Declared a saint in 2000, she is the patron of human trafficking survivors.

Pope Francis said this past February, "Human trafficking is violence! The violence suffered by every woman and every girl is an open wound in the body of Christ, in the body of humanity, it is a deep wound that also affects each one of us."

The Catholic Church has undertaken a program of awareness and education; direct assistance and support; collaboration with government agencies; and public policy advocacy to address the system issues that contribute to human trafficking.

The "Sound of Freedom" in its own way, may bring a great deal of awareness to the general public about this worldwide problem of human trafficking. One of the signature quotes from the film, "God's children are not for sale."

--Fr. Gaffney



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, July 24**

8:00 AM – **Rod McGarry, III**

**TUESDAY, July 25**

8:00 AM – **Rev. William Halligan**

**WEDNESDAY, July 26**

8:00 AM – **Marie & Stephen B. Kusmierz, Sr.**  
by their family

**THURSDAY, July 27**

8:00 AM – **Rev. John H. McKenna**

**FRIDAY, July 28**

8:00 AM – **Holy Souls of Purgatory**

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, July 29**

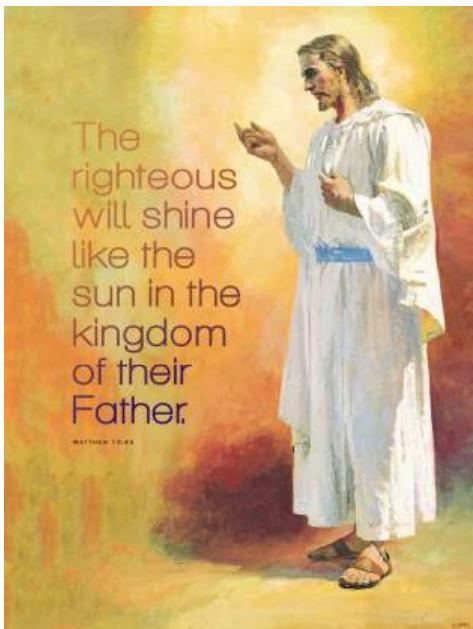
5:00 PM – **John Lotocki**  
by his family

**SUNDAY, July 30**

7:00 AM – **Harry Keenan**  
by his family

8:30 AM – **Julia Buckley**  
by her family

10:30 AM – **Daniel Donovan**  
by Louis & Cecile Bachmann



## Grief Support Group.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 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.

## 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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Donations of Mens' Clothing to Warde-Robe:  
Fr. Gaffney with Warde-Robe volunteer Paulette and Manager, Andres, who had come to pick up the donations of clothing. They were very grateful. For more information: Warde-Robe, 1286 Broad St., Central Falls, RI; [www.mcauleyri.org](http://www.mcauleyri.org)

## Parish Support

	July 9, 2023	2022
Basket	\$8,557.00	\$5,830.00
ACH	\$3,316.00	\$2,918.00
	<b>July 16, 2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Basket	\$7,766.00	\$5,463.00
ACH	\$3,661.00	\$2,570.00
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$35,786.00</b>	<b>\$27,643.00</b>

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!

## Parish Support

We are truly grateful to the many members of the Parish who have been so faithful and generous in using ACH accounts or mailing in their budget envelopes to help support the finances of the Parish. You can send us one check for your entire month's donation or you can open an ACH account by going to our website: **Instructions** and the **Online Giving** link can be found on our website:

[www.stbernardnk.org/support-your-parish](http://www.stbernardnk.org/support-your-parish)

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

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

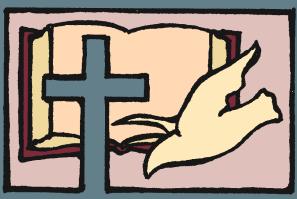
## When a loved one is approaching death.....

- + Call the pastor to administer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. (this can be done any time we experience declining health, hospitalization, illness, etc.)
- + After your loved one's death you will contact the funeral home. The funeral director will call the church to arrange the day and time for the funeral. You will then be contacted by the parish for the planning of the Funeral Mass. (scripture readings, music, etc.)
- + As St. Bernard Church was so important to your loved one during this life, we are always so very grateful if you would consider listing 'St. Bernard Church' as a recipient of donations in your loved one's memory. We want our parish to remain vibrant and healthy for generations to come.

## 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**



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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:

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

## Faith Formation It's Registration Time!!!!

## The North Kingstown Food Pantry is Here for You

The North Kingstown Food Pantry is available to any resident of the town of North Kingstown who is need of nutritional support. The food pantry is a safe place where you will receive healthy food which is essential for good health.

Each month, North Kingstown residents may receive one week's worth of free food along with personal care products when available. In addition to the monthly week's worth of food that a household may receive, those 60 and older may participate in the food pantry's Senior Supplement Program each month. Families with children in school can receive additional food during the summer when government meal programs are unavailable and also during winter and spring vacation weeks. The food pantry also offers Holiday meals throughout the year and farm fresh produce on Thursdays.

If you could benefit from the services provided by the North Kingstown Food Pantry, you need to register by visiting their website at [nkfoodpantry.org](http://nkfoodpantry.org). If you do not have access to a computer, please call the food pantry at 401-885-3663 during food pantry hours. The hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00am-2:00pm. The food pantry is located at 445 School Street in North Kingstown. Please know that food distribution is by appointment and you will have to bring your own shopping bags. No appointment is needed for Thursday produce days.

The North Kingstown Food Pantry is here for you and will assist you whenever you could use the extra support – even if you receive SNAP or other food assistance.

## North Kingstown Food Pantry

“Dear Friends,

Thank You for your donations totaling 2,460 pounds of food and other needed items from January through June 2023 to the North Kingstown Food Pantry. Your generosity means families facing food insecurity in North Kingstown will have food on the table today. Thank You!

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Page  
President of the Board of Directors”

## Eucharistic Adoration

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



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