

# Saint Bernard Church



## August 13, 2023 Nineteenth 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

World Youth Day was just recently held in Lisbon, Portugal. It is the 37<sup>th</sup> World Youth Day and was originally scheduled for 2022, but was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. For this year's motto, Pope Francis chose a passage from Luke's Gospel, "Mary arose and went with haste" (LK 1:39) which opens the account of the Visitation, when Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth following the angel's announcement to the Blessed Mother that she would be the mother of the Son of God.

The itinerary was as follows:

Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> the pope departed Rome's Fiumicino airport. He was greeted upon his arrival by the President of Portugal, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa.

Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> was the welcoming ceremony for the World Youth Day at the Universidade Catolica Portuguesa.

Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> was the Way of the Cross with the young people.

Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>—visit to Fatima and the vigil.

Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>—concluding Mass for World Youth Day in Tejo Park.

In one of his homilies the Holy Father had this to say: "Seeing we are surrounded by so many young people, I would like to mention a young person from Lisbon, Saint John Brito, a young native of this place, who centuries ago, amid great hardship, set sail for India and began to speak and dress the same way as the people of the places he went, in order to tell them about Jesus. We too are called to lower our nets these days and to dialogue with everyone, proposing the Gospel message, even if it involves risking a few storms. Like the young people who come here from all over the world to take on the giant waves, we too must set out fearlessly. Indeed, we need never fear the open seas, for in the midst of the storms and battling winds, Jesus comes to meet us and says, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid' (Mt 14:27). How often have we had this experience?"

For the address at the Welcoming Ceremony he said, "Friends, I want to be clear with you, for you are allergic to falsity and empty words: in the Church, there is room for everyone. Everyone. In the Church, no one is left out or left over. There is room for everyone. Just the way we are. Everyone. Jesus says this clearly. When he sends the apostles to invite people to the banquet which a man had prepared, he tells them: 'Go out and bring in everyone,' young and old, healthy and infirm, righteous and sinner. Everyone, everyone, everyone! IN the Church there is room for everyone."

In his address to the civil authorities he said, "Young people are the future. Yet they encounter much that is disheartening: lack of jobs, the dizzying pace of contemporary life, hikes in the cost of living, the difficulty of finding housing and, even more disturbing, the fear of forming families and bringing children into the world. In Europe and, more generally in the West, we are witnessing a decline in the demographic curve: progress seems to be measured by developments in technology and personal comfort, whereas the future calls for reversing the fall in the birth rate and the weakening of the will to live. A healthy politics can accomplish much in this regard; it can be a generator of hope. It is not about holding on to power, but about giving people the ability to hope."

Much of what happens when Pope Francis travels around the globe is not reported in detail. World Youth Day is a source of great encouragement not only for those who are able to attend, but for the whole church. Our Church is alive with all ages-----and the young were able to hear the inspiring words of our Holy Father----and to be strengthened in their faith by other young people gathered together.

One young woman from Atlanta said, "Being here shows you that being Catholic is not only for old people (*did she mean me?*) and it brings you together and helps you form a community internationally. Everyone is so on fire. It really makes the world feel a lot smaller."

--Fr. Gaffney



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, August 14**

8:00 AM – *John & Lena Cannon*  
by their family

### **TUESDAY, August 15: Assumption of Mary**

8:00 AM – *Joseph Gillen*  
7:00 PM—*Warren Conway*

### **WEDNESDAY, August 16**

8:00 AM – *Carl Joseph Battaglia*

### **THURSDAY, August 17**

8:00 AM –*Emily J. Sierra*

### **FRIDAY, August 18**

8:00 AM – *Warren Conway*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, August 19**

5:00 PM – *Larry Potter*  
by Hollie Lussier

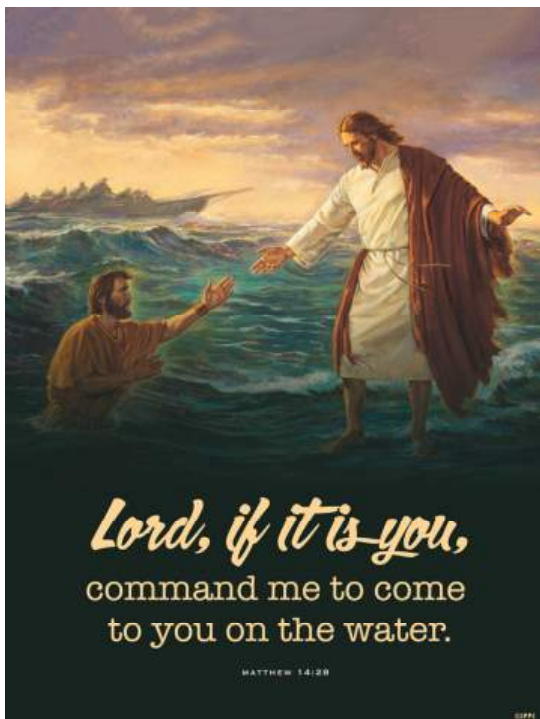
### **SUNDAY, August 20**

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

10:30 AM – *Rustin Gomersall*

by Dorothy & Edward Cunnie



## Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>  
Masses 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

## 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! Please e-mail the parish office to 'rsvp' for the parish picnic.



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## Wedding Anniversary Celebration at the Cathedral

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment is hosting the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration to honor couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2023. The celebration will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence. It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Richard G. Henning will be the main celebrant and homilist. You must register with the parish by September 10. Please call the parish office or e-mail the parish office (sbc.pa@verizon.net) if you would like to attend this special celebration.

### Parish Support

	July 30 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,801.00	\$12,879.00
ACH	\$2,819.00	\$2,270.00
	August 6, 2023	2022
Basket	\$10,000.00	\$9,353.00
ACH	\$4,639.00	\$3,178.00
YTD	\$68,557.00	\$63,826.00

### 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!

### Victory Day Holiday

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday August 14th in observance of Victory Day.

### Memorare

This prayer has traditionally been attributed to St. Bernard. It seems likely, however, that it dates to the 17<sup>th</sup> century and was popularized by a French priest by the name of Fr. Claude Bernard. Whoever was the author---it has brought comfort to countless generations of believers.

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.*

### 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>

### 150<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee

Those who would like to help with planning activities for our parish's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary (1874-2024) are asked to come for a meeting on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center.

### Thank You!

The two painting projects---the exterior of the church and the trim on the rectory---have been completed. Thank you for your generous support of our parish---especially our maintenance collection. We continue to exercise good stewardship in caring for the parish buildings!

### 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.

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



**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:

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

*Registration Deadline: 8/13/2023.*

*A late processing fee of \$20.00 will be applied after that date.*

**Altar Servers Needed**

If you are a young person (who has received First Communion) you are eligible to be an altar server. We will provide the training. You can let us know which Mass time you would like serve, i.e. your family always goes to the 8:30 Mass then you can select that time to serve Mass. Call or e-mail the parish office and we will set up a time for training.

**Tree Work**

Some tree trimming will take place in the coming weeks. There are a number of dead branches that need to come down. Sadly, the Ash Tree located on the lawn between the church and the rectory is dying. Many Ash trees in Rhode Island are dying. We will trim the dead branches for now.

**Tote Bags**

During the Parish Feast, Youth Ministry will be taking orders for another round of St. Bernard Canvas tote bags. Bags are \$45 each and the proceeds go towards next years Steubenville East trip. Stop by our booth at the Feast or email Christina at [sbc.teenff@gmail.com](mailto:sbc.teenff@gmail.com) to let her know you would like one. Once all orders are in, we will place a bulk order, and Christina will contact you once the order is in to pick up your bag.

Canvas Bag: H-14", H-18", D;4.5"



**Gluten-Free Hosts.**

These hosts are available for those who have an allergy to gluten. Gluten is a protein found in wheat, barley and rye. A gluten-free diet is essential for managing signs and symptoms of celiac disease and other medical conditions associated with gluten. If you have this condition and would like to receive a gluten-free host----please let Fr. Gaffney know before Mass.

**RCIA**

Any adults who may not have received one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation) and would like to prepare to receive the sacrament(s)----please contact the parish office. Classes will begin in September.

**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.



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