

# Saint Bernard Church



## August 27, 2023 Twenty-First 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*

This week's Ponderings column is really two 'shorter' Ponderings. The first is about World Youth Day, which was recently held in Lisbon. The second is about Maria Lanakila Catholic Church in Maui.

### **World Youth Day.**

In a previous column I included a number of quotes from Pope Francis from his homilies and speeches at World Youth Day held in Lisbon. I recently came across some interesting statistics about that gathering.

1. There were approximately one and a half million young people at this religious event. The planners had predicted 800,000----but they know that when they did a 'count' at the closing mass it was almost double that number.

2. The most numerous delegations were not from Portugal.

Often the 'host country' has the largest contingent of pilgrims. Two countries had more young people there ahead of Portugal. Spain had 77,224 and Italy had 59,469. Portugal was third with 43,742. France was fourth with 42,482 and the United States in fifth place with 19,196. (Travel costs impacted the number of people who traveled from outside of Europe)

3. A great concentration of bishops and priests from around the world

Almost 700 bishops, 30 of them cardinals, and 10,000 priests participated in Lisbon's World Youth Day.

4. There were young people with 'different capabilities' in attendance

A total of 1,753 young people with some sort of disability (intellectual or mobility) participated. Of that total, 135 were deaf and 241 were blind.

5. Volunteers

Approximately 25,000 volunteers assisted with the events of World Youth Day. Interestingly, 8,831 families opened their homes to offer hospitality to 28,618 pilgrims.

6. Journalists

Almost 5,000 journalists were accredited to cover Lisbon's World Youth Day.

7. "Ecologic act"

17,980 trees were planted.

8. Sacrament of Reconciliation

In the Park of Joy, where the Holy Father sat to hear confessions, there were also 2,000 priests hearing confessions almost every day.

### **Maria Lanakila Catholic Church, Maui**

You may have heard of this church with the recent news of the tragic fires and resulting loss of life and property on this Hawaiian Island. This church has been described as a 'miracle' in that it is still standing even after wildfires ravaged its surroundings. Maria Lanakila Catholic Church (the name translates: Our Lady of Victory), located in Lahaina, dates back to 1846, more than 100 years before Hawaii joined the union as the 50<sup>th</sup> state. While the church and the adjacent rectory appear to remain intact, the roof of the nearby Sacred Heart School blew off. The pastor acknowledges that there may be damage that cannot be scene that will require restoration or even demolition of the building.

Bishop Clarence Silva, the bishop of Honolulu, celebrated Mass at a church about 10 miles away from Maria Lanakila. He read a message from Pope Francis who said he was praying for those who lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods. He also conveyed prayers for first responders. The bishop told the Associated Press that the community is worried about its children, who have witnessed tragedy and are anxious.

More than 2,700 structures were destroyed in Lahaina. The town of Lahaina served as the capital of the Hawaiian monarchy for 25 years in the 19<sup>th</sup> century before the capital moved to Honolulu. The standing church is a visible sign of the church's presence with the people there who are suffering so very much. Those who would like to donate to the relief effort can make a donation by visiting the website:

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

-Fr. Gaffney



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, August 28**

8:00 AM – *Michael Anthony LoPresti*  
by the Verdi family

### **TUESDAY, August 29**

8:00 AM – *Bruce Menzies*

### **WEDNESDAY, August 30**

8:00 AM – *Luigi Trabucco*  
by his family

### **THURSDAY, August 31**

8:00 AM – *Donald Richards & Dana Arpin*

### **FRIDAY, September 1**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Goode family*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, September 2**

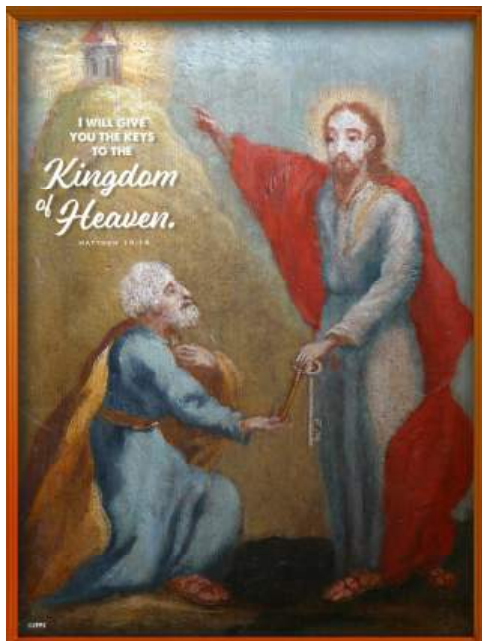
5:00 PM – *Peter Fontes*

### **SUNDAY, September 3**

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Eileen Arnold*  
by her family

10:30 AM – *Douglas Crowell*  
12th Anniversary by his family



## 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.

## Grief Group

The schedule of meetings for the fall are:  
(Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30)

September 12  
October 10  
November 21  
December 5

If anyone would like more information about the group, please see Fr. Gaffney.

## Maui Relief

For those who would like to donate to help the victims of the wildfires in Maui, the diocese recommends: [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org). There is specific tab on this site to contribute to the people of Maui.

## Young At Heart

Our Young At Heart luncheons will begin again---for our third year. We will meet on:

**Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

for our first luncheon. (Please note we have moved the day of the luncheon to Monday.)

Mark your Calendars!

### Parish Support

	August 13, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,231.00	\$5,849.00
ACH	\$2,588.00	\$2,550.00
	August 20, 2023	2022
Basket	\$7,717.00	\$6,553.00
ACH	\$3,262.00	\$2,523.00
YTD	\$88,355.00	\$81,301.00

### Mission Appeal Collection

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Xaverian Missionary Fathers for this year's Mission Appeal Collection. A total of \$4,589.00 will be forwarded to them. The Missionary Xaverian Fathers are grateful for your support.

### Parish Picnic Thank You

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and everyone who assisted with making our parish picnic a success. The weather was perfect! It is a nice time to meet parishioners and have a little time to socialize with each other!

### 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.

### 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.

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)

**The Warde-Robe**

"I am writing to express my deepest and sincerest gratitude for the generous donations and clothing drive you organized for McAuley Ministries/The Warde-robe. Your act of kindness and selflessness has touched the lives of so many individuals in need and made a significant difference in our community.

With profound gratitude and warmest regards,"

Andres Montoya  
The Warde-robe  
1286 Broad St  
Central Falls, RI

**Name Tag Sundays:**

From Labor Day weekend to Columbus Day weekend we will once again ask you get a name tag as you enter church. We will take a moment at the start of each of the masses to greet our neighbors. So often we recognize faces, but don't know the names of those who sit near us in the pews. The mantra goes: "See a Face, Learn a Name, Share a Story"!

**Community Dinners**

These dinners have returned! Area churches provide a free 'homecooked meal' on Sundays at 12:30 at the First Baptist Church, 44 Main Street, Wickford. **Make a referral:** If you know someone who might benefit from these dinners and the social time with others, please let family, neighbors, friends know about these Community Dinners. **Go yourself:** An invitation is especially extended to our seniors, those who live alone, those who might enjoy a homecooked hot meal-----try it out! Just show up----no reservations required! You can also get a 'meal-to-go'. Spread the word about this great opportunity!

**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.

Young at Heart September Luncheon

**Monday September 25, 2023** (sign in at 11:30 AM)

Menu: TBA

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$15.00 per person. (Please make out checks payable to St. Bernard)  
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