

Saint Bernard Church



October 1, 2023 Twenty-Sixth 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

During the week of September 18th, I made my annual retreat at St. Joseph Abbey in Spencer, MA. The monks of the abbey support themselves through the “Holy Rood Guild” ---which makes vestments and through the production of “Trappist Preserves”. You might recall in recent years that the monastery also undertook the project of ‘producing beer’. (Other monasteries around the world produce beer). After a few years of production, they have discontinued the project. Other monasteries make and sell such things as candy (Trappistines in Wrentham, MA); fruitcakes; cheese; bread; honey; candles; notecards---to name a few.

I had gone to the monastery a couple of times before for my retreat but had not been back for about twenty years. If you go on to their website, you can see lots of information about the abbey---including how you can book a retreat. At the present time ‘lay men and lay women’ can make a retreat there. There are options for weekdays and weekends. The retreat house only accommodates about 12 people per retreat session. Basically, you join the monks in their daily schedule of Mass and prayer. (Get ready for early rising---Morning Prayer, followed by Mass begins at 6:00 a.m.). The retreat is ‘silent’-----no talking to other retreatants; no talking during meals. The silence is meant to help the person listen on a ‘deeper level’ to the voice of God. So, what do you do during the day? At this retreat house there is a short conference by one of the monks after breakfast. Then, for the rest of the day, besides the posted times of ‘community prayer in the chapel’ you are free to organize your day---reading, prayer, walking---and in general ‘slowing down’.

The retreat house, now located in Spencer, MA had an earlier history in Rhode Island. The order had moved from France to Canada and then in 1899 Fr. John Mary Murphy petitioned the General Chapter of the Order to move the monastery from eastern Nova Scotia to the Diocese of Providence. The small community arrived in New England in the summer of 1900---to a tract of land of some 300 acres in Cumberland, RI---the monastery was called Our Lady of the Valley. The monks set about building their monastery. By 1902 they had their first building erected. The monastery church was completed in 1928; the Chapter and Novitiate wings in 1931 and 1937; and the large Porter’s Lodge in 1938. The buildings were made of gray granite they quarried on their own property. By 1943 there were 84 monks in the community. After World War II there was a resurgence of interest in contemplative life and the number at the Valley and at other monasteries in the United States rose. In 1948 there were 137 monks in Cumberland. A ‘daughter house’ was established in Santa Fe---with 34 monks.

Sadly, on March 21, 1950, the abbey was ravaged by fire and the devastation was virtually complete. The original wing was destroyed, the church was rendered structurally unsound and had to be demolished; and the Chapter wing needed extensive repairs. The community, numbering 140 monks, was homeless.

The monks needed to find a new location. I recall speaking to an elderly monk who had been there when the fire happened, telling me that the soil was very rocky, and the area was becoming more developed with homes being built. They searched for a different location to rebuild. The community purchased a large agricultural property, Alta Crest Farms, in Spencer, MA. The monks set to work adapting the farm buildings for monastic purposes while using an abandoned Civilian Conservation Corps Camp in northern Rhode Island as a temporary home. Despite the austere living conditions, new monks joined---another ‘daughter house’ was established in Berryville, Virginia, Our Lady of the Holy Cross.

On December 23, 1950, eighty monks took possession of St. Joseph’s Abbey, Spencer. Ground was broken for the Abbey Church on March 19, 1952, and hardly a year later the first Mass was celebrated in the new church. There were 156 monks in the community. A third foundation was established in Snowmass, Colorado in 1958 with 35 monks from Spencer as the group to begin the new monastery. In the same year a monastery was established in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Today the community is much smaller than it had been ‘at its height’-----with an aging population. They continue to be a witness to the importance of the contemplative life in our church---a life of prayer.
-Fr. Gaffney

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 2

8:00 AM – *Michael J. Gaffney*
by the Elouadih family

TUESDAY, October 3

8:00 AM – *Bruce Menzies*
by the Mornin Glory Coffee Group

WEDNESDAY, October 4

8:00 AM – *Ryan Clancy*
by Jack, Michela & Tatum

THURSDAY, October 5

8:00 AM – *Michael Faircloth*
by Jack, Michela & Tatum

FRIDAY, October 6

8:00 AM – *Stephen B. Kusmierz*
by his family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 7

5:00 PM – *Roderick McGarry III*

SUNDAY, October 8

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Carmen Montoya*
by her family

10:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

Bishop Hendricken Open House

Bishop Hendricken High School will be hosting an Open House on **Sunday, October 15th** from 12:00pm to 3:00pm and an Information Night on **November 8th at 6:00 PM**. These events will give families the opportunity to tour our facilities and receive information on our academics, admission policies, financial aid, student life, transportation and college placement. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 889.5425.



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Congratulations to John & Erin Healey and baby Hazel Bethany who was baptized on September 24, 2023.



Parish Support

September 17, 2023 2022

Basket	\$8,209.00	\$5,230.00
ACH	\$3,149.00	\$2,822.00

September 24, 2023 2022

Basket	\$5,851.00	\$7,890.00
ACH	\$2,414.00	\$1,980.00

YTD	\$134,027.00	\$129,061.00
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Worship 101

Finding More Meaning in the Mass (An Adult Faith Formation program). Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish center. Please call or e-mail the parish center to register.

Chesterton Academy

You are cordially invited to Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Hope's First Annual Gala! This fundraising Dinner will be hosted on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the Crown Plaza in Warwick, RI. The evening begins at 5:00 pm with cocktails and a silent auction. Dinner and program will follow at 6:00 PM. To purchase tickets please visit

<https://www.chestertonri.org/gala-tickets>



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

October 4th 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.

Office of Life and Family Ministry Fall Activities

40 Days for LIFE

Wed., Sept. 27 through Sun., Nov. 5 | at public right-of-way outside 175 Broad St., Prov., RI
40 Days of peaceful prayer vigils and Rosaries for life and for an end to abortion - in collaboration with RI Right to Life..

Life Chain Sunday

Sun., Oct. 1 | 2-3 p.m. | gatherings held Diocese-wide A peaceful gathering of prayer and public witness for life and for the end of abortion. St. Bernard Parish will join parishioners of St. Francis DeSales Parish at the sidewalk in front of T.J.Maxx on Post Rd in North Kingstown.

2023 Human Life Guild Day

Together we renew our commitment to life!

Sat., Oct. 28 | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Prov., RI.
RSVP by Fri., Oct. 20 | \$25 per person (includes brunch and speakers)

Beginning with Holy Mass in the Cathedral celebrated by Most Rev. Richard G. Henning, D.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Providence, with Rev. Ryan Connors, Dean of Men and Professor at Saint John's Seminary, Boston, Homilist. Mass is immediately followed by brunch and local Catholic speakers in the lower Cathedral. Advance registration required. More information and/or to register, visit

<https://provd.io/HLG23>

St. Patrick Academy Open House

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

from 4:00pm to 7:00 PM

St. Patrick Academy provides a Catholic college-preparatory education to all students, regardless of need, who aspire to spiritual, personal, and academic excellence.

For more information, call 401.421.9300 or visit

<https://www.stpatsri.org/>



Faith Formation 2023-2024

Weather related Class Cancellations! Please go to <https://turnto10.com/> or the local TV/Radio Channels for updates

Gospel Weeklies Program

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

In-person class schedule 9:25-10:25 am

Next in Person Class: 10/15

** Return completed assignments to next in-person class

Sacramental Preparation Program

Grades 2, 8, 9

In-person class schedule: 9:30-10:45

Class Today: 10/1

Next in person class: 10/22

Grade 2 & 8 is expected to return each Gospel Weekly to the next in person class. This is so the lesson from the Gospel of the week is reviewed in a timely manner and the program stays on track.

For more detailed information, please refer to your Weekly News Family email.

Our September Young at Heart Luncheon



Young at Heart October Luncheon

Monday October 23, 2023 (sign in at 11:30 AM)

Menu: TBA

Name (s) _____

Cost: \$15.00 per person. (Please make out checks payable to St. Bernard)
Please respond by Monday September 18, 2023.

Teen Life Ministry

St. Bernard, together with St. Francis de Sales Parish, is offering a new program called Teen Life Ministry. This ministry is open to any current middle school or high school student. This will be an opportunity for local teens to socialize, share their Faith, and get involved in community service. The ministry will meet once a month throughout the school year on a Friday or Sunday evening. Meetings will be held at either St. Bernard's or St. Francis de Sales on a rotating basis. This will be an uplifting and fun ministry. No commitment is necessary. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Christina Pichette at

sbc.teenff@gmail.com

The next Teen Life Ministry gathering will take place here at St. Bernard's parish center on Friday, October 13th from 6PM-7:30PM. For a list of all the upcoming dates, please refer to our website.

Halloween Fun Bags

On the weekends of October 21st/22nd and October 28th/29th we will be selling Halloween fun bags to support our next Steubenville East Trip. Each bag will include some candy, a craft, games, and other assorted Halloween themed items. Each bag is a suggested donation of \$10, and is geared towards children in Preschool-Elementary school.

Grief Group

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

October 10
November 21
December 5

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

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