

Saint Bernard Church



October 15, 2023 Twenty-Eighth 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

You may have heard on the news that there is a special meeting going on in Rome at the present time. It is called the Synod on Synodality. So, what's it all about! It is a three-week assembly of church leaders to talk about how the Church needs to 'listen' as we go into the next millennium. Pope Francis said that "the primary task of the synod" is to "refocus our gaze at God, to be a Church that looks mercifully at humanity." Recalling the words of the Lord to St. Francis, our Holy Father said, "Go, rebuild my Church." He continued, "our Mother the Church is always in need of purification, of being 'repaired', for we are a people made up of forgiven sinners.... always in need of returning to the source that his Jesus and putting ourselves back on the paths of the Spirit to reach everyone with is Gospel."

He emphasized that the synod is not 'a political gathering' or a 'polarized parliament' but 'a place of grace and communion.' He addressed those present on October 4th, "Dear brother Cardinals, brother bishops, sisters and brothers, we are at the opening of the General Assembly of the Synod. Here we do not need a purely natural vision, made up of human strategies, political calculation or ideological battles. We are not here to carry out a parliamentary meeting or a plan of reformation. No. We are here to walk together with the gaze of Jesus, who blesses the Father and welcomes those who are weary and oppressed." This Ordinary Synod of Bishops for the first time includes laymen and women as full voting members.

The delegates will be meeting in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall from October 4 through 29 to advise the pope on the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission" The three-week assembly is the first of the two-part Synod on Synodality that will conclude in 2024. In his homily, Pope Francis outlined his vision for a synodal Church, saying Jesus wants 'a church that is united and fraternal.... that listens and dialogues.... that blesses and encourages, that helps those who seek the Lord, that lovingly stirs up the indifferent, that opens paths in order to draw people into the beauty of faith.... that has God as its center and, therefore, is not divided internally and is never harsh externally.'" He urged people to imitate St. Francis, who lived at a time of 'great struggles and divisions.... between the institutional Church and heretical currents,' but did not criticize or 'lash out' at anyone, choosing instead to take up 'only the weapons of the Gospel, which are humility and unity, prayer and charity.'

The pope warned of three dangerous temptations facing the Church today: "of being a rigid Church.... which arms itself against the world and looks backwards, of being a lukewarm Church, which surrenders to the fashions of the world, and of being a tired Church, turned in on itself." He continued, "Jesus' blessing gaze invites us to be a Church that does not face today's challenges and problems with a divisive and contentious spirit but, on the contrary, turns its eyes to God who in communion and, with awe and humility, blesses and adores him, recognizing him as its only Lord. We belong to him and---let us remember---we exist only to bring him to the world."

Some other 'particulars'----the 364 delegates are seated at tables of about 12 people, divided into language groups: English, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and French. Pope Francis insisted that there be a 'certain fasting from the public work' during the synod. In other words, he wants the work to take place without a frequent reporting of their conversations.

It is probably best to pray for those who are meeting at the Synod and to lower any expectations we may have. It is good to let the Holy Spirit move in the workings of this body. The work of the Holy Spirit can't be pressured through any expectations we might have. We can pray for those attending, for their conversations and for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 16

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

TUESDAY, October 17

8:00 AM – *Innocents of Abortion*

WEDNESDAY, October 18

8:00 AM – *Elfrieda & Francis Haggarty*
by Arlene

THURSDAY, October 19

8:00 AM – *Edward & Joan Keenan*

FRIDAY, October 20

8:00 AM – *Richard Hurst*
by Karen Bruno

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 21

5:00 PM – *Mary DiDonato*

SUNDAY, October 22

7:00 AM – *Jane Antuono*

8:30 AM – *Barbara O'Connor*
by her family

10:30 AM – *John & Gloria Sherman*
by their family

All Souls Day Memorial Mass

On **Thursday November 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM** there will be a special Mass for all those who have died in the parish during the past year. Please join us as we remember our parishioners who have had their funeral Mass celebrated in our Parish since November 1, 2022. Also, if you know of someone dear to you who has died in the past year and would like them mentioned at this Mass, please call the office at 295-0387 and leave us the name before Friday, October 27.

All Souls Memorial Book

A special “Memorial Book” will be placed in the front of the church, to the left of the altar for all those who died in the parish. Parishioners are welcome to write in the names of those they would like us to pray for during the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls. In order to not wait in line, we offer two additional options for providing the names of your deceased loved ones.

E-mail the names of your deceased loved ones to the parish office at:

sbc.pa@verizon.net.

Fill out the form below and mail it to us or drop in the collection basket.

The names you send us will be inscribed in the Memorial Book. We will pray for all our beloved dead during the month of November. May our prayers help them find a home in Heaven.

Please Inscribe the Following Names in the Memorial Book

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

Parish Support

	October 1, 2023	2022
Basket	\$7,648.00	\$9,009.00
ACH	\$3,679.00	\$3,360.00
	October 8, 2023	2022
Basket	\$7,367.00	\$4,889.00
ACH	\$3,359.00	\$1,720.00
YTD	\$156,361.00	\$148,039.00

K of C Breakfast (Public Invited)

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, October 15th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Home Fries, Bacon, Baked Beans, Breakfast Pastries, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.

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..

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>

Tree Work



Name Tag Sundays

We have been wearing name tags and saying 'hello' to our neighbor in the pew for the past few weeks. (Labor Day through Columbus Day). We hope this has given you an opportunity to learn a name or two! Thanks for your 'good will' and cooperation in this activity!

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

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.

Grief Group

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

November 21
December 5

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

Carmelite Profession Day

Third Order Carmelite Profession Day at St. Bernard's on September 16, 2023. Rachel Nguyen, and Margherita Starguard made First Promises. Mary Capobianco, Richard Hubbel and Al Boucher made Final Promises. Suveda Theagarj, Provincial Coordinator from St. Elias Province, Middletown, N.Y. initiated the Rites.



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.

Worship 101

Finding More Meaning in the Mass (An Adult Faith Formation program). Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish center. Please call or e-mail the parish center to register.

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 October 16, 2023.**

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