

Saint Bernard Church



October 22, 2023 Twenty-Ninth 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

We continue our prayers for peace for the Middle East. We know there are many reasons we are concerned about this part of the world. There are political reasons, for sure. There is a concern we have as Christians for our brothers and sisters who have been killed, taken as hostages, and been injured. We also have a connection to the “holy places” in the Middle East----we commonly refer to these places as the “Holy Land”.

The Franciscans of the province of the “Custody of the Holy Land” ----custody refers to their task of caring for the sacred shrines of the Holy Land---have had this role as ‘caretakers of the shrines’ since 1342. In reality, their care for these sites goes back to the 1217 when they established the Province of the Holy Land. St. Francis had a great love for the Holy Land. The Franciscan ‘connection’ to the Holy Land goes back 800 years.

A few of the ‘better known’ shrines of the Holy Land are:

The Basilica of the Annunciation—Nazareth

The Basilica of the Nativity—Bethlehem

Capernaum—Jesus’ hometown

The Church of the First Miracle—Cana

The Basilica of the Transfiguration—Mt. Tabor

The Church of St. Lazarus—Bethany

The Basilica of the Agony—Gethsemane

Best known of all is the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. This is sometimes called the Church of the Resurrection. It is considered to be the holiest site for Christians in the world and it has been the most important pilgrimage site for Christianity since the 4th century. It contains two sites, the site where Jesus was crucified, Calvary and Jesus’ empty tomb. Within the church are the last four stations of the Cross representing the final episodes of the Passion. The main denominations that share this property are the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Armenian Apostolic Churches and to a lesser extent the Coptic, Syriac and Ethiopian Orthodox churches.

The work of the Franciscans presently includes: providing emergency funds for those in need; supporting 29 catholic parishes, four homes for orphans and three academic institutions; operating sixteen schools for more than 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students that are open to all faiths; provide senior care in facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth; preserve a total of 74 sanctuaries and shrines from the life of Jesus and the prophets; assist refugee families. Pope Francis has said, “We will not resign ourselves to imagining a Middle East without Christians.”

In addition to the Franciscan presence in the Holy Land, the De La Salle Christian Brothers have operated Bethlehem University since its founding in 1973. It is a Catholic institution of higher education in the Lasallian tradition. Their presence in that region goes back to 1890 when a young French Brother was sent to Bethlehem to supervise the digging of the foundations of a new school (De La Salle Hall). In 1900 the Jerusalem District (Province) was established. Schools since that earliest foundation were opened in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Jaffa, Haifa, Nazareth---also in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt.

Our Catholic Christian roots can be found in the Holy Land----the place where Jesus lived and died. Down through the centuries numerous religious orders established missions there---I have made reference to two of them that I know: the Franciscans and the De La Salle Brothers. One of our parishioners has a brother who is a Franciscan who is a member of the province of the Holy Land. A former colleague of mine, from the time I was a member of the De La Salle Brothers, is presently working at Bethlehem University. It is likely that many of you have some personal connection with someone who lives/works in the Holy Land.

Let us keep in our prayers all who live there and are in harm’s way. Let us pray for the comfort of the families who have lost a loved one. Let us pray for the injured. Let us pray for those being held captive. Let us pray for those who have had to leave their homes. Let us pray for peace!

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 23

8:00 AM – *Edmund & Barbara Kusmierz*

TUESDAY, October 24

8:00 AM – *Dorothy DeLuca*
by Jane Viera

WEDNESDAY, October 25

8:00 AM – *Bob Viera*
by his family

THURSDAY, October 26

8:00 AM – *Paul Bailey*
22nd Anniversary by Maureen

FRIDAY, October 27

8:00 AM – *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 28

5:00 PM – *Carol Silven*
by her family

SUNDAY, October 29

7:00 AM – *John Wright & Kerry Fenner*
Birthday Remembrance by their family

8:30 AM – *Br. Michael Reis, FSC*

10:30 AM – *Eileen Phillips*

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.

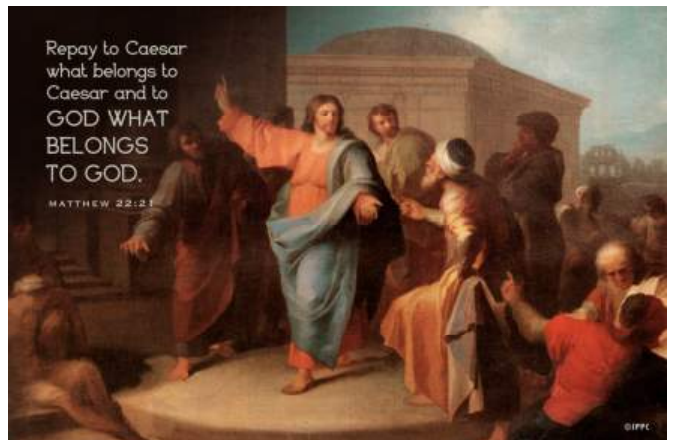
Fill out the form below and mail it to us or drop in the collection basket.

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

All Souls Day Memorial Mass

On **Thursday November 2, 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.



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

Parish Support

	October 8, 2023	2022
Basket	\$7,367.00	\$4,889.00
ACH	\$3,359.00	\$1,720.00
	October 15, 2023	2022
Basket	\$5,484.00	\$7,392.00
ACH	\$2,861.00	\$3,104.00
YTD	\$164,706.00	\$158,535.00

Maintenance Update

We are grateful for your donations to our monthly Maintenance Collection. A couple of recent bills: In the office we had to upgrade our (computer) server and supporting components (\$15,185). In addition, we had the tree service company take down a few dead trees and prune others (\$6,000). We are awaiting the bill for the annual clearing of the brush from our 'wetlands' areas. Also, some work done by the locksmith (\$554.) With your generosity we try to keep the buildings and grounds in good condition. Thank You!

Worship 101

Finding More Meaning in the Mass (An Adult Faith Formation program). The meetings will be on **Tuesdays at 7:00 PM**, in the parish hall. The schedule is:

November 14, November 28, December 12
January 16, January 30
February 13, February 27, March 19

Grief Group

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

November 21, December 5, January 9
February 6, March 12, April 16, May 14

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

2025 Jubilee: The Holy Year

As part of our 2024 celebration of St. Bernard's 150th Anniversary we are planning a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. May 14-22, 2025 (Plans are being made with Colette Tours)

Special Travel Presentation/Information Night:
Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center.

Highlights: Rome, Basilica of St. John Lateran and the Holy Stairs; St. Mary Major Basilica, St. Paul Outside the Walls, Catacombs, Papal Blessing in St. Peter's Square, Assisi and Basilica of St. Francis, Vatican City, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica and Holy Door, Papal Audience.

(A more detailed itinerary will be available on the night of the presentation.)



Annual Coat Drive



Please drop off your good, used coats and hats at the Church or Parish Office to be distributed to those in need. For more information or to help, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

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 Class: 10/29

** 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: 10/22

Next in person class: 11/5

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.

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>



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.

Clergy Convocation

From Bishop Henning:

With the gift of accompaniment in mind, I have a favor to ask of you. In a little over a month, I will join the priests of Providence for the bi-annual convocation. The convocation offers priests three days for prayer, fellowship, and discussion. These good men accompany me as the diocesan bishop, and I rely upon them. I need this opportunity to consult with them, to hear them, to learn from them, and to encourage them. I will be asking that they all participate. To do this, we will not be able to provide daily Mass on those two days in every parish of the diocese. Of course, funerals will still be celebrated, but I will be asking pastors to work together to provide Masses in select parishes across the diocese. I am grateful for our daily Mass folks – you spiritually accompany all of us, priests and people. I hope that you will be understanding if on those two days you might have to visit a neighboring parish for Mass. And I ask you to pray for us as we meet – that we will be holy and compassionate priests of Jesus Christ who rejoice to accompany his people.

There will be **NO** 8:00 AM Mass at St. Bernard's on:

Tuesday, November, 7th and Wednesday, November 8th.

There will be 8:00 AM Mass at St. Francis de Sales on both of those days..

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