

Saint Bernard Church



October 29, 2023 Thirtieth 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 coming week we celebrate: Halloween, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. So, what are we celebrating?

Halloween

This holiday began to evolve as early as 270 AD from the Celt's culture in Ireland who practiced a special costume party event the night before their annual feast of "Samhain"—which had a twofold purpose: to commemorate their deceased relatives and to offer thanks at the close of summer and prepare for the darkness of winter. Superstition held that the 'eve' before the feast was the time to ward off any evil spirits. Believing that demons, witches and hobgoblins were real and existed, October 31 then became an annual costume event to try through disguised appearances to fool the evil spirits into thinking they were not humans to be harmed.

With the arrival of Christian missionaries to Ireland many of the pagan practices changed. They were adapted or combined with new Christian traditions. In fact, some scholars hold that the commemoration of saints on November 1st originated in Ireland and then spread to England and the continent of Europe. By the ninth century, the Roman Catholic Church adopted the Celt's Halloween tradition and Pope Gregory IV sent out an official letter of notification urging that Halloween be observed in harmony with All Saints Day. It was called "All Hallow's Eve." (the saints were known as 'hallows'). The monks who were those early missionaries believed the celebration of the Saints was a way to dispel the Celt's superstition about ghosts and evil spirits.

Solemnity of All Saints

The Church celebrates all the saints: canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who are in heaven known to God alone. We might call them---anonymous saints! In the early centuries of the Church all the saints were martyrs---they were killed because they believed in Jesus Christ---and at that time Christianity was not legal. One of the earliest saints who was not a martyr was St. Martin of Tours. He was known for his holiness---not connected with being put to death as were the martyrs. It is interesting to imagine that there are saints in heaven that we knew---but were never 'officially declared' saints. In Rome there was a commemoration of the saints in the basilica of St. Mary and All Martyrs---the former Pantheon, a place that Pope Boniface IV transferred many relics from the catacombs. Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the observance of "all Saints" to the whole of Christendom.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

After celebrating the feast of All Saints, today the Church prays for those who have died and are being purified awaiting heavenly glory. From the fifth century we learn of masses for the dead. St. Odilo, fourth abbot of Cluny, was responsible for the institution of the general commemoration of all the faithful departed, he fixed its celebration as November 2nd, the day after All Saints. The practice spread to the rest of Christendom. At every Mass we celebrate, we pray for the faithful departed. Masses have "intentions" ---we pray for a particular person who has died. On All Souls Day we pray in a more general way for all the faithful departed. It comes from the inclination to leave no soul without spiritual aid---and making them all the 'intention' we pray for. This is often a 'popular' day to visit a cemetery where a loved one may be buried. In some cultures, this is a family picnic day---and can be an all-day affair. On that day we, as a parish, have a special 7:00 p.m. Mass in which we remember those who have had their funeral Mass at St. Bernard in the past year. We invite their family members to join us. The celebration is open to all parishioners.

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 30

8:00 AM – *Anna & Edward Keenan*

TUESDAY, October 31

8:00 AM – *Sr. Mary Agnes of The Blessed Sacrament (Living)*

WEDNESDAY, November 1

8:00 AM – *Michael Bova*

7:00 PM – *Mark Delaney*

THURSDAY, November 2

8:00 AM – *Steven Bastow*

7:00 PM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY, November 3

8:00 AM – *Bruce Menzies*

by The Morning Glory Group

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 4

5:00 PM – *Robert P. Smith*

by his family

SUNDAY, November 5

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Peter Fitzpatrick*

4th Anniversary by his family

10:30 AM – *Albert G. Wahl*

by his family

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.

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 Saints

Wednesday , November 1, Holy Day
Masses will be celebrated
at 8:00 AM and at 7:00 PM.

There will be NO Noon Mass.

Clergy Convocation

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.

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

Parish Support

	October 15, 2023	2022
Basket	\$5,484.00	\$7,392.00
ACH	\$2,861.00	\$3,104.00
	October 22, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,547.00	\$6,694.00
ACH	\$3,489.00	\$1,860.00
YTD	\$174,742.00	\$167,089.00

Bishop Hendricken Information Night

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an information night on Wednesday, November 8th, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Information on admissions and financial aid as well as academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The entrance exam for prospective 8th, 9th or 10th grade students will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 8:30 am. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 401.889.5425.



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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.

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 **November 1st 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.

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

Class Today: 10/29

Next Class: 11/12

** 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: 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.

BBB THANK YOU from Rhode Island Right to Life

A heartfelt thank you to St. Bernard Church, Fr. Gaffney, and all the generous parishioners, who raised \$4,224.37 in our recent Baby Bottle Boom-crang. Your generosity helps us continue providing pregnancy tests and ultrasounds throughout Rhode Island in our Ancora Women's Mobile Care Center, and keeps the doors open at our Maternity Hope Chest to serve mothers who have courageously chosen LIFE but need a helping hand caring for their precious little ones, whether it be diapers and wipes, clothing and blankets, bassinets and strollers, and many other must have items. May the Good Lord bless you many times over for your generosity. If you haven't yet been able to return your baby bottle, you may still send a contribution in the mail and save the bottle for next year.



Stump Removal



Young at Heart November Luncheon

Monday, November 13, 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, November, 6.**

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