

Saint Bernard Church



November 12, 2023 Thirty Second 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

Happy Veterans Day to all of our veterans! If you know one, wish them a Happy Veterans Day and thank them for their service to our country-----and to each and every one of us!

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 making it an annual observance, and it became a national holiday in 1938. Sixteen years later, then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation changing the name to Veterans Day to honor all those who served their country during war or peacetime. On this day, the nation honors military veterans---living and dead---with parades and other observances across the country and a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

I came upon an article entitled, “The Changing face of America’s veteran population”. There are around 19 million U.S. veterans in the United States representing less than 10% of the total U.S. adult population. Here are some interesting facts about this ‘changing population’—

1. Gulf War-era veterans now account for the largest share of all U.S. veterans. They have surpassed the Vietnam-era veterans. There are approximately 5.9 million American veterans who served during the Vietnam era and 7.8 million who served in the Gulf War era. There are also around 240,000 World War II veterans and about 933,000 who served during the Korean conflict. Roughly three quarters (78%) of veterans served during wartime, and 22% served during peacetime.

2. The share of the U.S. population with military experience is declining. In 2018, about 7% of U.S. adults were veterans, down from 18% in 1980, according to the Census Bureau. This drop coincides with decreases in active-duty personnel. Over the past half-century, the number of people on active duty has dropped significantly from 2.5 million in 1968, during the military draft era, to about 1.4 million in today’s all-volunteer force. The draft ended in 1973.

3. Veterans Administration projections suggest the number of living veterans will continue to decline over the next 25 years. By 2046, the department estimates there will be around 12.5 million veterans, a decrease of about 35% from current numbers. By that time, Gulf War-era veterans are projected to make up a majority of those who served, and most veterans who served in the Vietnam era or earlier will have died.

4. The demographic profile of veterans is expected to change in the next quarter century. Currently, about nine-in-ten veterans (89%) are men, while about one-in-ten (11%) are women (2021 statistics). By 2046, the number of female veterans is expected to increase from around 2 million to 2.2 million. The number of male veterans, on the other hand, is projected to drop from about 17 million to around 10.3 million in 2046.

In addition, projections for 2046 indicate that the veteran population will be slightly younger, with 33% of veterans being younger than 50 in 2046 compared with 27% in 2021, even as the overall U.S. population continues to age.

5. Fewer members of Congress have prior military experience than in the past. As the share of Americans who are veterans has declined, so has the share of legislators who have previously served in the military. In the current Congress 17% of lawmakers in both houses had prior military service, down drastically from just a few decades ago. The share of senators who are veterans reached a post-Korean War peak of 81% in 1975, while the share among House members peaked in 1967 at 75%.

6. The Department of Veterans Affairs receives a relatively low favorability rating compared with other government agencies. A 2019 survey found veterans themselves had mixed feelings about the agency: 9% of veterans said the department was doing an excellent job meeting the needs of military veterans; 37% said the VA was doing a good job. About half said it was doing only a fair (37%) or poor (15%) job.

Of course, many more statistics could be cited! Sometimes we can be somewhat ‘stalled’ in our thoughts about our veterans----the population is changing. A good example is this: there are only 119,550 veterans of World War II alive today----out of population of 16 million who served in that war! We continue to ‘salute’ them for their service----in every age, in wartime and in peacetime.

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 13

8:00 AM – *Tom Orsi*
by Arlene Gardiner

TUESDAY, November 14

8:00 AM – *Natalie DeMelis*
by Jane Viera

WEDNESDAY, November 15

8:00 AM – *Rev. Peter Mongeon*

THURSDAY, November 16

8:00 AM – *Mary Jane Campanale*
by the Milazzoo family

FRIDAY, November 17

8:00 AM – *Bud Coppola*
by Phyllis Solod

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 18

5:00 PM – *Mary DiDonato*

SUNDAY, November 19

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Jerry Smith*

by Marie & Richard Vandeputte

10:30 AM – *Dee Anne Madusky*

Birthday Remembrance
by her mother & brother

Thanksgiving Food Drive and Gift Card Drive

Nonperishable food: On a weekly basis many of you generously bring in nonperishable food items that are brought to the North Kingstown Food Pantry. Thank you! We invite all parishioners to take part in our ‘Thanksgiving Food Drive’ with donations of non-perishable items. (such as: cereal; baked beans; canned vegetables; hearty soups; pasta; tomato sauce; hamburger-helper; rice-a-roni).

Food Store Gift Cards: We use the money from the “Poor Box” to purchase \$25 gift cards that we distribute on a regular basis to those who call the parish office who need assistance. We have experienced an increase in requests for gift cards in recent months. If you would like to donate a food gift card (\$25 denomination) ---please put them in an envelope marked ‘Thanksgiving Gift Card’. Your donation will help those in need.



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please join us on Thanksgiving Day for Mass at 8:30 a.m. In a year when there have been so many challenges and difficulties we pause to recall God’s blessings, as well.



The Giving Tree



The Giving Tree will be available the weekend of November 18th-19th. Please take a tag and fulfill the suggested gift. Attach the tag to the gift and place it under the tree by **December 17th**, unless otherwise indicated on the tag. If your family, or any family you know, needs help with gifts this Christmas, please contact the parish office at 401.295.0387 or email sbc.pa@verizon.net.

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

Parish Support

	October 29, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,744.00	\$6,812.00
ACH	\$2,409.00	\$2,622.00
	November 5, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,439.00	\$7,068.00
ACH	\$3,259.00	\$3,120.00
YTD	\$193,593.00	\$188,785.00

Annual Collection

Letters have been mailed to all registered households in the parish. (We have extra copies of the mailing if you did not receive it for some reason) We are grateful for your generous support of this “annual” collection in the past and look forward to your support this year. This collection literally enables us to pay our bills. It is our hope that every family will be able to contribute to the collection. Thank you to those who have already sent in their donation. The collection continues till the end of the calendar year.

Priest Retirement Fund Update

Thank You very much for your support of the most worthwhile collection to support the retired priests of the diocese. You have donated \$17,231.00

Golf Tournament Update

We are very grateful for the generosity of our sponsors, golfers, local businesses, friends, parishioners and others! Our Second St. Bernard Golf Tournament has raised \$27,968 for our parish. Thank you to everyone for your support!



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.)



Warwick Symphony Orchestra

Sunday - December 3, 2023
St. Bernard’s Church at 3 pm
Admission: \$20, \$15 Seniors/Students,
12 & under FREE

For more information or to purchase tickets visit:
www.wsori.org/performances



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: 11/12

Next Class: 11/19

** Return completed assignments to next in-person class

Sacramental Preparation Program

Grades 2, 8, 9

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

Next Class: 12/10

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.

All Souls Mass "thank you"

The framed poster with names of those whose funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Bernard last year as well as the 'memorial' bookmarks with those same names, were provided by Cranston-Murphy Funeral Home. We thank them for their generosity.



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

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.

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.