

Saint Bernard Church



November 19, 2023 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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Youth Faith Formation: Christina Pichette
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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

Thanksgiving 2023 is upon us. What has happened in the world since Thanksgiving 2022? What has happened in my life in the past year----since I sat down for that special Thanksgiving meal. It is good to take a few minutes----or longer to reflect on the past year. I came across some reflection questions on the topic of 'Gratitude' and thought they might spark our own personal reflection about our lives since last Thanksgiving. In addition to baking pies, cutting up the butternut squash and making 'grandma's cranberry sauce'----it might be a good way to prepare for this celebration!

1. What aspects of your town/city or neighborhood are you grateful for?
2. What have others done in your life that you're grateful for?
3. Who is someone who really listens when you talk, and how does that affect you?
4. What's a stressor you're grateful to have but behind you this year?
5. How many of your basic needs do you not have to worry about meeting today?
6. What is the best thing about your home, and have you taken the time to enjoy it recently?
7. Have you had a chance to help someone recently, and how did that make you feel?
8. What's something you look forward to in the future?
9. What's something enjoyable you get to experience every day that you've come to take for granted?
10. What's a hard lesson that you were grateful to learn?
11. What about today has been better than yesterday?
12. What's an aspect of your physical health that you feel grateful for?
13. What happened today (yesterday/this week/this month) that you're grateful for?
14. What's an aspect of your personality you're grateful for?
15. How have you used your talents recently, and what have you enjoyed about doing that?
16. What relationships are you grateful for?
17. What's one thoughtful thing you did for someone recently?
18. What's an aspect of how you were parented for which you feel grateful?
19. What's one thing you've enjoyed about doing your job recently?
20. What made you laugh or smile today?

I'll add a few that are more specifically religious in nature.

21. Can you think of a passage from scripture that has 'stayed with you' this year?
22. How have you become more 'Christ-like' in the past year?
23. Have you had success in 'changing some bad habits' and grown in virtue during the past year?
24. How have you grown in your generosity to others—through sharing time, talents and treasure?
25. Has prayer become more of a priority for you this year and how can it continue to deepen?

This is not an exhaustive list by any means! It might present a few questions that make us stop, pause and want to spend a few minutes reflecting upon. We believe, in faith, that God is always active in our lives, always about the business of 'creation', always a work in us----our celebration gives us one opportunity reflect---about 'gratitude', 'blessings', 'thanksgiving'. It is, of course, a wonderful spiritual practice to spend a few minutes at the end of each day to take stock of what you are most grateful for that particular day-----it might be the case that the same answer comes to mind on most days----but we might be pleasantly surprised to recall a new way----an experience, a person, a conversation, a gift.....has entered into your day! And provided an opportunity to say 'thank you' to the give of all gifts!

--On behalf of the parish staff, and in my own name I wish all of you a "Happy Thanksgiving" Day! (Join us for Mass at 8:30 on Thanksgiving Day)

Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 20

8:00 AM – *Tom Orsi*
by Margherita Barker

TUESDAY, November 21

8:00 AM – *Innocents of Abortion*

WEDNESDAY, November 22

8:00 AM – *Ann Kosak*

THURSDAY, November 23

8:30 AM – *Thanksgiving Mass*

FRIDAY, November 24

8:00 AM – *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 25

5:00 PM – *Donald Barker*
by his wife

SUNDAY, November 26

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Mark Delaney*
by Dan & Madeleine O’Leary

10:30 AM – *William Gustafson*
by his wife

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 tree is up. Please take a tag and fulfill the suggested gift. Attach the tag to the gift and place it under the tree by December 17, unless otherwise



noted on the tag. For some individuals it will be their only gift. We need time to process them well before Christmas. If you cannot, for any reason, fulfill the request, please return the tag to the tree or the Parish Office as soon as possible. If your family, or any family you know, needs help with gifts this Christmas, please contact the parish center@ 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

	November 5, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,439.00	\$7,068.00
ACH	\$3,259.00	\$3,120.00
	November 12, 2023	2022
Basket	\$8,833.00	\$8,374.00
ACH	\$3,404.00	\$2,257.00
YTD	\$205,830.00	\$201,490.00

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.

Youth Christmas Choir and Instrumentalists

The Youth choir will sing once again for our 4pm mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will be in the parish center for 3 Tuesdays starting December 5th, from 5-5:45pm. Open to ages 6 through high school. Also looking for older teens who play an instrument who would be interested in playing during the Christmas season or at other times during the year. if you're interested or have any questions please email: alison.shea72@gmail.com.

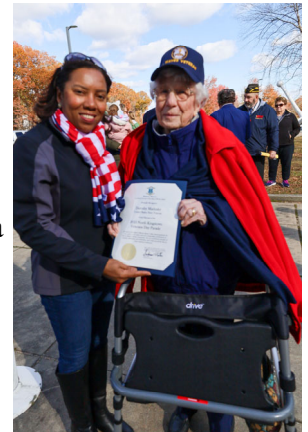


Warwick Symphony Orchestra

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



Parishioner
Dottie Madusky
receives a special award
from Lt. Governor Sabina
Matos on Veterans Day.



Aiden, from Collete Tours, giving a presentation about our Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, **May 14-22, 2025**. There were quite a few parishioners at the presentation. Flyers available in the parish office.



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: 11/19

Next Class: 12/3

** 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 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 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.

Quilt Winner

Congratulations to Andrea Breadheft, winner of the 2023 scholarship quilt. Thank you all who continue supporting the Scholarship Fund and a special thank you to the ladies who made this 40th anniversary quilt possible; Kathy Biron, Bette Beaucaire, Dyann Casala, Susan Charbonneau, Peg Fitzpatrick, Loretta Krebel, Gail Palladino, Marsha Reis and Karen Walsh.



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.