

Saint Bernard Church



**November 26, 2023
Feast of Christ, King of the Universe**

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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

There are some things I take for granted. Guilty! One of those things I do take for granted is the opportunity to make an annual retreat. As a religious brother and now as a diocesan priest it is expected that I make an annual retreat of five days. It is seen as a crucial part of the spiritual life of consecrated religious men and women and diocesan priests. I recall that during "Covid-time" many retreat houses had closed----and it was not possible to 'make a retreat'. I wrote in a Ponderings column not so long ago about my retreat at the Trappist monastery in Spencer, MA.

Recently, a group of women from our parish went on retreat to the Calvary Retreat House in Connecticut where the Sisters of the Cross and Passion have been offering retreats. Along with 10 women from St. Bernard's, there were approximately another 20 from Rhode Island. In the past, retreat houses regularly offered "Men's retreat weekend" and "Women's retreat weekends". The practice of 'making retreat' has perhaps fallen off, but the benefits of such a weekend away---from the busy and ordinary events of the weekend---are no less available and helpful for the participants.

I asked the women who went of this retreat weekend to share a brief reflection about their experience. Their positive comments might spark some interest in you to make a retreat in the coming weekend. To go to a retreat weekend where a 'sizeable group' can be accommodated you have to go to Massachusetts or Connecticut. Many years ago Our Lady of Peace Retreat House (operated by the Diocese of Providence) had to close and the property has since been sold.

Yes, there is a cost for the retreat. Yes, it does take you away for the weekend. But it just might be one of the best things you do for yourself----well, that God does for you!

Reflections of the Retreat of Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center by St. Bernard Church Women's Group

I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to attend the beautiful Retreat at Our Lady of Calvary this past weekend. To share the love for God with others and also feel His presence there is something I will never forget. **Dorene Godfrey**

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center humbly focuses on the Church's mission to help draw all into a deepened awareness of God's love through Jesus Christ. They joyously share God's love through His Word and Spirit with such compassion that all who attend encounter Jesus and grow more closely into His image and likeness. The weekend was a time of great renewal as it helped all to dive into new depths of experiencing Christ with messages of powerful truths, adoration of the Eucharist, holy silence, great food, loving Christian fellowship and much much laughter! **Mary Capobianco**

The retreat was very comforting. I was able to resolve a problem that was troubling me. Food was fantastic, and we were free to attend or not the talks that were held. **Margherita M. Barker**

A most glorious weekend- I felt so close to Jesus in the silence of my heart! I am inspired to look at EVERYONE as the Divine Image of God! **Madeleine O'Leary**

A beautiful weekend of serenity, prayer, and community! I am so impressed by the hospitality of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion and the staff at Our Lady of Calvary. **Joan Elouadid**

I went on retreat at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center to hear God speak to me. He did, in many ways: in the confessional, during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and in the love and energy of the women attending, and most deeply in the Eucharist. **Gerry R. Grabowski**

I am grateful to have attended the retreat. It was a time of reflection and peace with warm and loving sisters in Christ. **Kathleen von Noort**

In a spirit of welcome, peace and joy we are made to feel welcome, accepted and worthy by the kindness of the leaders, staff and volunteers at OLC Retreat Center. The lovely chapel, spacious conference rooms, cozy bedrooms, and of course, the gift shop, invite us to feel at home. Through the various talks, workshops, silence, prayer experiences and personal stories of others we are encouraged to inquire and discover more of how God is working in our lives and how we can respond more fully to Him. **Jean Marish**

The retreat gave me a special opportunity to slow down and take the time to examine and reflect on my relationship with Jesus and the Catholic faith in my daily life with my family and the greater community in which I live. I am very grateful for all around me who encouraged me to participate. **Susan Murphy**



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 27

8:00 AM – ***Mia Ketchum***
by Dan & Madeleine

TUESDAY, November 28

8:00 AM – ***Dorothy Chevalier***
by her family

WEDNESDAY, November 29

8:00 AM – ***Joseph Palladino***

THURSDAY, November 30

8:00 AM – ***Richard Grabowski***
by his family

FRIDAY, December 1

8:00 AM – ***Leo Lemoi***
by Maureen

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 2

5:00 PM – ***Milton Tarbox***
by his wife, Ellen Bradley

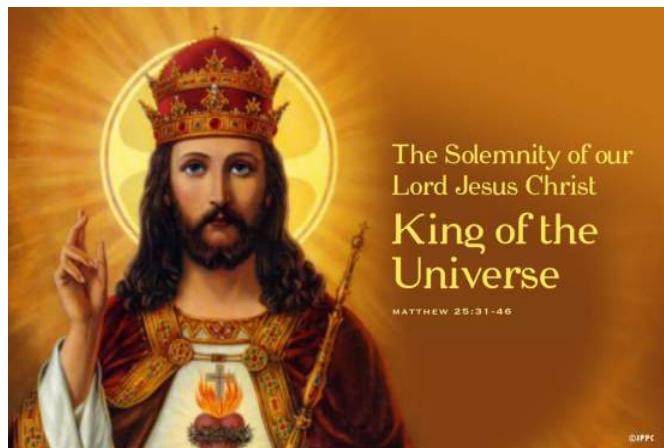
SUNDAY, December 3

7:00 AM – ***Richard Hoke, Jr.***
3rd Anniversary by his mother

8:30 AM – ***Natalie Walsh***

10:30 AM – ***Rosemary Altieri***
by her family

Retreat of Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center by
St. Bernard Church Women's Group



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



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.



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.

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: 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.

Coffee & Donuts

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for next weekend, **December 3** after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Come spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners.



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):

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.

Drive Thru Living Nativity at Monsignor Clarke School Saturday, December 9th 6-8pm

Visit the website

(www.monsignorclarke.org)

to reserve your drive thru time, purchase tickets, order snacks and see the Christmas Story Come to Life! All proceeds benefit our school. Sponsor trees and decorations will be donated to local families in need after the event.



Young at Heart December Luncheon

Monday, December 18 at Noon (sign in at 11:30 AM)

Menu: TBD

Name (s) _____

Cost: \$15.00 per person. (Please make out checks payable to St. Bernard)
Please respond by **Monday, December 11**.

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