

Saint Bernard Church



April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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

On Tuesday, April 30th Bishop Robert Evans will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation for young people from St. Bernard's and St. Francis De Sales. The Mass will be held at St. Francis.

We congratulate the families of those to be confirmed as well as their catechists---and all who have had a hand in preparing them to receive this sacrament. In a particular way, we are grateful for the faith witness of so many people, including the parishioners of both parishes. Pope Paul VI (St. Paul VI) once said, "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." When it comes to 'passing on the faith' we need to be both teachers---who know the material we want to teach, but we also need to know Jesus---and let our relationship with him be a witness to those whom we instruct. We teach a great deal by the witness of our faith.

Pope Francis has spoken about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit---gifts, we believe are given in the Sacrament of Confirmation. With each of the gifts I provide a brief quote from our Holy Father. As we read through them, perhaps we might consider how that gift has remained in me since the day of my Confirmation. Is it a gift I use? Is it a gift I foster? Is it a gift that has value to me? Is it a gift that I see operative in my faith life? Is it a gift that I need to cultivate even more given the circumstances of my life?

WISDOM: "... the grace of being able to see everything with the eyes of God. It is simply this: it is to see the world, to see situations, circumstances, problems, everything through God's eyes." *Do I see the world only from my own perspective or do I seek the wisdom of God---the vision of God to see the world as he sees it?*

UNDERSTANDING: "...a grace which awakens in a Christian the ability to go beyond the outward appearance of reality and to probe the depths of the thoughts of God and his plan of salvation." *How easy is it for me to see beyond the outward appearances---and to see more deeply God's plan of salvation?*

COUNSEL: "...the gift through which the Holy Spirit enables our conscience to make a concrete choice in communion with God, according to the logic of Jesus and his Gospel." *Do I include having a conversation with God---before I make important choices in my life?*

KNOWLEDGE: "...a special gift, which leads us to grasp, through creation, the greatness and love of God and his profound relationship with every creature." *Do I see the great interconnected nature of all that God has created?*

FORTITUDE: "...the gift (through which) the Holy Spirit liberates the soil of our heart, frees it from sluggishness, from uncertainty and from all the fears that can hinder it, so that the Lord's Word may be put into practice authentically and with joy." *Do I experience the strength of the Holy Spirit to help me in living my faith with authenticity?*

PIETY: "...is synonymous with the genuine religious spirit, with filial trust in God, with that capacity to pray to him with the love and simplicity that belongs to those who are humble of heart." *Do I approach the Lord with humility, simplicity, and love?*

FEAR OF THE LORD: "...the gift of the Holy Spirit through whom we are reminded of how small we are before God and on his love and that our good lies in humble, respectful and trusting self-abandonment into his hands." *Do I see my self in proper relation to God---I am the creature and he is the Creator---whom I can trust in all things?*

As our young people receive the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation, may we each take a few minutes to reflect on the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our own lives. We have such an opportunity to turn once again to gifts received---have gratitude for them, revive them, use them---recognize they are life giving gifts!

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 29

8:00 AM — *Elaine Boucher*

TUESDAY, April 30

8:00 AM — *Teresa Romano*
by her family

WEDNESDAY, May 1

8:00 AM — *Margaret Bruno*
by her daughter

THURSDAY, May 2

8:00 AM — *Joseph & Edna Gillen*

FRIDAY, May 3

8:00 AM — *Bob Nannig*
by the Nannig family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, May 4

5:00 PM — *Dorothy M. Verrecchia*
Birthday Remembrance by friends

SUNDAY, May 5

7:00 AM — *Parishioners of St Bernard Parish*

8:30 AM — *Jerry Sands*
by his wife

10:30 AM — *Sisters of The Cross and Passion*

2025 Jubilee: The Holy Year One Year Away!

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 through Collette Tours.

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.

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

St. Bernard Church

Celebrates 150 Years

1874—2024 : MISSION 150

Upcoming Events

May 19 (Sunday)

Women's Tea
11:45 a.m.

Table of 6: \$30.
Single Ticket: \$10.

June 15 (Saturday)

Dinner Dance
Quonset "O" Club
\$50. per person.

Ordering information
will be sent out through
a special mailing.

Visit our website for complete information and also to purchase tickets online for the dinner dance.

www.stbernardnk.org/mission-150/



Save The Date

On May 4, 2024, the Men of St Joseph International in conjunction with the diocese of Providence, will hold its annual men's conference at the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Larry Richards, a nationally known dynamic Catholic men's conference speaker. Rev. Christopher Murphy, Rector, Seminary of Our Lady of Providence and chaplain for the Men of St Joseph will also speak. Most Reverend Bishop Richard G. Henning will be the main Mass celebrant. For more information and to register online, visit:

www.mosji.org/events.php

or send an email to mosji72@gmail.com.

Parish Support

	April 14, 2024	2023
Basket	\$6,910.00	\$6,983.00
ACH	\$2,594.00	\$3,899.00
	April 21, 2024	2023
Basket	\$5,137.00	\$4,752.00
ACH	\$3,474.00	\$2,809.00
YTD	\$468,724.00	\$462,767.00

The St. Bernard Award

The St. Bernard Award is now in its third year. The recipients we will honor with the St. Bernard Award for 2024 are: Arlene Gardiner and Dorothy (Dottie) Madusky. Both of these women have been of service to the parish community, they are women of deep faith, they continue to show great resilience and perseverance over their many years, and they are examples of what it means to age with grace while remaining connected with our beloved St. Bernard Church. They will be presented with this award on Saturday, June 15th at our Saturday 5:00 Mass and at the Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Quonset "O" Club. There are so many parishioners who fit into this criteria of our St. Bernard Award---of "love of God and love of neighbor"----we are fortunate indeed, to share a pew with them! Let us offer our congratulations to this year's recipients!

**Mission 150 "Parish Memories"
Fr. Fred Halloran with the May 1991 First
Communion Class**



If you have photos from St. Bernard Church events from the past you can give them to us to scan for future bulletins.

**SISTERS OF THE CROSS
AND PASSION
100 YEARS IN THE DIOCESE**

How to celebrate 100 years of gifts and grace? This is the joyful challenge presented to the Sisters of the Cross and Passion for 2024. Our adventure began when four sisters from England arrived in Providence, RI at the invitation of the then Bishop, Most Revered William Hickey, and from there we embarked on our many works, dedicated to God and God's people.

Over the course of 100 years, 96 of which were at the Assumption Parish, Providence, gifts and graces were also given and received at three other schools---St. Francis, Wakefield, St. Bernard, Wickford, and St. Luke, Barrington. A retreat house (Immaculate Heart of Mary), Lily Pads Nursery and Kindergarten, Mt. St. Joseph Novitiate, Mt. St. Joseph College and Prout High School were opened in response to the call for service in education and spiritual needs. Other invitations were responded to in CT, NY, MD and to far-flung needs in Jamaica, West Indies and Memphis Tennessee.

Please join with the Sisters of the Cross and Passion as we celebrate 100 years of mission and ministry in the United States, 1924-2024. We treasure the years we spent with you here in RI as we share the gifts of grace of God.

St. Bernard School (1950-1970). Sisters who served at the school and Sisters who have lived in the parish and been involved in parish ministries: Sr. Assumpta (Anna Marie Becker), Sr. Robert (Sr. Elissa), Sr. Mary Jane Holden, Sr. Mary Dumond, Sr. Joanne Fahey, Sr. Aideen Langan, Sr. Bernadette Hughes, Sr. Una O'Connor.

**Join us on Sunday, May 5th at the 10:30 a.m.
Mass at St. Bernard's.**

**St Bernard Fourth Annual Golf
Tournament**



**SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday October 6, 2024**

Richmond Country Club

Faith Formation 2023-2024

Gospel Weeklies Program

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

In-person class schedule 9:25-10:25 am

Class Today: 4/28/2024: Last Class for 2024

** Return completed assignments to next in-person class.

Sacramental Preparation Program

Grades 2, 8, 9

Return completed assignments to the parish office.

For more detailed information, please refer to your Weekly News Family email.

Good Used Clothing

During the month of May we will collect 'good, used' women's clothing----when you get that new Mother's Day gift----clean out the closet or bureau drawer! During the month of June we will collect 'good, used' men's clothing. Clothing will be donated to "Warde-Robe" in Central Falls, one of the McAuley Ministries (sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy).

Catholic School Tuition Aid

The deadline is May 15th. You need to apply each year you are requesting tuition aid. Please use the form found on our website:

www.stbernardnk.org/forms/

Grief Group

The next meeting is **Tuesday, May 14th, 6:30-7:30.**

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

Teen Life Ministry

St. Bernard, together with St. Francis de Sales Parish, is offering a new program called Teen Life Ministry. This ministry is open to any current middle school or high school student. This will be an opportunity for local teens to socialize, share their faith, and get involved in community service. The ministry will meet once a month throughout the school year on a Friday or Sunday evening. Meetings will be held at either St. Bernard's or St. Francis de Sales on a rotating basis. This will be an uplifting and fun ministry. No commitment is necessary. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Christina Pichette at

sbc.teenff@gmail.com

The next Teen Life Ministry gathering will take place at St. Francis de Sales on Sunday, May 10th, from 6PM-7:30PM. For a list of all the upcoming dates, please refer to our website:

www.stbernardnk.org/youth-ministry/

The 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal

Update



The 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal is into its fourth month and as a parish we have already raised \$80,688.00 by 170 donors towards our goal of \$80,750.00. If you have already made a gift, we extend our deepest gratitude. If you have not made a gift, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so to assist all those served through the various ministries supported by the Catholic Charity Appeal. Make your difference now at

Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA

Young at Heart May Luncheon

Monday, May 13 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, May 6.**

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