

Saint Bernard Church



May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

sbc.pastor@aol.com

Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor, Emeritus

Rev. Charles Maher, Weekday Assistant

Rev. Albino Barrera, OP Weekend Assistant

Pastoral Assistant: Angelo Giacchi
Business Manager: David Cote
Elementary Faith Formation: Dawn Masterson
Youth Faith Formation: Christina Pichette
Music Director: Alison Shea

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

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

Address: 275 Tower Hill Road
North Kingstown, RI 02852

Phone : 401-295-0387

E-mail: sbc.bus@verizon.net (David)
sbc.pa@verizon.net (Angelo)

Web: www.stbernardnk.org

Hours: Mon - Tues: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Thursday & Friday: Closed

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

We all have many conversations in the course of day. Probably most of them are rather insignificant. “What time will you be home for dinner?” “Did you pick up the dry cleaning?” “Did you return your brother’s phone call?” “Where should we go for dinner to celebrate our son’s graduation?” “Who drank the last drop of milk?”

There are probably some serious conversations we have about more important matters. “Do you think you need that knee replacement surgery?” “Should I interview for that new job out-of-state?” “Which college should I go to?” “Is it time to down-size and move into an apartment?” “Should we get a new pet?”

We don’t often have conversations about our faith. We might talk about the matters of religion, or matters of the Church, or what Pope Francis recently said----we do occasionally have these conversations. We do engage in these conversations once in a while.

Beginning during the “Covid Time” when our students preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation could not have a retreat experience, we came up with an alternative activity and that was to have a few ‘intentional’ conversations with their sponsor. These conversations, as we have heard, from so many of the candidates for Confirmation and their sponsors, have been beneficial. In some cases, these have been refreshing, exciting and eye-opening. Because they were the kind of conversations that had probably not occurred before, there weren’t too many expectations about them. We have continued to keep these ‘intentional faith-based conversations’ between candidate and sponsor as part of our preparation for the sacrament.

We present a few quotes from the candidates’ reflection on the conversations. (We have taken out any specific names and put either ‘candidate’ or ‘sponsor’)

“During these conversations I learned things about myself as well. The first thing I learned is that I usually only pray to God for small things like finding someone to sit with at lunch or to help me be less stressed on a test. I know this because when Lauren asked me about the prayer questions, I didn’t have a clear answer to tell, and I would like to improve on this.”

“.... being involved in Church and going through the Sacrament of Confirmation has strengthened my faith. Every day I feel closer to God. I know that my sponsor will serve as an example to lead a good Catholic life.... I now know that all the sacraments are very important and only bring us closer to God....”

“Although I have known my sponsor all of my life, I learned many new things about her from these conversations. I discovered that she believes that God has a plan for her. She said that God has a plan for everyone. She also told me that when she is upset, sad, angry or overall unhappy about something she prays. She told me that if you have a problem, it can help to pray because God can give you guidance and prosperity.”

“.... a really important thing to remember when you’re confirmed is that you’re just starting to be considered an adult in the church and your responsibility for your actions in church and getting yourself to and from church every Sunday. 90% of people don’t come to church after being confirmed because most people think it is the end of your journey, but it’s the beginning.”

“These conversations have taught me that I am making the sacrament of Confirmation because not only is God calling me but he has chosen me, similar to how he called and chose many others. I have also learned that when I make the sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit will be unleashed in my life.”

“The next question I will touch upon is what I have learned about myself through this process. Going in I thought that this will be a ‘one and done’, get the questions I need answered and go write up my paper. My opinion is completely opposite now, with me having loved these conversations and cherishing every moment with my sponsor. I feel as though I have new courage to face and follow my faith and continue with my journey to adulthood in the Catholic church.”

Thanks to our newly confirmed----for their conversations! The work of the Holy Spirit!
--Fr. Gaffney





Mass Intentions

MONDAY, May 13

8:00 AM — *Madeline McGrath*
by her daughter

TUESDAY, May 14

8:00 AM — *Rose E. Benson*

WEDNESDAY, May 15

8:00 AM — *JoAnne Kidd*
by her family

THURSDAY, May 16

8:00 AM — *Elaine Boucher*
by St. Francis de Sales Legion of Mary

FRIDAY, May 17

8:00 AM — *Joseph Beatrice*
by his wife

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, May 18

5:00 PM — *Cecile Bachmann*
by Deborah LeBlanc, Joan Burnore,
Laurie Dancik

SUNDAY, May 19

7:00 AM — *Anne Lacey*
by her family

8:30 AM — *Stephen B. Kusmierz Jr.*

10:30 AM — *Everett W. Salisbury*

The 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal

Congratulations!

We have surpassed our parish goal for the Catholic Charity Appeal! Our goal is \$80,750. We have now reached \$88,841. Thank you for your generosity! This amount can increase and we can help the diocese reach its goal with additional contributions. It would be great if those who have not given before would consider making a gift---even a small gift---to the Charity Drive. Every gift will get us to our diocesan goal of \$7 million dollars. We are well on our way to reaching that goal!

Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA

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 9 (Sunday)

St. Bernard Choir
Anniversary Concert
3:00 PM in the Church

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/



St Bernard Fourth Annual Golf Tournament



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday October 6, 2024

Richmond Country Club

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

Parish Support

	April 28, 2024	2023
Basket	\$7,469.00	\$4,752.00
ACH	\$3,514.00	\$2,074.00
	May 5, 2024	2023
Basket	\$8,180.00	\$7,935.00
ACH	\$5,121.00	\$3,499.00
YTD	\$487,051.00	\$481,027.00

Memorial Trees.

Recently, we had 10 trees planted on our property. Some of them replaced trees that had died---for example, the Ash tree that had to be cut down because of a disease that has been killing them around the state. These trees were donated by parishioners in memory of a loved one as we celebrate our 150th Anniversary. We have enlisted 'teams of tree waterers' to water the trees twice a week. (You can join one of these teams!) The ten trees: Four October Glory Maples; One Japanese Maple; One Dogwood; Three Concolor Firs; and One Metasequoia.



The North Kingstown Food Pantry needs the following:
- Juice, - Jelly, - Pasta, - Spices - Baking items.
Thank you so much for all your donations.

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.

Lafayette Band Armed Forces Salute Concert

The annual Lafayette Band concert honoring veterans, members of the military, and their families will be held here at St. Bernard on the Sunday of Armed Forces Week. Under the direction of Charles Johnson this concert features familiar patriotic music and new selections. This concert will be the first time the band performs the song of the United States Space Force.

Date and Time:

Sunday, May 19, 2024, at 2:00 PM
St. Bernard Church
275 Tower Hill Road
North Kingstown, RI

The concert is free - good will donations are welcome. Donations are shared between the Providence VA Medical Center Voluntary Services Office, which aids veterans in need, and the band to support their free community concert program.

For more information about the band visit their website, www.lafayettebandri.org, or follow them on facebook, Lafayette Band - Rhode Island.

K of C Breakfast (Public Invited)



The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, May 19th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Home Fries, Bacon, Baked Beans, Breakfast Pastries, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.

"Progressive Jackpot Raffle"

Please complete and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office at 275 Tower Hill Rd, North Kingstown RI 02852 Tickets are \$50.00 each. (Please make checks payable to 'St. Bernard Church')

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Address _____

How Many Tickets: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____ Cash _____ Check _____



May 4, 2024



April 30, 2024



100th Anniversary in the United States. On May 5, 2024 Bishop Richard Henning celebrated the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Bernard, Wickford, commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion in the United States. Many of the Sisters were able to be at the celebration along with graduates from the schools with which they were associated, associates, parishioners and friends. (next to the bishop: Rev. David Gaffney, pastor and Rev. Charles Maher)



Family Owned & Operated
for 5 Generations Since 1857

Pre-Planning &
Pre-Financing Available



FAGAN~QUINN

Funeral Home & Cremation Services

Traditional Funerals, Simple Cremation & Life Celebration Services

825 BOSTON NECK ROAD, NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI
401-295-5603 | www.FaganQuinnFuneralHome.com

Michael F. Quinn • Patrick J. Quinn • Jerome D. Quinn
Christopher P. Quinn, Managing Director
Chelsea M. Gaudreau • Steven A. DiLorenzo



3347 S. COUNTY TRAIL, EAST GREENWICH, RI 02818
401.884.2880
Sunday-Thursday 11:30am-11:30pm | Friday & Saturday 11:30am-12:00am



Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery

Since 1902
NON-DENOMINATIONAL
401-884-7691
by appointment
6365 Post Road
North Kingstown, RI
www.qmccemetery.org



meblandscaping.com

401.294.7546

PAUL BAILEY'S

CHRYSLER • DODGE • JEEP • RAM

425 Ten Rod Road (Route 102)
North Kingstown
295-8855 • 884-1900

Visit us at: baileydeal.com



JOHN J. MICELI - OWNER
401-433-ROOF
www.MiceliRoofing.com
RI REG #10135 #210R MA REG #186095



Estate Planning & Elder Law
401-738-1910
rampinolaw.com

CRANSTON-MURPHY FUNERAL HOME

OF WICKFORD

Andrew J. Correia, MBIE, Director/Embalmer

Proudly Serving St. Bernard Church

Edward L. Murphy, Director

140 West Main Street, North Kingstown, Rhode Island 02852

Tel: 401-294-4013

Give Yourself the Gift of Clear Vision
Schedule Your Appointment Today (401) 884-6066



Dr. Robert Miller
Dr. Stephanie Schultz
OPTOMETRISTS
Total Family Eye Care
Contact Lenses • Quality Eyewear
5393 Post Road • East Greenwich
www.eastgreenwicheye.com

DISTINCTIVE WINDOW DESIGNS
HunterDouglas
WINDOW FASHIONS

Don Altieri - Usher/St. Mary's
444 Budlong Rd., Cranston, RI
461-0990
Featuring full lines of Window Shading,
Window Treatments, Shutters, Draperies,
Valences, Bedspreads & Curtains.
NOW CARRYING SUNSETTER AWNINGS



RINALDI ROOFING
DONE RIGHT THE FIRST TIME
401-999-2254
rinaldiroofingri.com

CENTURY 21
Topsail Realty



Christopher B. Perrotti
REALTOR®
Cell: 401.855.2594
cbperrotti@gmail.com
chrisperrotti.com
Loyal, Honest & Looking
to Work Hard for You

"Those who hath ears to hear, let them hear."

A Trusted Name in Hearing Care Since 1940!

Beltone™

NARRAGANSETT (401) 515-4159 WESTERLY (401) 622-4588

Locations all throughout New England! www.beltonene.com

FREE Hearing Testing
FREE Video Ear Scans
FREE Clean & Checks
FREE In-Office Trials

-Matthew 11:15

New England BOILER WORKS
Providing Residential & Commercial Services
in Rhode Island & Southeastern MA
For Gas, Oil and Steam Systems
401-256-9249
270 Hopkins Hill Rd
Coventry, RI 02816
www.neboilerworksri.com

catholicmatch®
Rhode Island
CatholicMatch.com/dateRI

