

Saint Bernard Church



May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday

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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

Have you signed up for our parish trip to Rome for the Jubilee Year 2025? There is time to do so! Collette Tours is organizing our pilgrimage for May 2025.

On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis addressed a crowd at the proclamation of the bull “*Spes Non Confudit*”, meaning “Hope Does Not Disappoint,” at the Vatican. In other words, the Church’s 2025 Jubilee was officially proclaimed on May 9th by the pope. The bull declares that the Jubilee Year will officially begin with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica on Christmas Eve 2024. The pope further declared that every Catholic cathedral around the world should offer Mass on December 29, 2024, as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year for local communities. The 2025 Jubilee will officially conclude with the closing of the Holy Door in St. Peter’s Basilica on January 6, 2026, on the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. He writes, “May the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the ‘door’ (cf Jn 10:7,9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere, and to all as ‘our hope’ (1 Tim 1:1)”

So, what is a Jubilee Year? A jubilee is a special holy year of grace and pilgrimage in the Catholic Church. It typically takes place once every 25 years, though the pope can call for extraordinary jubilee years more often, such as in the case of the 2016 Year of Mercy or the 2013 Year of Faith. Tradition dictates that each jubilee is proclaimed through a papal bull of indiction, a document written in Latin that bears the seal of the people. Pope John Paul II proclaimed the Great Jubilee Year 2000 with the bull “*Incarnationis Mysterium*”, meaning “The Mystery of the Incarnation.”

At the beginning of the ceremony, Pope Francis formally delivered copies of the papal bull to cardinals and bishops from different parts of the world, including Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, representing all of the bishops of Asia and Archbishop Fortunatus Nwachukwu, representing all of the bishops of Africa.

Excerpts of the bull were then read aloud by a prelate in the atrium of St. Peter’s Basilica. “During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind,” Pope Francis wrote.

Historically, jubilee years included the freeing of slaves and prisoners, as well as the forgiveness of debts as manifestations of God’s mercy, as called for in the Book of Leviticus. Pope Boniface VIII reestablished the jubilee tradition in 1300 with a Christian focus on the forgiveness of sins.

Holy Doors are a central part of any jubilee. These doors, found at St. Peter’s Basilica and Rome’s other major basilicas, are sealed from the inside and opened during a jubilee year. The opening of the Holy Door symbolizes the offering of an ‘extraordinary path’ toward salvation for Catholics during the jubilee. Pilgrims who walk through a Holy Door can receive a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions.

During the 2025 Jubilee Year, pilgrims who visit Rome will also be able to walk through Holy Doors at the other papal basilicas in the Eternal City. Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran on December 29, 2024, the Holy Door in the St. Mary Major Basilica on the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, on January 1, 2025, and the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls on January 5, 2025. These three Holy Doors will be closed on December 28, 2025.

Pope Francis wrote, “May the Jubilee remind us that those who are peacemakers will be called ‘children of God’ (Mt 5:9). “The need for peace challenges us all and demands that concrete steps be taken. May diplomacy be tireless in its commitment to seek, with courage and creativity, every opportunity to undertake negotiations aimed at a lasting peace.”

The pope has called for 2024 to be a Year of Prayer leading up to the 2025 Jubilee.
--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, May 20

8:00 AM — *Stephen Kusmierz*

TUESDAY, May 21

8:00 AM — *Julia Buckley*
by her family

WEDNESDAY, May 22

8:00 AM — *Elaine Boucher*
by SPRED

THURSDAY, May 23

8:00 AM — *Lena Cannon*
by her family

FRIDAY, May 24

8:00 AM — *Jean Kearns*
by her family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, May 25

5:00 PM — *Giuseppina D'Angella*
by Gerry Grabowski & Chris Kosak

SUNDAY, May 26

7:00 AM — *Rev. Dennis Reardon*

8:30 AM — *Eugene & Reid McDermott*
by their family

10:30 AM — *Nathalie DeMelis*

by her family

St. Bernard Church

Celebrates 150 Years

1874—2024 : MISSION 150

Upcoming Events

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/



Priesthood Anniversaries

Congratulations!

Fr. Gaffney June 24th (24th anniversary)

Fr. Barrera, OP May 21st (31st anniversary)

Fr. Maher June 4th (64th anniversary)

Fr. Jack Sept. 11th (48th anniversary)

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

	May 5, 2024	2023
Basket	\$8,180.00	\$7,935.00
ACH	\$5,121.00	\$3,499.00
	May 12, 2024	2023
Basket	\$7,155.00	\$6,988.00
ACH	\$2,584.00	\$3,048.00
YTD	\$496,790.00	\$491,063.00

Debt Reduction Collection

April Total: \$2,952.00
 Year-To-Date: \$41,811.56

Thank you for your generous response to this monthly collection!

Dinner Fundraiser for Seminarians



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who supported the Seminarian Dinner held on May 4th. With your assistance we were able to raise \$1500 for the Providence Diocese Seminarians.

The North Kingstown Food Pantry



The Pantry needs the following:

Juice, Jelly, Pasta, Spices, Baking items

Thank you so much for all your donations.

Our May Young At Heart Luncheon



“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 _____

Faith Formation 2024-2025

Registration Coming Soon

Mass of Graduation

At St. Bernard Parish we are very proud of our High School Seniors who are now preparing to graduate from area schools. We would like to recognize them for their achievements, and let them know we wish them well in their endeavors. We will have a special 'Mass of Graduation' on Sunday, June 9th at the 10:30AM Mass followed by a light reception. If you have a graduating Senior, please RSVP by Wednesday, June 5th to Christina at sbc.teenff@gmail.com or by calling the office. Please be sure to let us know what your plans are for next year and how many people will be accompanying you to Mass in order to reserve you and your guests a pew.

CONGRATULATIONS

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).

The 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal



23,000 BED NIGHTS

Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter

Every time an individual is provided a safe and warm bed at Emmanuel House Shelter, you make a difference. Together as a Catholic Community of Hope, we

can provide safety, warmth, food and a bed to those experiencing homelessness in Rhode Island. Please support these lifesaving services by making a generous gift to the 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal

Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA

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.



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