

Saint Bernard Church



June 9, 2024 Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

At this time of year our diocese typically announces ‘priest personnel changes’---effective July 1st. The bishop is ultimately the ‘director of priest personnel’ in a diocese. Often, he will have a priest who will assist him in this important work. It is the bishop’s responsibility to maintain the pastoral care of the people in a diocese---and a key ingredient is to ensure that there is a pastor for those same people. This has become an increasingly challenging part of any bishop’s ‘job’ as bishop. And why is that? There are a few contributing factors. The first is that we are not ordaining the same number of men who are retiring in a given year. There is a deficit. This year, for example, we will have six priests retiring from active ministry and we are ordaining two new priests. The math is not good. In addition, we had one priest become a bishop; another priest is going to join the staff of a seminary; a third priest is working---for a time---for the military archdiocese; another priest died as pastor; another priest is taking a temporary medical leave of absence. How is a bishop to handle such a ‘deficit’ situation when it comes to staffing? He can bring in some priests from other countries to help our parishes---we presently have priests from Asia, Africa, South and Central America and Europe who are helping in parishes in our diocese on either a temporary or permanent basis. In addition, the ongoing work of pastoral planning will identify parishes that could be closed or merged with another parish. Several parishes that once had a ‘second priest’---an assistant pastor, no longer have that luxury.

One obvious and yet challenging solution is to recruit greater numbers of men to enter the seminary. A renewal of our vocation ministry is important. We need to promote a culture of vocations in our parishes and schools. I worked in ‘seminary formation’ for more than 10 years of my priesthood. I witnessed families that were very supportive of their son’s vocation to the priesthood, and some families that offered little or no support. It is a changing culture that surrounds us and our best efforts to recruit and prepare priests for the future of the church is no easy task.

An organization named “Vocation Ministry” offers workshops and training programs for dioceses and parishes to promote a culture of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. They conducted a survey not long ago and discovered that only 30 of 175 dioceses in the U.S. ordained an average number of priests at or above replacement level over the five years from 2016-2021. In other words, the number of priests retiring equaled the number of newly ordained. Their report entitled, “Creating a Culture of Vocations” analyzes vocations trends and makes recommendations on how to improve the ability of parishes and dioceses to foster vocations to the priesthood. From 2014-2021, the report finds, there was a 9% decrease in active diocesan priests, a 14% decrease in active religious order priests, a 22% decline in the number of seminarians and a 24% decline in total priestly ordinations per year.

Interestingly, another data point about prospective priests from the report: about 75% of newly ordained priests said their call to the priesthood first came before age 18. The director of the report said, “This when they are in catechism class, the parochial school, youth choir, serving at the altar and receiving the sacraments.”

Vocation trends differ in various parts of the United States. Parishes in the Northeast and upper Midwest are experiencing more of a decline in seminarians and priestly ordinations. The parish population in these regions is growing older---as are the physical buildings that often need much maintenance.

While we cannot single handedly ‘turn around’ the current vocation trend, we can make our best effort to be encouraging and supportive of potential seminarians, we can pray for vocations, we can be part of a culture that promotes vocations---we can be positive when we speak about vocations---who knows? family members, parishioners, and others just might be entertaining the possibility of priesthood.

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, June 10

8:00 AM — *Jean & John Kearns & Joe & Al Butler*
by their family

TUESDAY, June 11

8:00 AM — *Deceased of the Gardiner family*
by their family

WEDNESDAY, June 12

8:00 AM — *Gladys & Raymond Gosselin*
by their family

THURSDAY, June 13

8:00 AM — *Sheila Smith*

FRIDAY, June 14

8:00 AM — *Thomas Rzemien*
by his family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, June 15

5:00 PM — *Frank Basile*
by his family

SUNDAY, June 16

7:00 AM — *Rafaella Bonventre*

8:30 AM — *Deceased of the McDermott & Swanson families*

10:30 AM — *Margaret Gibbons*
by her family

Grief Group

The next meetings are **Tuesday, June 18th, July 16th and August 13th from 6:30 pm-to 7:30 pm.** If anyone would like more information about the group, please see Fr. Gaffney.

15 years old!

Our “new” church building observes its “15th birthday” on August 15th. To celebrate we will have “Coffee An” after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, August 11th.

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/



Anniversary Concert

St. Bernard Choir

Sunday, June 9, 2024

Free Admission

Open to the Public

Reception to follow

St Bernard Fourth Annual Golf Tournament



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday October 6, 2024

Richmond Country Club

Parish Support

	May 26, 2024	2023
Basket	\$6,562.00	\$6,778.00
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	June 2, 2024	2023
Basket	\$6,509.00	\$6,753.00
ACH	\$3,818.00	\$3,176.00
YTD	\$525,516.00	\$522,792.00

Christmas in July!

Parishioners were very generous with gifts and gift cards for the Advent Giving Tree. Many people were helped by your generosity. Most often we have some extra gift cards that we give out each month to those 'in need' who contact us. We are almost out of those gift cards. If you are able to help and would like to help you can purchase a \$25 gift card from an area food market. You can put them in the collection basket. This will restock our supply. Thank you for your generosity! This collection will go on for the month of July.

Good Used Clothing

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

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

Update on the "Memorials" for our 150th Anniversary

Trees: The ten trees have been planted. Our "watering teams" have been faithfully watering the trees on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Signs were ordered and have arrived with the name of the person 'memorialized'.

Vestments: These have been ordered. Since most of them are coming from Europe it is difficult to gage their arrival time! Cloth tags with the name of the person 'memorialized' will be sewn in to the inside collar of the vestments.

Altar cloth: A new altar cloth arrived a few months ago. We have been using it. We now will attach the 'memorial tag' with the name of the person 'memorialized'.

Liturgical items/candle sticks. Two different sets of candle sticks have arrived. They will be blessed soon and we will start using them. The free-standing candle sticks will go on the sides of the altar. The 'triple candles' will be used for the period of Adoration on Tuesday mornings.

Liturgical items/ciboria: The ciboria have arrived from Spain. They were engraved here in the US. We will bless those soon and begin using them.

Liturgical items/chalice: This is 'on order' from Europe. We do not have an estimated time of arrival!

Restored Stations of the Cross: Work on these is almost complete. We will have them 'professionally hung' in the corridors in the parish center; the conference rooms and the parish hall.

Funeral Set: Three matching white chasubles and a pall for the casket (all with a lightweight fabric) are on order.

Statue: The Marian Statue (The Bruge Madonna By Leonardo DaVinci) that will be in the 'circle' in the front of the church, has arrived from Italy and is in storage. We are working with our landscaper on the design of the stone base.

"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

Steubenville East

The weekends of June 22/23 and 29/30, the teens of our parish will be selling Independence Day Patriotic bags to raise money for our upcoming trip to the Steubenville East Conference. Bags are a \$10 suggested donation, and include a glow necklace, glow bracelets, bubbles, a hand held American flag, candy, and stickers. Come support our trip and be prepared to celebrate the 4th!

Attention Young Couples

“God, Grille and Games”

Saturday, July 20th. Come to the 5:00 p.m. Mass, then enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs on the grille and then join in some lawn games. Please respond before July 15th to Fr. Gaffney at sbc.pastor@aol.com (free will offering accepted).

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.

The North Kingstown Food Pantry



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The Pantry needs the following: Cereal, Oatmeal, Juice, Jelly, Pasta & Pasta Sauce, Spices, Baking items, Condiments, Beans and Nutritional Kid Snacks.

Thank you so much for your support!

New Altar Server Training

We are in need of additional altar servers. Several of the young boys and girls who received First Holy Communion have volunteered. Anyone who like to be a server (second grade and older)---please contact the office. We will do our 'training' on Tuesday, June 11th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the church.

The 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal

Thank you to everyone that supported the 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal - A State of Hope. As of today, we have raised \$93,827.00 which is 116% of our goal of \$80,750.00. If you haven't made your gift yet, there is still time. To make a donation visit:

Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA

Morning Glory Gathering

Please join us for coffee and socializing on **Thursday, June 13** after the 8:00 AM morning Mass in the Parish Hall.



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