

Saint Bernard Church



July 14, 2024 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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Youth Faith Formation: Christina Pichette
Music Director: Alison Shea

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

For this week's Ponderings I am printing a copy of the letter that I wrote that accompanies the "Limited Edition Prints" of Mill Cove that was painted by the artist, Thomas Lynch. It is a short reflection on the painting as I looked at it. There are a few copies available ----contact the parish office.

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Bernard Church,

Happy 150th Anniversary! We celebrate a wonderful milestone this year! St. Bernard's Church was established as a "mission" in 1874. Masses were held in people's homes and then on July 4, 1875, the original church was consecrated by Bishop Thomas Hendricken, the first bishop of the Diocese of Providence.

We are so fortunate to have as our friend, the artist Thomas Lynch, who has painted an outstanding work of art for this special anniversary of our parish. The painting depicts Mill Cove here in Wickford. The colors are rich, the canvas invites us to gaze. We are so very grateful for Tom's generosity!

If I had to give our painting a name, it would be something like 'Wickford Retreat'. A retreat implies stepping back, slowing down, giving ourselves time to savor, taking the opportunity to reflect and ponder. We need those times in our lives! The two Adirondack chairs are inviting us to stop, sit down, and reflect. It is the beauty of nature, the beauty of creation that we see daily in our coastal community that beckons us. Our lives can be so very busy, and full and even burdensome, at times. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus says to his disciples, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

The beauty around us invites us to sit and rest, the scriptures invite us to sit and rest, and this incredible work of art invites us to sit and rest. What happens when we sit and rest? Often, we call to mind the many blessings in our lives! As we do so, our hearts swell with gratitude. The hearts of the parishioners of St. Bernard in a particular way this Anniversary Year, swell with gratitude for all of our forebears---men and women who worked the land, fished the sea, toiled in the mills to build, support and nourish the faith life of the Catholic Community of Wickford. We are indeed grateful for their heroic efforts to sustain their parish through difficulties of one kind or another on the local, national and international stages. Through it all, our brothers and sisters in Christ had as a chief goal to pass on the faith to the ensuing generations. And they did! They are witnesses of God's abiding faithfulness.

We are grateful for those who passed on the faith to us, and we have as one of our chief goals to pass on the faith to our children, and their children---to all future generations. And we want them, too, to sit back and reflect on God's goodness!

As we thank Thomas Lynch as a parish, I wish all of you a Happy Anniversary! May we sit back and savor, God's many gifts and blessings to each of us and our families!

In Christ,

Rev. David F. Gaffney
Pastor



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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, July 15

8:00 AM — *John Kearns*
by his family

TUESDAY, July 16

8:00 AM — *Elaine Boucher*
by the Viera family

WEDNESDAY, July 17

8:00 AM — *Sara & Elizabeth Sullivan*
by Arlene

THURSDAY, July 18

8:00 AM — *Paul McNaramara*
by the Verdi family

FRIDAY, July 19

8:00 AM — *Andrew Goodburn*
by the Nannig family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 20

5:00 PM — *Gregory Dilick*
by his family

SUNDAY, July 21

7:00 AM — *Mary Ann Kresse*
by the Capobianco family

8:30 AM — *Timothy Gorton*

10:30 AM — *John Allen*
by his family

Grief Group

The next meetings are **Tuesday, 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

July 22 (Monday) and/or

July 29 (Monday)

6:00 PM

Beer Tasting

West Passage Brewery

(see Registration Form on page 5)

August 24 (Saturday)

Feast of St. Bernard Cookout

After 5:00 PM Mass

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

www.stbernardnk.org/mission-150/



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).



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Early Closing

The Parish Office will be closing at 3:00 PM on Mondays and Tuesdays during the months of July and August..

Parish Support

	June 30, 2024	2023
Basket	\$7,056.00	
ACH	\$3,148.00	
	July 7, 2024	2023
Basket	\$26,322.00	\$17,719.00
ACH	\$3,443.00	\$6,359.00
YTD	\$29,765.00	\$24,359.00

Debt Reduction Collection

June Total: \$3,305.00
 Year-To-Date: \$48,132.00

Thank you for your generous response to this monthly collection!

Congratulations to Molly & Dorsey Dobias and baby Dorsey McNeelas who was baptized by Rev. Titus Phelan, O.S.B. on June 30, 2024.



St Bernard Fourth Annual Golf Tournament



Sunday October 6, 2024
 Richmond Country Club

Visit our website:

www.stbernardnk.org/golf/

New Trustee

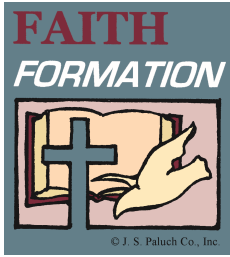
After many years of faithful service as one of our parish's two trustees, Liz O'Keefe, is stepping down. We are very grateful for her commitment to St. Bernard's. The bishop has approved the selection of Martha Dwyer to serve as a parish trustee. Martha has been a parishioner for many years, is the coordinator of our SPRED program, served on the building committee for our new church. I am grateful Martha accepted the invitation to serve the parish in this capacity. Trustees serve as advisors to the pastor; sit on the Finance Council; assist in major parish planning activities, among other responsibilities.

Fr. Gaffney thanks Liz O'Keefe for her service as a Parish Trustee



Congratulations to Breana & Darian Bizarro and baby Vivian Rose who was baptized on June 30, 2024.





Faith Formation
It's Registration
Time!!!!

Check out our website:

www.stbernardnk.org

for all details about the changes to the program for this year.

There have been some changes and new additions to the upcoming school year's program.

- NEW Gospel Weeklies class for the incoming class of Kindergarten students.
- Grade 7 has been shifted to the Sacramental Preparation schedule as a Pre-Confirmation class
- Grade 7, 8, 9 - New Curriculum books listed on website
- Save the Date - September 9/15/24 - Family Pasta Party & Faith Formation Open House to kickoff the new program year.

Kids Clothing

We will be collecting good, clean used “Kids Clothing”—elementary and high school age young people. We will donate the clothing to Warde-Robe in Central Falls. It is part of McAuley Ministries. As you shop for ‘back to school’ clothing and realize your children have ‘outgrown’ some of their clothes, we know where they can find a ‘new home’!

Wedding Anniversary
Celebration at the Cathedral



The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment is hosting the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration to honor couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2024. The celebration will be held on Sunday, **September 22, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence. It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Richard G. Henning will be the main celebrant and homilist. You must register with the parish by **August 11**. Please call the parish office or e-mail the parish office (sbc.pa@verizon.net) if you would like to attend this special celebration.

Knights of Columbus 25 Week Club

Congratulations to the following winners for the months of May and Jun:



- John Petrella
- Fr Procaccini
- Betsy Coghlin
- Ashley Levin
- Renee Seddon
- Steven DiLorenzo
- Charlotte Thompson
- Michael Benson

Beer Tasting

West Passage Brewing Company
 7835 Post Rd, North Kingstown, RI 02852
 6:00 PM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

July 22: Number of Tickets: _____ @ \$20.00 each Cash _____ Check: _____

July 29: Number of Tickets: _____ @ \$20.00 each Cash _____ Check: _____

Make Checks payable to ‘St Bernard Church’ and ‘Beer Tasting’ in Memo Line

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