

# Saint Bernard Church



## August 4, 2024 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**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:** **Summer**  
Mon - Tues: 9:00 AM - 3:00 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*

Here are a few “August” saints:

August 8<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Dominic

St. Dominic was born in Spain around the year 1170. His parents were members of the nobility. He was ordained a priest and was asked by Bishop Diego of Osma to participate in local church reforms. He spent nine years there. While traveling with the bishop in France he noticed the bad effects of the Albigensian heresy which had become popular. Dominic began to think about founding a religious order to promote the truth. He later received permission of the bishop to found an order whose mission would be preaching. He obtained papal approval in 1216. They would be called the Order of Preachers.

August 10<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Lawrence

Lawrence was chief among seven deacons who served the Church in Rome in the mid-third century. He was much venerated by the ancient Roman Church. One of his responsibilities was to care for the temporal goods of the Church and to distribute assistance to the poor. During the persecution of the Roman Emperor Valerian, he was ordered to surrender the treasures of the Church. Lawrence brought together the poor and the sick. He said, “Here are the treasures of the Church!” Lawrence was tortured, scourged and eventually met his death by being placed on a hot gridiron.

August 20<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Bernard

Bernard is regarded as the last of the Church Fathers. He was born in 1090 and died in 1152. He was born into an aristocratic family but slowly made his way to monastic life. At 20 he entered the Cistercian order—a community of religious men founded in 1098 and dedicated to the strict observance of St. Benedict’s ancient rule. His abbot sent him after five years to found a new monastery in Clairvaux, France. His reputation as a wise and learned leader resulted in many people, including many bishops, seeking his counsel. When a Cistercian was elected pope and sought Bernard’s wise advice, he began his work of reforming the papacy. He had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother, and many prayers, including the Memorare were attributed to him. He was named a Doctor of the church in 1830---called the ‘doctor of honey’ for the sweet eloquence of his words. He died at Clairvaux in 1153 and was canonized just over 20 years later.

August 28<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Augustine

St. Augustine converted to Christianity in 386 and was an influential theologian and writer in Numidia (modern day Algeria). This was a Roman colony at that time. In 384 he was given a position as a professor of rhetoric at the Imperial Court of Milan. He became friendly with the bishop of Milan, Bishop Ambrose. Under the influence of Bishop Ambrose, Augustine, at the age of 31, made a formal conversion to Christianity. He wrote an account of his conversion in his book ‘Confessions’. In 391 he became the Bishop of Hippo (north Africa) and for the next 39 years became an influential preacher. In the second half of his life, he was noted for his piety and simplicity of life. He continued to write, including ‘The City of God’.

Our liturgical calendar contains many ‘feast days’ for the saints of our Church---these are just a few of them for the month of August. Their heroic and virtuous lives have and continue to be an inspiration for all of us who want to live our lives of faith in an authentic way.

--Fr. Gaffney

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



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, August 5**

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

### **TUESDAY, August 6**

8:00 AM — *Innocents of Abortion*

### **WEDNESDAY, August 7**

8:00 AM *Anu Tomy*  
by her family

### **THURSDAY, August 8**

8:00 AM — *David Sherman*  
by the Verdi & Gardiner families

### **FRIDAY, August 9**

8:00 AM — *Thomas Flatley*  
7th Anniversary by his wife

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, August 10**

5:00 PM — *John & Rose Giacchi*

### **SUNDAY, August 11**

7:00 AM — *Victor Castaneda*  
by Natalia

8:30 AM — *Dick & Rich Larkin*

10:30 AM — *Sara Kirtlink*  
by Dotty Madusky

## Grief Group

The next meeting is **Tuesday, 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 “15<sup>th</sup> birthday” on August 15<sup>th</sup>. To celebrate we will have “Coffee An” after the 10:30 Mass on **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.**



## St. Bernard Church

### Celebrates 150 Years

1874—2024 : MISSION 150

### Upcoming Events

### **August 24 (Saturday)**

Feast of St. Bernard Cookout  
After 5:00 PM Mass

### **Family Pasta Lunch**

Sunday September 15  
Parish Hall after the 10:30 AM Mass  
Save the Date!

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

[www.stbernardnk.org/mission-150/](http://www.stbernardnk.org/mission-150/)



## Morning Glory Gathering

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



## 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

	July 21, 2024	2023
Basket	\$6,641.00	\$6,263.00
ACH	\$4,233.00	\$2,249.00
	July 28, 2024	2023
Basket	\$6,234.00	\$6,801.00
ACH	\$3,273.00	\$2,819.00
YTD	\$61,371.00	\$53,918.00

### Maintenance Issues Update:

**Issue #1:** Leaks in the roof that covers the corridor between the church and the parish center. If you look at the ceiling just outside the restrooms and at the end of that corridor you will see some 'discoloration'----from the rain. We are having a contractor look at this problem.

**Issue #2:** Rectory basement had quite a bit of water during the spring rainstorms. There is one sump pump in the basement. It has been recommended that we put two more sump pumps in the basement. We are contacting companies for bids at the present time.

It is important, as you know, to address these kinds of issues in a timely manner. Through our good stewardship we will work to find the best solutions to these two issues. Thank you for your generosity to our 'monthly maintenance' collection.

### 2025 Jubilee: The Holy Year Information Night

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.

There will be an informational meeting by Collette Tours on

**Tuesday, September 3 at 6:00 PM**  
in the parish hall.



### Parish Feast Day and Parish Cook-Out!



The Feast of St. Bernard is Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 p.m. Mass we will have a Parish Cook-Out! We will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and bottled water. You bring whatever your family wants for 'sides' or dessert. Bring a lawn chair! We will also have the parish hall set up with tables and chairs---with air-conditioning. Come---meet other parishioners! Renew old acquaintances! **SAVE THE DATE: SAT. AUG. 24<sup>TH</sup>**. (even if you plan to go to Mass on Sunday morning-----come to the cookout at 6:00 p.m.)

Please return this form through the collection basket or e-mail the parish office at

[sbc.pa@verizon.net](mailto:sbc.pa@verizon.net)

This will help us as we plan the amount of food to purchase!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

### St Bernard Fourth Annual Golf Tournament



Sunday October 6, 2024  
Richmond Country Club

Visit our website:

[www.stbernardnk.org/golf/](http://www.stbernardnk.org/golf/)

### Blood Drive

There will be a Blood Drive here at St Bernard's in the parish hall on **Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. You can sign up at:

[Ribc.org/drives](http://Ribc.org/drives) and use code #0830

 **Rhode Island Blood Center**

## **Faith Formation** **It's Registration Time!!!!**

Check out our website:

[www.stbernardnk.org](http://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.
- Registration Deadline: **8/10/2024**. A late fee of \$20.00 will be applied after that date.

## **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 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sbc.pa@verizon.net)) if you would like to attend this special celebration.

## **Heralds of Good News**

Heralds of Good News is a Missionary Society of Apostolic Life, Founded in Eluru diocese, India on 14 October 1984; it became an Institute of Pontifical Right on May 5, 1999. The specific aim of the Society is the promotion of vocations to priesthood, the training of seminarians and the supply of zealous and hardworking missionaries to the dioceses in India and abroad which experience a shortage of priests due to the lack of local vocations. Currently, the Order is blessed with 478 priests and 150 seminarians studying at various levels of formation, and Mother Theresa Province (one of the 5 Provinces) is blessed with 71 priests 55 Seminarians.

I am glad to bring to you information that priests from this order are serving in this diocese since the year 2021 and one more priest is coming in to the diocese shortly. Our priests are already serving in 10 Mission dioceses in India and 4 countries (Australia, Canada, Italy, and United States of America). The Mission motto of our Province is "To live our call as Heralds with apostolic availability, adaptability, and openness, relying on divine providence and the intercession of our Heavenly Patrons and in imitation of St. Theresa of Kolkata's Love for the poor and the needy. Fr. Albert Francis HGN will be here to preach about the missionary work of Heralds of Good News during the weekend of **August 17 & 18**. Please support generously in the second collection during that weekend and take active part in the work of Evangelization in the Third Millennium.

## **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'!

## **Men of St. Joseph**



The Men of St. Joseph International is a Catholic association of men committed to Jesus Christ. Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, **August 7th at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome.

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