

# Saint Bernard Church



## September 1, 2024 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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Rev. Charles Maher, Weekday Assistant

Rev. Albino Barrera, OP Weekend Assistant

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**Elementary Faith Formation:** Dawn Masterson  
**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:** **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*

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the young people of our parish who attended the Steubenville East Catholic Youth Conference at the end of July. I asked Christina Pichette, our Youth Minister, who coordinates the trip, to ask the participants to share their reaction to this program. You will find them below.

During the weekend of July 26-28th, nine teens from our parish went to the Steubenville East Catholic Youth Conference. It was an amazing weekend filled with great speakers, live praise and worship music, and many chances to encounter Jesus through the Sacraments and more. Thank you so much for all who supported our fundraising efforts, and for making this trip a possibility. Here are some things the teens had to say about their experience:

Going to Steubenville this summer was one of the most incredible experiences I've ever had. It restored my faith and made me realize I wanted to be a much more active member of our parish. Throughout the trip I made new friends, strengthened my relationship with Jesus, and realized just what it meant to be a child of God. Seeing hundreds of teens come together to worship and love our God was such a powerful and moving thing. The Holy Spirit was abundant in that room, and I am blessed to have been able to witness it all. Christina, Sarah, Brendan, and the whole chaperone team were amazing, and made for such a fun weekend! If you're thinking about signing up for next summer, do it!!!

The Steubenville East conference us a great way for young men and women to connect with God. It's been an inspiring experience every year to see so many people my age gathered to celebrate our faith.

This year was my first ever year attending the Steubenville conference. Since it was my first year I had no clue what to expect or what we would be doing during the day. When we first got there to the conference and we started our first worship session I knew it was gonna be an amazing weekend. And it was! Throughout the weekend I experienced the Holy Spirit and Jesus presence in a completely new way. Hearing the guest speakers talk, listening to worship music and experiencing Adoration like that for the first time really changed my perspective on life and really allowed me to fully accept God in to my life. Also, going into that weekend I didn't know many people. But throughout the weekend I got to know and make some amazing friends. Overall, this weekend was incredibly inspiring, moving and most of all fun!

This was my first year going to the Steubenville East conference and I had so much more fun than ever I could've imagined!! I met new and amazing people and I'm proud to say that I also made new friendships with them. Going to the conference was such a special event for me to experience and I am already super excited for next year!! There were so many things and people over there that strengthened my faith, especially adoration. That was the first time that I had ever experienced something like that, and honestly, it made me feel even more loved and protected by God. I'm more than happy to have had the chance to participate in the wonderful trip! Thank you so much for making that happen!!!

This was my second year going to the Steubenville East Conference and it was such a pleasure to reunite with old friends from the past year and make new ones throughout the weekend. Going to the conference is such a unique experience for me and every time that I go to this event, they do not fail to strengthen my faith. I am happy to have been able to participate in this year's conference with my sister and I am excited for the next year!

Going to Steubenville is the most amazing experience. I feel closer and more connected to Christ. I am grateful that I was able to attend this conference and build my relationship with Christ. It has been such a privilege to go these past 3 years and I am extremely grateful for the opportunity

### *Fr. Albino Barrera, OP on Sabbatical.*

Last semester Fr. Albino was a 'visiting professor' at the Angelicum in Rome. This coming academic year he will be on sabbatical in Boston. Professors use the time given them as a sabbatical ordinarily to take time to read, do research and write in their respective academic disciplines. I am presently making arrangements for priests to assist with the weekend masses during his sabbatical.



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, September 2**

8:00 AM — *Catherine & Phillip Haggarty*  
by Arlene Gardiner

### **TUESDAY, September 3**

8:00 AM — *Innocents of Abortion*

### **WEDNESDAY, September 4**

8:00 AM — *Thomas Fishe*

### **THURSDAY, September 5**

8:00 AM — *Claire & Bernard Sherman*  
by their family

### **FRIDAY, September 6**

8:00 AM — *Rev. Robert Hawkins*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, September 7**

5:00 PM — *Froehlich Family*  
by Peter & Gudrun Cannon

### **SUNDAY, September 8**

7:00 AM — *Julia Buckley*  
by her family

8:30 AM — *Patricia Ahern*

by Dan & Madeleine O’Leary

10:30 AM — *John Allen*

by his family

### **Parish Cookout**

A very enjoyable evening.

“Thank You” to the Knights for all their hard work in making this event a great success!



## St. Bernard Church

### Celebrates 150 Years

1874—2024 : MISSION 150

### Upcoming Events

#### **Family Pasta Lunch**

Sunday September 15

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

#### **150th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Henning**

Sunday, October 20th

Refreshments in Parish Hall after Mass

#### **Presentation by Tim Cranston**

Sunday, November 3rd at 3:30 PM in Parish Hall

#### **Closing Mass for 150th with Bishop Tobin**

Sunday December 15th 10:30 AM

Refreshments in Parish Hall after Mass

Visit our website for complete information

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



## Name Tag Sundays

From Labor Day weekend to Columbus Day weekend we will once again ask you get a name tag as you enter church. We will take a moment at the start of each of the masses to greet our neighbors. So often we recognize faces, but don’t know the names of those who sit near us in the pews. The mantra goes: “See a Face, Learn a Name, Share a Story, Love Your Neighbor”!

## Grief Group

The next meeting is **Tuesday, September 10th from 6:30 pm-to 7:30 pm**. If anyone would like more information about the group, please see Fr. Gaffney.

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

### Parish Support

	August 18, 2024	2023
Basket	\$6,078.00	\$7,717.00
ACH	\$3,123.00	\$3,262.00
	August 25, 2024	2023
Basket	\$7,315.00	\$7,227.00
ACH	\$2,763.00	\$1,954.00
YTD	\$109,401.00	\$97,536.00

### 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/)

### Women's Event

September 28, 2024 8:00 - Noon

Professor Holly Taylor Coolman of Providence College is coming to teach on The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit. She is delighted to come to address our hearts in regard to the work of women, mothers, and grandmothers, especially in regard to our concerns of loved ones who might not be practicing their Catholic faith. We will begin with Mass at 8:00am followed by a hot breakfast. Professor Coolman will give two presentations and then lead us into small group discussions.

\$15/person payable to St. Bernard Church. (Memo Line: Women's Event) due by September 22.

Fill out form below and drop off at the office or collection basket.

Any questions contact Mary Capobianco ([marykcapobianco@gmail.com](mailto:marykcapobianco@gmail.com)) or Jean Martish ([jjbbam2@aol.com](mailto:jjbbam2@aol.com)).

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Email/s \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number/s \_\_\_\_\_

### Adult Faith Formation.

Our "topic" for this year will be Prayer. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. We ask Jesus the same question. Topics will include: Our Interior Life; Struggles in Prayer; Trust and Surrender in Prayer; Interior Peace; Humility in Prayer; the Healing Power of Prayer; Prayer and its Relationship to Charity and Works of Mercy. In addition, we will consider what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says about Prayer. This is open to any adult in the parish. There are no "prerequisites" ---except an openness to learn! We will also look at various ways to pray—forms of prayer and traditions of prayer. Our meetings will be at 7:00 PM and follow the schedule listed below.

September 17, 2024  
October 1 & 15, 2024  
November 5 & 19, 2024  
December 3, 2024  
January 14 & 28, 2025  
February 11 & 25, 2025  
March 11 & 25 2025  
April 8, 2025

*Sign up form*

(Return to office or drop in collection basket)

**Adult Faith Formation: Prayer**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Men of St. Joseph

The Men of St. Joseph monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, **September 4th at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome.

### 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.

## Faith Formation

*Happy Back to School!*

A BIG thank you to all those families who have already registered for the upcoming school year! We are looking forward to a joyful and blessed year of Faith Formation with your child and family.

- 9/8/2024 - Catechist Training at 9:30am
- 9/9/2024 - 150th Family Pasta Luncheon RSVP deadline
- 9/15/2024 - Faith Formation 10:30am Mass & Family Pasta Lunch & Open House
- 9/22/2024 - Grade K,1,3-6: 1st In-person Gospel Weeklies class
- 9/29/2024 - Grades 2,7,8,9: Sacramental Preparation Kick-off

If you have not registered yet, please register online at:

<https://www.stbernardnk.org/religious-education-registration/>

In order for us to plan for the program year, please register as soon as possible. Please be aware that **Grade 7** has been shifted to the Sacramental Preparation schedule as a Pre-Confirmation class.

## Young at Heart Returns!

Our Young at Heart Luncheon returns on the following dates at noon with sign in at 11:30 am

September 16, 2024  
October 28, 2024  
November 18, 2024  
December 16, 2024  
February 10, 2025  
March 24, 2025  
April 28, 2025  
June 2, 2025

## Young at Heart September Luncheon

**Monday, September 16 at Noon** (sign in at 11:30 AM)

Menu: TBD

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$15.00 per person. (Please make out checks payable to St. Bernard)

Please respond by **Monday, September 9th.**



MISSION 150  
St. Bernard Church

ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH FAITH FORMATION  
INVITES YOUR FAMILY  
TO KICKOFF THE 2024-25 PROGRAM YEAR

### *Pasta Luncheon & Open House*

## **FAMILY EVENT**

This event includes a pasta lunch of pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, drinks  
Activities/crafts for the kids  
It is also a great opportunity to check out the program, classrooms, curriculum  
and meet other families/students who will be in classes with you!  
An informational meeting will be held as well for new and returning families.

### *Lunch Details*

**WHEN:** SUNDAY - September 15, 2024  
Doors open at 11:30am, Meal served at 12pm  
**WHERE:** Church Hall  
**COST:** Free will offering will be collected  
at the Door  
**RSVP @**  
<https://forms.gle/87tix2GQyUacDbu58>

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.



 <b>Aspen</b> Aspen Ryanoff Liposoma Blood & Bone Marrow Recipient	 <b>Jude &amp; Janelle</b> George Sickle Cell Anemia Blood Recipient	 <b>Rowan</b> Hemophilia Blood & Platelet Recipient	 <b>Aria</b> Juvenile at Birth Blood Recipient - Red Cell	 <b>Matthew</b> Sickle Cell Anemia Blood Recipient - Red Cell
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thank you for saving lives like theirs!

### St Bernard Church

### Summer Drive

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