

Saint Bernard Church



September 8, 2024 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor, Emeritus

Rev. Charles Maher, Weekday Assistant

Rev. Albino Barrera, OP Weekend Assistant

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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: **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

The Senior Priest Retirement Collection will take place on the weekend of September 14 and 15. Our parish has been very generous in giving to this collection in the past. As you know, for the past few years Fr. Maher was able to preach on this weekend. His words were authentic and moving for all those present. It was so clear how this Priest Retirement Fund helped him and our other retired priests in such a necessary way. Unfortunately, Fr. Maher is not able to preach on the weekend of this collection. He told me that he did not think he had the stamina-----to be on his feet for four masses and to preach at all of them---a very tiring endeavor. I told him I completely understood. I know he would like to do it and that he is so very grateful for your generosity. His is simply recognizing his limits.....something we all need to do as we get older. By the way, you may know that he continues to help with Thursday daily masses (8:00 a.m.) - --usually twice a month.

The diocesan goal for this collection is \$300,000. The Office of Stewardship and Development reports that in 2022 the collection raised \$295,000 and in 2023 the collection raised \$369,000. Most diocesan priests retire at age 70 or older. When they retired, they lose certain benefits, such as ‘room and board’, car insurance and their salary. Diocesan retired priests retain a very good health insurance policy, but still need to pay for their own Medicare Part B Premium. Priests do participate in Social Security. Salaries were so low years ago (\$50 monthly prior to 1952, then \$100 until 1972) but the benefits for the oldest retired priests are low. The main source of income for retirees is the Diocesan Priest Pension.

Today more than 90 of our retired priests receive a pension. Approximately 2/3 are still active and helping in parishes. (Fr. Maher, Fr. Unsworth and Fr. Ricci all help here at St. Bernard’s during the course of the year). When I go on vacation or on my annual retreat, I look to the retired priests to cover masses. We are fortunate that they are available to help. There are some retired priests I know who help in two or three parishes. For example, that retiree might cover a daily Mass at one parish on a Tuesday, they might cover a daily Mass at another parish on a Thursday and then celebrate one Mass on a Sunday at a third parish. There are very few “assistant pastors” -----so just about every pastor in the diocese seeks the help of our retired priests. Some are not able to help because of their declining health. Some no longer drive. Some are in assisted living facilities or nursing homes.

While our retired priests are “not in dire straits” ----they do depend on the Pension Fund for Senior Priests. Some retired priests have their own homes or condominiums---very often these were given to them as an inheritance from their parents. Some retired priests live in one of the facilities we have for ‘retired priests’----there are about 25 of those small apartments available for them, still others live in rectories with the pastor of the parish, as there may be room available, and they can continue to assist with Masses and pastoral care.

Most retired priests will tell you that they are very happy to be ‘retired’ from parish administration---worrying about paying the bills, maintain the physical facilities, managing personnel, etc. They never really ‘retire’ from being a priest and offering their pastoral care---especially in celebrating the sacraments. Sometimes retired priests who be at a diocesan social event and say to each other, “remember when we were the young priests of the diocese”! Time marches on for all of us. One priest I know either coined or borrowed a phrase that I think is so fitting in describing his retirement years. He said he is “in the winter of his ministry” I think I may be “in the autumn of my ministry” -----fast approaching winter! Thank you for your generosity with this important collection---no matter what season you may be in at the moment! On behalf of Fr. Maher, Fr. Unsworth and Fr. Ricci----and any other retired diocesan priest you may know----thank you for your support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund!

---Fr. Gaffney

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, September 9
8:00 AM — *Midge Soule*

TUESDAY, September 10
8:00 AM — *James & Margaret Flynn*
by Nancy Field

WEDNESDAY, September 11
8:00 AM — *Anu Tomy*
by her family

THURSDAY, September 12
8:00 AM — *Benjamin Dabrowski*

FRIDAY, September 13
8:00 AM — *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, September 14
5:00 PM — *Mark Tripp*
by his wife

SUNDAY, September 15
7:00 AM — *Anu Tomy*
by her family

8:30 AM — *Rev. Dennis Reardon*

10:30 AM — *Charlene Morgan*
by her family

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.

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/



"St. Gabriel's Call"

During the month of September St. Bernard Parish will be accepting donations to support this Diocesan program which helps women and families in what might be a crisis or unplanned pregnancy. The mission of Gabriel's Call is "to reach out to all moms and dads during and beyond pregnancy by providing material items, emotional and spiritual support especially if they are in an unplanned or crisis pregnancy. There are currently 7 Gabriel locations throughout RI. Some suggested items needed include:

Practical baby seasonal clothing: onesies, sleepers and play outfits, Sizes 12 months – 4T; Diapers: Sizes 4, 5, 6 and Pull-Ups Larger sizes are GREATLY needed; Baby toiletries: Wipes baby wash etc. (No powder please); Other Necessities: Bottles, sippy cups, umbrella strollers, crib sheets, socks, etc.; Gently Used: basinetts, strollers carry-seats, swings, highchairs, pack & play; We do **NOT** accept used car seats.

GIFT CARDS: in increments of \$10 – Walmart, CVS, Target, Stop and Shop. Monetary Donations: are used to purchase cribs, etc.

Checks made payable to
Memo Line:

"The Retreat House"
Gabriel Call

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/

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) or Jean Martish (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 "pre-requisites" ---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 _____

Women's Bible Study

Fearless and Free by Walking with Purpose is a six-week Catholic women's Bible study of St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. This study is designed to bring women together for authentic relationship and meaningful discussion around the Word of God. Breakfast will be served. Wednesdays, October 2 - November 13, 2024, from 10:00 am -12:00 pm in the Parish Center. All women are welcome. Please:

- 1) Sign up;
- 2) Order the workbook from us or from the Walking with Purpose website; and
- 3) Come with the workbook, a Bible, a pen, and an open heart!

To RSVP and/or to share any questions, please contact: Mary Capobianco (marykcapobianco@gmail.com) or Jean Martish (jjbbam2@aol.com)

Potential Evening Women's group for a six-week study of Living in the Father's Love by Walking with Purpose if enough women sign up. Please contact Mary or Jean! We will meet Wednesday nights from 5:30/6 for two hours.

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.

Weekend Retreat

Calling all women of St. Bernard Parish. Please join us for a Coffee Hour on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 10 AM at the Parish Hall for fellowship and to receive some information regarding the 2024 Weekend Retreat at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington Connecticut. The theme of this year's retreat is:

"I Have Called You Friends"

For more information please visit:

www.ourladyofcalvary.net/i-have-called-you-friends/

Morning Glory Gathering

Please join us for coffee and socializing on **Thursday, September 12th** after the 8:00 AM morning Mass in the Parish Hall.

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