

# Saint Bernard Church



## September 15, 2024 Twenty-Fourth 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*

As you may know, Pope Francis has undertaken the longest apostolic journey of his pontificate to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Singapore. (September 3-15). At the age of 87 this quite an undertaking.

In his homily at the stadium in Jakarta, Indonesia he spoke about both “listening to the word” and “living the word.” He said, “Brothers and sisters, let us not forget that the first task of the disciple---and we are all disciples!---is not to clothe ourselves with an outwardly perfect religiosity, do extraordinary things or engage in grandiose undertakings. No, the first task, the first step, instead, is to know how to listen to the only word that save, the word of Jesus.” He says the word of the Lord, “...asks us to change our gaze and allow our hearts to be transformed into the image of Christ’s heart.”

He continued, “Brothers and sisters, faced with the many responsibilities of our daily lives, together with the call we all feel to build a more just society and move forward on the path of peace and dialogue---that path which has long been the case in Indonesia---we can sometimes feel inadequate. We sometimes feel the weight of our commitment and dedication that does not always bear fruit, or our mistakes that seem to impede the journey we are on.”

His words were encouraging to those who gathered. “Guided by the word of the Lord, I encourage you to sow seeds of love, confidently tread the path of dialogue, continue to show your goodness and kindness with your characteristic smile. Have you been told that you are a smiling people? Please, do not lose your smile, and keep moving forward! And be builders of peace. Be builders of hope! “

Even as our Holy Father spoke about unity, peace and dialogue there were threats made against his life. How important the work of dialogue is in that country! Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Istiqlal Mosque in Jakarta signed a joint declaration calling for tolerance and an end to climate change, believers of all creeds welcomed the message. K.H. Mubarak, a Muslim with Istiqlal Mosque who helped organize the pope’s visit welcomed Pope Francis’ call for an end to violent extremism and for the promotion of peace and tolerance in a speech to national authorities, saying that while a small number of Muslims in Indonesia might be unhappy with the pope’s remarks, ‘most are accepting, and we can meet him with happiness.’

On September 5 the pope landed in Papua New Guinea. He urged the authorities to bring the violence gripping much of the country to an end. He and the Governor General of the country, Robert Dadae, also made an appeal for the respect and protection of women and their rights in the country, where nearly 70 percent of women experience domestic violence and around 50 percent have been raped. Pope Francis said, “I appeal, therefore, to everyone’s sense of responsibility to stop the spiral of violence and instead resolutely embark on the path that leads to fruitful cooperation for the benefit of all the people of the country.” Port Moresby, where Pope Francis landed, is considered one of the most dangerous cities in the world. The Governor General thanked the pope and hailed the Catholic Church as a key development partner in PNG and highlighted the church’s contribution to healthcare and education, its advocacy for an end to war and the promotion of human dignity, as well as the role of foreign missionaries in serving the country’s poorest population.

Pope Francis invoked the example of local saints, Blessed Peter To Rot, a catechist during World War II and Blessed John Mazzucconi, a priest and missionary in PNG who was martyred in 1855.

--Fr. Gaffney

### *Blessing of the Pets*



Tuesday, October 1st, at 6:00 p.m. in front of the Parish Center. Please make sure that your pets are on a leash or in a pet carrier.



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, September 16**

8:00 AM — *Dorothy Giordano*  
by Dan & Madeleine O’Leary

### **TUESDAY, September 17**

8:00 AM — *Eileen Arnold*  
by her family

### **WEDNESDAY, September 18**

8:00 AM — *Anu Tomy*  
by her family

### **THURSDAY, September 19**

8:00 AM — *Richard Tomlinson*  
by his wife, Norma LaSalle

### **FRIDAY, September 20**

8:00 AM — *Anna Keenan*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, September 21**

5:00 PM — *Maureen O’Connor*

### **SUNDAY, September 22**

7:00 AM — *Robert Stump*  
by his family

8:30 AM — *Rocco Marcaccio*  
by a friend

### **10:30 AM — *Virgie Gosselin***

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”!

## St Bernard Fourth Annual Golf Tournament



Sunday October 6, 2024  
Richmond Country Club

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

## St. Bernard Church

### Celebrates 150 Years

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### 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/)



### Congratulations to

Samantha Buhler and Jimmy Folco  
who were united in the Sacrament of  
Holy Matrimony on Saturday September 7th.



### Parish Support

	September 1, 2024	2023
Basket	\$7,742.00	\$6,398.00
ACH	\$3,778.00	\$5,429.00
	September 8, 2024	2023
Basket	\$6,364.00	\$9,922.00
ACH	\$3,578.00	\$4,724.00
YTD	\$130,863.00	\$114,404.00

### Debt Reduction Collection

August Total: \$2,781.00  
Year-To-Date: \$6,218.00

Thank you for your generous response to this monthly collection!

### Grief Group

The Grief Group meets on Tuesdays, from 6:30 pm-to 7:30 pm in the large conference room. If anyone would like more information about the group, please see Fr. Gaffney. The schedule is:

October 8, 2024  
November 12, 2024  
December 10, 2024  
January 7, 2025  
February 8, 2025  
March 18, 2025  
April 22, 2025  
May 27, 2025

### It's Time to Sing!!

Have you always liked to sing? Are you looking for a new way to worship at church? Please consider joining the Adult Choir. We are always looking for new members. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:45 PM and will begin September 19th. No experience necessary, just your desire to sing! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to see our Music Director, Alison Shea or any choir member.

**Choir News** 

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### 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

(Return to office or drop in collection basket)

#### **Adult Faith Formation: Prayer**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.

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

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

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

## Faith Formation



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.

- 9/15/2024 - 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:

[www.stbernardnk.org/religious-education-registration/](http://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

## 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/](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/i-have-called-you-friends/)

## Calling All Middle and High Schoolers!

We are excited to bring to you this year's schedule of events for our St. Francis de Sales/ St. Bernard's Teen Life Ministry. After a great first year of this youth group, we are excited to bring it back for another year of monthly gatherings. This year, we will meet monthly on a Sunday evening from 6-8pm. These meetings will rotate bi-monthly between St. Bernard's and St. Francis De Sales. We will start the night with dinner followed by time for fellowship and deepening of our faith. Additionally, this year, we will be introducing new service opportunities for the teens to serve our local community in Providence, as well as opportunities for social gatherings outside of our scheduled monthly meetings. We are looking forward to another great year of fun, friendship, and spiritual growth with those who have already joined us and to the new faces we hope will join us this year! Listed below are the upcoming events for the rest of the year. Please contact Christina Pichette at [sbc.teenff@gmail.com](mailto:sbc.teenff@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining the group or with any questions! We can't wait to meet you!

### **Teen Life Ministry NK 2024/2025 Meeting Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM**

Sunday, September 15  
St. Francis de Sales Parish Center

Thursday, October 17  
(Special Service Event-Time TBD)  
Breadlines – Make sandwiches for the next day's Breadlines delivery. We will make sandwiches at St. Francis de Sales Parish Center.

Sunday, October 27  
St. Bernard's Parish Center

Sunday, November 10 -  
St. Francis de Sales Parish Center

Friday, November 15  
(Special Service Event-Time TBD)  
Breadlines - Serve pasta dinner to the homeless at the Cathedral in Providence.

Sunday, December 15  
LaSalette Outing (Details to come)



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