

# Saint Bernard Church



October 6, 2024  
Twenty-Seventh 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

October Saint Quotes. It can be a helpful spiritual exercise to read from the writings of the Church's saints. Their words can give us 'food for thought'---something to bring to our time of prayer--an opportunity for personal reflection.

### **St. Therese of Lisieux (Feast Day: October 1<sup>st</sup>)**

“Everything is grace, everything is the direct effect of our Father’s love—difficulties, contradictions, humiliations, all the soul’s miseries, her burdens, her needs—everything, because through them, she learns humility, realizes her weakness. Everything is a grace because everything is God’s gift. Whatever be the character of life or its unexpected events---to the heart that loves, all is well.”

*For reflection: Do I see □everything□ as a gift of grace□ a gift of God’s love? Do I believe that □to the heart that loves, all is well?*

### **St. Francis of Assisi (Feast Day: October 4<sup>th</sup>)**

“Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love.”

*For reflection: How have I been able to be an instrument of God’s peace? Have I sown love, pardon, faith, hope, light, joy?*

### **St. Theresa of Avila (Feast Day: October 15<sup>th</sup>)**

“The surest way to determine whether one possesses the love of God is to see whether he or she loves his or her neighbor. These two loves are never separated. Rest assured, the more you progress in love of neighbor the more your love of God will increase.”

*For reflection: Do I agree that □these two love----love of God and love of neighbor---can never be separated? How do I need to work on □loving my neighbor□? Which one? Ones?*

### **St. Ignatius of Antioch (Feast Day: October 17<sup>th</sup>)**

“We recognize a tree by its fruit, and we ought to be able to recognize a Christian by his action. The fruit of faith should be evident in our lives, for being a Christian is more than making sound professions of faith. It should reveal itself in practical and visible ways. Indeed, it is better to keep quiet about our beliefs, and live them out, than to talk eloquently about what we believe, but fail to live by it.”

*For reflection: Is the fruit of faith evident in my life? How can I see my faith lived out in practical, visible ways?*

The saints give us much to ponder---by the witness of their lives and in so many cases, in the words they wrote.

--Fr. Gaffney

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



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, October 7**

8:00 AM — *Thomas Fishe*

**TUESDAY, October 8**

8:00 AM — *Rev Dennis Reardon*

**WEDNESDAY, October 9**

8:00 AM — *Elaine Boucher*  
by Dan & Madeleine O’Leary

**THURSDAY, October 10**

8:00 AM Anu Tomy  
by her family

**FRIDAY, October 11**

8:00 AM — *Joseph Gillen*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, October 12**

5:00 PM — *William & Margaret Morrissey*  
by their family

**SUNDAY, October 13**

7:00 AM — *Elaine Boucher*

8:30 AM — *Brian Lardner*  
by her sister

10:30 AM — *Robert A. Gibbons.*

### Attention “Young Couples”

Our Fall event will take place on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We will have a “Chili and All Things Apple” event. Please e-mail the parish office if you plan to attend.



## St. Bernard Church

Celebrates 150 Years

1874—2024 : MISSION 150

Upcoming Events

**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/)



### All Souls Day Memorial Mass

On **Monday November 4th, 2024 at 7:00 PM** there will be a special Mass for all those who have died in the parish during the past year. Please join us as we remember our parishioners who have had their funeral Mass celebrated in our Parish since November 1, 2023. Also, if you know of someone dear to you who has died in the past year and would like them mentioned at this Mass, please call the office at 295-0387 and leave us the name before Monday, October 28.

### 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”!

**Parish Support**

**September 22, 2024 2023**

<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$7,988.00</b>	<b>\$5,851.00</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$3,136.00</b>	<b>\$2,414.00</b>

**September 29, 2024 2023**

<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$5,302.00</b>	<b>\$7,648.00</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$3,222.00</b>	<b>\$3,679.00</b>

<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$160,247.00</b>	<b>\$145,354.00</b>
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**Bishop Hendricken Open House**

Bishop Hendricken High School will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm and an information night on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. These events will give families the opportunity to tour our facilities and receive information on our academics, admission procedures, financial aid, student lift, transportation and college placement. For more information, please contact the admissions office at [admissions@hendricken.com](mailto:admissions@hendricken.com) or 401.889.5425.



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The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the community for support to the annual KANDI Drive - Knights Aiding Intellectually Disabled Individuals. With your support we were able to make donations to the following organizations: Yellow Horse, NK Special Olympics, St Bernard and St Francis de Sales SPRED Programs

**All Souls Memorial Book**

A special "Memorial Book" will be placed in the front of the church, to the left of the altar for all those who died in the parish. Parishioners are welcome to write in the names of those they would like us to pray for during the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls. In order to not wait in line, we offer two additional options for providing the names of your deceased loved ones.

E-mail the names of your deceased loved ones to the parish office at:  
[sbc.pa@verizon.net](mailto:sbc.pa@verizon.net).

Fill out the form below and mail it to us or drop in the collection basket.

The names you send us will be inscribed in the Memorial Book. We will pray for all our beloved dead during the month of November. May our prayers help them find a home in Heaven.

**Please Inscribe the Following Names in the Memorial Book**

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**Young at Heart October Luncheon**

**Monday, October 28 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, October 21.**

## **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.

- Today, 10/6/2024 - Grade K,1,3-6: In-person Gospel Weeklies Class
- 10/27/24 - Grades 2,7,8,9: Sacramental Preparation class

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

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

## **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

## **Adult Faith Formation.**

Our “topic” for this year will be Prayer. 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 in the parish hall and follow the schedule listed below.

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

## **Teen Life Ministry**

The next meeting is **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.

## **Halloween Fun Bags**

On the weekends of October 19th/20th and October 26th/27th we will be selling Halloween fun bags to support our 2025 Steubenville East Trip. Each bag will include some candy, a craft, games, and other assorted Halloween themed items. Each bag is a suggested donation of \$5, and is geared towards children in Preschool-Elementary school.



## **Morning Glory Gathering**

Please join us for coffee and socializing on **Thursday, October 10th** after the 8:00 AM morning Mass in the Parish Hall.

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