

Saint Bernard Church



October 13, 2024 Twenty-Eighth 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

We have all been so devastated by the reports of the damage caused by Hurricane Helene. (As I write this column, which needs to be sent to the printer early in the week, we are watching the next hurricane, Milton, move towards the Florida coast). We are saddened by the loss of life, by the lingering questions about those who are missing and the tremendous loss of property. We might call this column a “Tale of Heartache and Heroes.”

“I thought I was going to die the night of the hurricane,” says Kirk Herschell. “I really did.” Kirk arrived at a Red Cross emergency shelter in Hudson, Florida, the next morning. “Everything you see me wearing was donated to me,” he says. “I have nothing. The Red Cross people here have taken care of me the best. They’ve given me everything I need right now, a place to sleep, food to eat. We’re here and we’re alive---and we’re going to be okay.”

Staying at home became a life-or-death struggle for Dorothy Brooks. “I knew Hurricane Helene was coming, and I knew I needed to find someplace to go,” she said. “But I couldn’t get a hotel, so I just stayed home.” “The storm surge came up so quickly and was rushing like a river so I couldn’t open the door. I finally got a window open to get out of the house, but the water was over three feet deep, “the 76-year-old reported. “I held onto the window frame looking for help and saw my neighbors being swept down the street by the strong current. One of my neighbors spent 14 hours on the top her pickup truck before she could be rescued.” Eventually, a Coast Guard Humvee combing the neighborhood rescued Brooks and brought her to the Red Cross shelter in Hudson, Florida.

“The flood waters were rising so quickly.” Says Laury McKenna. “I had my little dog on my head and the living room coach was floating.” “It was awful at my house---everything was destroyed,” she said. “I knew I needed to go someplace—I hadn’t eaten for three days and I knew I needed help. But I couldn’t just leave my dog behind.” When the neighbors checked on her, they insisted she go to the Red Cross shelter, assuring her that both she and the dog would be welcome.”

There are countless stories of devastation like those mentioned above. Each person has their own unique story of loss and the often-rapid decisions they had to make in the midst of the powerful storm. There are any number of heroes that one can point to in this ongoing tragedy.

There is the story of a son who hiked 11 miles in the mountains to find his parents. Sam Perkins had only one thing on his mind when he decided to trek through the utter devastation left behind by Hurricane Helene in North Carolina: Make sure his parents were safe. Perkins was “drowning in worry” because he hadn’t heard from his parents in 48 hours after the storm’s landfall in Florida and other regions across the Southeast. By Saturday, he couldn’t wait any longer. Perkins hiked 11 miles with 2,200 feet of elevation to reach his mother and father’s home in the mountains, Perkins shared in his Facebook post. The home, according to Perkins, is nestled between an unincorporated community and a couple of towns half-way between Asheville and Boone. “Little did I know that up there, Helene had demolished roads, homes and utility networks,” Perkins said. “This area is completely cut off from resources in every direction.” After weaving his way across falling roads, deep mudslides and fallen trees, Perkins found that his parents were “thankfully OK but surrounded by devastation.”

Sadly, several first responders lost their lives to the storm. A veteran South Carolina fire chief and a young firefighter who was just starting his career died when the engine was struck by a falling tree. “We lost two dedicated members who loved their communities and neighbors enough to make the ultimate sacrifice,” Saluda County Fire Services reported. Chad Satcher and Landon Bodie were responding to a building fire when the tree fell and hit their truck.

We continue to pray for all of those impacted by this terrible natural disaster. You will find information in the bulletin about contributing to the relief efforts through “Catholic Charities USA.”

--Fr. Gaffney

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 14

8:00 AM — *Barbara Durrant*

TUESDAY, October 15

8:00 AM — *Innocents of Abortion*

WEDNESDAY, October 16

8:00 AM — *Alfrieda & Francis Haggarty*
by their daughter Arlene

THURSDAY, October 17

8:00 AM *Carmen Montoya*
by Natalia Montoya

FRIDAY, October 18

8:00 AM — *Edward O’Keefe*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 19

5:00 PM — *Edward & Joan Keenan*
by their family

SUNDAY, October 20

7:00 AM — *Patricia LaFreniere*
by her children

8:30 AM — *Angela Walsh*

10:30 AM — *Parishioners of St. Bernard Parish.*

Congratulations to Dean & Gabrielle Smith and baby Shay Grace who was baptized on September 29, 2024.



St. Bernard Church

Celebrates 150 Years

1874—2024 : MISSION 150

Upcoming Events

150th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Henning

Sunday, October 20th 10:30 AM Mass
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/



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.

Attention “Young Couples”

Our Fall event will take place on Saturday, October 26th 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.

Columbus Day

On Monday, October 14, the Parish Office will be closed and our daily Mass will be at 8:00 AM.

Parish Support

September 29, 2024 2023

Basket	\$5,302.00	\$7,648.00
ACH	\$3,222.00	\$3,679.00

October 6, 2024 2023

Basket	\$7,306.00	\$7,648.00
ACH	\$4,477.00	\$3,359.00

YTD	\$173,530.00	\$156,361.00
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Debt Reduction Collection

September Total: \$2,874.00
Year-To-Date: \$9,092.00

Thank you for your generous response to this monthly collection!

Golf Tournament a Great Success!

Our thanks go out to Mike Benson, Dan Byrne and their Golf Tournament Committee, many volunteers, sponsors, golfers, and so many others who made our Fourth Annual Tournament a great success. The weather was ideal and we had the course to ourselves. An enjoyable meal concluded the day! Much work goes in to the planning of such an event and we are very grateful for the generosity of so many!

St. Francis de Sales Parish Yard Sale

St. Francis de Sales Parish is holding its annual indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, October 26th and Sunday October 27th from 8am to 1:30 pm, rain or shine. Items include jewelry, housewares, toys, games, electronics, CD's, furniture, books, and baked goods. Our kitchen will be open for refreshments. Join us for a great time and great bargains! The parish is located at 381 School Street in North Kingstown.

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.

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

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 2024-2025

Weather related Class Cancellations!
Please go to: turnto10.com/ or the local TV/Radio Channels for updates

Gospel Weeklies Program

Grades K, 1, 3-6

In-person class schedule 9:25-10:25 am Next

Class: 11/3/24

** Return completed assignments to next in-person class

Sacramental Preparation Program

Grades 2, 7, 8, 9

In-person class schedule: 9:30-10:45

Next Class: 10/27/24

Grade 2 & 8 is expected to return each Gospel Weekly to the next in person class. This is so the lesson from the Gospel of the week is reviewed in a timely manner and the program stays on track.

For more detailed information, please refer to your Weekly News Family email.

Women's Retreat!

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center
I Have Called You Friends

God desires our friendship and our ability to live to the fullest. Come away and be refreshed and renewed in God's unconditional love and friendship. Experience more deeply that you are God's beloved one in whom God delights and rejoices.

November 1-3

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center
31 Colton Street

Farmington, CT, 06032
(860) 677-8519

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:

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. 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.

Hurricane Helene

On Friday, September 27th, Hurricane Helene devastated several states in the southeast. Over one hundred eighty are confirmed dead and the death toll is expected to dramatically rise. In addition, millions of people have been without power and the region continues to deal with catastrophic damage. To donate to support Hurricane Helene relief, you may send a check to:

Catholic Charities USA
2050 Ballenger Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22314

Please mark 'Hurricane Helene' in the memo line

Or visit: ccusa.online/Helene

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