

Saint Bernard Church



November 3, 2024 Thirty-First 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 we begin the month of November when we celebrate Thanksgiving, I thought it would be a good idea to give you an update about our parish's generous "Outreach" to the local community. I will speak about two 'categories'----New/Recent Initiatives and Ongoing Programs.

New/Recent Initiatives.

Community Dinners. These dinners are held on Sundays at 12:30 at the Baptist Church in Wickford. Under the coordination of Chris Kosak, we have two teams of volunteers who prepare the meal on the fourth Sunday of the month. Other churches in town cover the other weeks. There are approximately 25 people who take advantage of this free meal---some are poor, some are elderly, some are alone. They can also get a 'take out' meal if they don't want to stay and eat in the church hall. Thank you to our generous volunteers. Before Covid (BC?) these dinners happened and then they stopped. Within the last year they began again.

Emergency Assistance. We have been working with the St. Vincent De Paul Society chapter in the South County region. They will get requests from North Kingstown residents for emergency assistance with heating, rent, other utilities, etc. The committee members do the 'vetting' to make sure the request is legitimate. After consulting the Finance Council, we set aside a small amount of money to assist with needed help in this area. We have given out 'food cards' for those who need that kind of help, this emergency assistance is something different.

We will take up a special collection/optional on Thanksgiving and Ash Wednesday to fund this new outreach effort.

Ongoing Programs

Food donations to North Kingstown Food Pantry. I am so very edified by your generous donations of food each week. The bins in the vestibule are always full on Monday morning when Al Boucher and helpers transport the food to the Food Pantry. We receive periodic notices from the Food Pantry about the "pounds of food" we have donated---and we try to include this in the bulletin. What is impressive is that we, as a community, by our regular donations, realize that food is needed 'year-round'----not once or twice a year when we have special food drives. Thank you!

Clothing/Coats/Blankets. We donate such items to two different agencies. We have been giving the blankets, coats, etc. to Emmanuel House in Providence----a well utilized shelter for the homeless, sponsored by the Diocese. We began having clothing drives last year for 'men's clothing' and 'women's clothing' to Warde Robe in Central Falls. This ministry, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, sells this clothing for a nominal price and the proceeds go to McCauley Ministries (including McCauley House----Soup Kitchen located in Providence)

Advent Giving Tree. This annual activity provides much needed assistance to families and young people in the South County Region. Coordinated by Nancy Delaney (and helpers), this drive has been very successful for many years. The "tree" will soon be put up!

Baby Bottle Boomerang/Infants' Clothing: One of our Pro-Life activities is to collect change/coins for the Baby Bottle Boomerang---coins are placed in baby bottles---this benefits R.I. Right to Life. The drive specifically supports "Ancora", a mobile ultra sound unit which has proven to be a helpful resource for women experiencing a crisis pregnancy. St. Gabriel's Call is an activity of the Diocesan Life and Family Ministry Office---we collect baby clothing/diapers/baby accessories-- which help mothers and their infants in need. Jean & Jim Martish coordinate these activities.

Food Cards/Poor Box. Located in the vestibule of the church---between the doors, you will find our "Poor Box". The money from the Poor Box is used to purchase 'food cards' from local grocery stores. We receive regular/monthly requests for assistance with food. We give out 'food cards'----if we have them----once per month. We keep track of who receives the cards and on what date they are given out.

Thank you for your generosity in our various 'old' and 'new' OUTREACH projects to the community!

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 4
8:00 AM — *Maureen O'Connor*

TUESDAY, November 5
8:00 AM — *Rev. Dennis Reardon*

WEDNESDAY, November 6
8:00 AM — *Anu Tomy*
by her family

THURSDAY, November 7
8:00 AM — *Edward Keenan*

FRIDAY, November 8
8:00 AM — *Benedict Edherue*
by the Cannon family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 9
5:00 PM — *Ralph Williams*
by the Basile family

SUNDAY, November 10
7:00 AM — *Penny Hubbell*
by St Francis de Sales Legion of Mary

8:30 AM — *Patricia Cozzi*
by the Connor Family

10:30 AM — *David Sherman*
by the Choir

Congratulations to Brendan & Sarah Kearns and baby Andrew John Kenneth who was baptized on October 27, 2024.



St. Bernard Church

Celebrates 150 Years

1874—2024 : MISSION 150

Upcoming Events

Presentation by Tim Cranston

New Date:

Sunday November 17th 3:30 PM
in the 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/



On Tuesday November 12th, there will be a Memorial Mass for the deceased members of St. Francis Knights of Columbus Council 2011. The Mass will take place at 7:00pm at St. Francis De Sales church in North Kingstown, R.I.

All are invited to attend and to honor our Brother Knights who have gone on to their eternal reward. There will be a light collation following Mass in Driscoll Hall.

Congratulations to Gary & Brittany Faragalli and baby Addison Kristjana who was baptized on October 27, 2024.



Parish Support

	October 20, 2024	2023
Basket	\$6,780.00	\$6,547.00
ACH	\$3,277.00	\$3,489.00
	October 27, 2024	2023
Basket	\$7,011.00	\$6,744.00
ACH	\$2,747.00	\$2,409.00
YTD	\$202,557.00	\$183,895.00

Bishop Hendricken – Information Night

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Information Night on Wednesday, November 13th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 Pm. Information on admissions, financial aid, academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The entrance exam for prospective 8th, 9th or 10th grade students will be held on Saturday, December 7th at 8:30 AM. For more information please call the Admissions Office at 401.889.5425 or admissions@hendricken.com.

Young at Heart Returns!

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

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

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

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

Young at Heart November Luncheon

Monday, November 18 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, November 11.**

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 Today : 11/3/2024

Next Class: 11/10/2024

** 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: 11/17/2024

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.

Warwick Symphony Orchestra

Sunday - December 8, 2024

St. Bernard's Church at 3 pm

For more information or to purchase tickets visit:

www.wsori.org/performances

2025 Jubilee: The Holy Year **One Year Away!**



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.

Highlights: Rome, Basilica of St. John Lateran and the Holy Stairs; St. Mary Major Basilica, St. Paul Outside the Walls, Catacombs, Papal Blessing in St. Peter's Square, Assisi and Basilica of St. Francis, Vatican City, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica and Holy Door, Papal Audience.

Deposit due by November 15, 2024.

Teen Life Ministry

The next meeting is Sunday, November 10th
St. Francis de Sales Parish Center
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM



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.

November 5 & 19, 2024

December 3, 2024

January 14 & 28, 2025

February 11 & 25, 2025

March 11 & 25 2025

April 8, 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:

November 12, 2024

December 10, 2024

January 7, 2025

February 8, 2025

March 18, 2025

April 22, 2025

May 27, 2025

Men of St. Joseph



The Men of St. Joseph International is a Catholic association of men committed to Jesus Christ. Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, **November 6th at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome.

Coffee & Donuts



Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for next weekend, **November 10th**, after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Come spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners.

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