

# Saint Bernard Church



## November 10, 2024 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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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:**  
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

### ‘Sede Vacante’

Latin: ‘With the chair being vacant’

Our diocese is in a situation that can be described as ‘Sede Vacante.’ The chair---literally the ‘chair’ that the bishop sits on in his cathedral is empty. It describes the situation in a diocese (of for the universal church in the case of a pope) when there is no bishop. Since Archbishop Henning was named Archbishop of Boston---and has now left the diocese to assume this new position (his installation was on October 31<sup>st</sup> in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston) the Diocese of Providence is without a bishop. We are in a period of ‘Sede Vacante.’

When will be given a new bishop by Pope Francis? Good question. I have no good answer. There are more than 2,500 archdioceses and dioceses in the world. At any given time, there are more than 200 of them that are ‘Sede Vacante’. The Committee on Bishops that meets in Rome assists in the process of providing our Holy Father with names for bishops in those dioceses. We would like to think that they would act on our behalf quickly---but we belong to a worldwide church. It might take some time---my best guess, several months.

What do we do in the meantime? Who is ‘in charge’? The Church, through the Code of Canon Law, does provide for situations just like ours. Some of you may recall the time when Bishop McVinney died --- August 10, 1971. He was still ‘in office’---he had not retired. A Diocesan Administrator was appointed. It was (then) Msgr. Daniel Reilly. He was the person ‘temporarily in charge’ from August 1971 through January 1972. In our recent case, Bishop Henning was named Archbishop and given a new assignment in Boston. An Episcopal See becomes ‘open’ when a bishop either dies, retires, or is assigned to another diocese.

The College of Consultors, a group of diocesan priests, in position for just such situations, met on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and elected Msgr. Albert Kenney as Diocesan Administrator. Monsignor serves as Vicar General of the Diocese. He is very familiar with the many departments in the Chancery that serve the diocese. Msgr. Kenney has informed the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Cardinal Christophe Pierre of his election. He will maintain this position until Pope Francis names a new Bishop of Providence and he takes possession of the diocese. The Diocesan Administrator governs with many of the same powers as the diocesan bishop but with certain limitations. The administrator’s primary duty is to ensure the continued smooth operation of the diocese and its many good works and ministries. In the secular world we have similar situations. Take for example the appointment of an “Interim Police Chief” or an “Acting School Superintendent.” The person in that position basically keeps everything running without making any major changes.

I could get ‘into the weeds’ with what the Diocesan Administrator can and cannot do according to the Code of Canon Law-----but that probably is not necessary!

In the meantime, pray for Msgr. Kenney and our diocese and all of its wonderful, important ministries during this time of ‘Sede Vacante.’ Pray that the Holy Spirit, through our Holy Father, Pope Francis, will send us a new shepherd, a new bishop-----in the not-too-distant future!

--Fr. Gaffney

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



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, November 11**

8:00 AM — *Paul Sams & Richard Hoke, Jr.*  
by their family

**TUESDAY, November 12**

8:00 AM — *Innocents of Abortion*

**WEDNESDAY, November 13**

8:00 AM — *Anu Tomy*  
by her family

**THURSDAY, November 14**

8:00 AM — *John Kearns*  
by his family

**FRIDAY, November 15**

8:00 AM — *Maureen O'Connor*  
by Dan & Madeleine O'Leary

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, November 16**

5:00 PM — *Gregory Dilick*  
by his family

**SUNDAY, November 17**

7:00 AM — *Anu Tomy*  
by her family

8:30 AM — *Ed Zajac*

by the Ferriola Family

10:30 AM — *Rev. Dennis Reardon*

## Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please join us on Thanksgiving Day for Mass at 8:30 a.m. In a year when there have been so many challenges and difficulties we pause to recall God's blessings, as well.



## 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/](http://www.stbernardnk.org/mission-150/)



## Dinner Fundraiser for Bishop's "Keep the Heat On" Challenge



The Knights of Columbus St. Francis Council 2011 will hold a Pasta Dinner at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on November 23 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Proceeds will go toward the Bishop's "Keep the Heat On" Challenge! Pasta, Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Butter, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$15 per person. children 6 and under free. Please call 295-0507 for reservations by Thursday, Nov 20th."



## Veteran's Day

On Monday, November 11th, the Parish Office will be closed and our daily Mass will be at 8:00 AM.

**Parish Support**

**October 27, 2024    2023**

**Basket            \$7,011.00    \$6,744.00**  
**ACH                \$2,747.00    \$2,409.00**

**November 3, 2024    2023**

**Basket            \$8,115.00    \$6,439.00**  
**ACH                \$5,312.00    \$3,259.00**

**YTD                \$214,705.00    \$193,593.00**

**Annual Collection**

Letters have been mailed to all registered households in the parish. (We have extra copies of the mailing if you did not receive it for some reason) We are grateful for your generous support of this “annual” collection in the past and look forward to your support this year. This collection literally enables us to pay our bills. It is our hope that every family will be able to contribute to the collection. Thank you to those who have already sent in their donation. The collection continues till the end of the calendar year.

**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**

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**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/](http://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 : 11/10/2024

Next Class: 11/24/2024

\*\* 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](http://www.wsori.org/performances)

## **2025 Jubilee: The Holy Year**



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.

**Deposit due by November 15, 2024.**

## **All Souls Mass "thank you"**

The framed poster with names of those whose funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Bernard last year as well as the 'memorial' bookmarks with those same names, and the Memorare Prayer Cards, were provided by Cranston-Murphy Funeral Home. We thank them for their generosity.

## **Teen Life Ministry**

The next meeting is today 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 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

## **Morning Glory Gathering**

Please join us for coffee and socializing on **Thursday, November 14th** after the 8:00 AM morning Mass in the Parish Hall.

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## **Annual Coat Drive**

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