

# Saint Bernard Church



## November 17, 2024 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

We are approaching the Solemnity of “Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe”. It is the last Sunday in the liturgical year---November 24<sup>th</sup>. On the Sunday after Thanksgiving, which is December 1<sup>st</sup>, we begin the new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent.

In the midst of St. Pete’s square in Rome, there stands a great obelisk. You may have seen it in person, or on television. It is about four and a half thousand years old and it originally stood in the temple of the sun in the Egyptian city of Heliopolis. But it was brought to Rome by the dreadful Emperor Caligula and it was set right in the middle of Circus Nero, equally dreadful, that was on the Vatican hill. It was in that Circus that St. Peter was martyred, and the obelisk may well have been the last thing on this Earth that St. Peter saw. On top of that obelisk there now stands a cross. In ancient times there was a gold ball, representing, of course, the sun. Now there is a cross, the cross of Christ, and on the pedestal of the obelisk there are two inscriptions. The first of them in Latin, “Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat,” which translates means, “Christ has conquered, Christ now rules, Christ now reigns supreme.” The other inscription, “The Lion of Judah has conquered.” It is the language of victory! Christianity has triumphed by the power of the cross and triumphed even over the greatest power that the ancient world had known, the Roman Empire, and here in the middle of St. Peter’s Square stands the obelisk bearing those triumphant inscriptions.

Christ is the King. The following quote defining the Kingdom of God comes from St. Louis University’s Center for Liturgy: “The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy. The kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the faith. The kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come). The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice and peace. Jesus Christ is King”

So, what does this celebration mean to me? How can I check to see if Christ is the “King” of my life? Christ is not the King of my life if I do not listen to him, love him, serve him and follow him. We belong to his Kingdom only when we try to walk with him, when we try to live our lives fully in the spirit of the Gospel and when the Gospel spirit penetrates every facet of my living. If Christ is really King of my life, he must be King of every part of my life, and I must let him reign in all parts of my life. In my day-to-day living, we can ask ourselves the question, “What does Jesus, my King, want me to do or say in this particular situation?” Are we praying each day that our King will give us the right words to say to the people we meet that day, words that will make us true ambassadors of Jesus?

What does Christ the King expect of us? He expects to live his law of love----to love God and love our neighbor. As we celebrate this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, let us resolve to him the central place in our lives and promise to obey his commandment of love.

--Fr. Gaffney

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



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, November 18**

8:00 AM — *Deceased of the Lopez family*  
by their family

**TUESDAY, November 19**

8:00 AM — *Frank & Bonnie Palana*  
by Antony & Joanne Palana

**WEDNESDAY, November 20**

8:00 AM — *Ann Kosak*

**THURSDAY, November 21**

8:00 AM — *Julia Buckley*  
by her family

**FRIDAY, November 22**

8:00 AM — *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, November 23**

5:00 PM — *Milton Tarbox*  
by his wife, Ellen Bradley

**SUNDAY, November 24**

7:00 AM — *Ken Lazarski*  
by the Wright family

8:30 AM — *Rocco Marcaccio*

10:30 AM — *Jerry Sands*

1st Anniversary by his wife

## 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**

**Today:**

**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/)



## The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be available the weekend of November 23rd-24th<sup>th</sup>. Please take a tag and fulfill the suggested gift. Attach the tag to the gift and place it under the tree:

**No Later than December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

If your family, or any family you know, needs help with gifts this Christmas, please contact the parish office at 401.295.0387 or email [sbc.pa@verizon.net](mailto:sbc.pa@verizon.net).



## World Mission Sunday: Thank You

Thank You very much for your generous contribution of \$1,784.00 to the World Mission Sunday collection. This money will assist over 1,150 mission territories and other parts of the Catholic Church in need.

### Parish Support

	November 3, 2024	2023
Basket	\$8,115.00	\$6,439.00
ACH	\$5,312.00	\$3,259.00
<b>November 10, 2024</b>		
Basket	\$7,729.00	\$8,833.00
ACH	\$2,712.00	\$3,404.00
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$224,971.00</b>	<b>\$205,830.00</b>

### 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.

Congratulations to Paula Bodah (Izzo) winner of the 2024 scholarship quilt. Thank You to all who continue supporting the Scholarship Fund and a special thank you to the ladies who made this 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary quilt possible: Kathy Biron, Bette Baeucaire, Dyann Casala, Susan Charbonneau, Peg Fitzpatrick, Sue Kocob, Loretta Krebel, Gail Palladino, Marsha Reis and Karen Walsh.



### 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.”

### K of C Breakfast (Public Invited)



The Knights of Columbus Council 2011 North Kingstown RI will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, December 1st, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes,

Home Fries, Bacon, Baked Beans, Breakfast Pastries, Christmas Streusel, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served.

The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.

Congratulations to Kylie MacDonald and Sam Welton who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on November 9th, 2024.



## **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 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

Class Today: 11/17/2024

Next Class: 12/1/2024

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)

## **Youth Christmas Choir and Instrumentalists**



The Youth choir will sing once again for our 4pm mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will be in the parish center for 3 Tuesdays starting December 3rd, from 5-5:45pm.

Open to ages 6 through high school. Also looking for older teens who play an instrument who would be interested in playing during the Christmas season or at other times during the year. if you're interested or have any questions please email: [alison.shea72@gmail.com](mailto:alison.shea72@gmail.com).

## **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

## **Are you registered?**

By registering at a parish, you are declaring your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community. If you have recently moved to the area or if you are a long-time resident who attends Mass here--- please take time to fill out a 'registration form'.

### Top Reasons to Register as a Parishioner

1. As a registered parishioner you will have a greater sense of belonging and identity in this parish community.
2. By registering, you are committing to the practice of the faith.
3. Registration enables the pastor and parish staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you. This is especially true in a challenging time, such as the illness or death of a loved one.
4. Registration helps you to stay connected with the parish and helps your parish stay connected to you. Providing your contact information is important so that the parish can provide you with e-mails, land mails, other kinds of contact.

You can find a registration form on our website ([www.stbernardnk.org/forms/](http://www.stbernardnk.org/forms/)) Print out the one-page form, fill it out, and drop it in the collection basket, or mail it to the parish office. Thank you!

## **Annual Coat Drive**



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