

Saint Bernard Church



December 15, 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

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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

2025 is a Holy Year! What does that mean? On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis formally delivered a document proclaiming the Holy Year 2025 entitled “*Spes Non Confundit*” (Hope Does Not Disappoint) to the archpriests of the papal basilicas of St. Peter, St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. Mary Major, the vicar of the archpriest of the Basilica of St. John Lateran and to top officials of the dicasteries for Evangelization, the Eastern Churches and Bishops.

Every Twenty-Five years there is ordinarily a “Holy Year” in the life of the Church. The holy year will open at the Vatican on December 24, 2024, and close on January 6, 2026, the feast of the Epiphany. Pope Francis has asked bishops around the world to inaugurate the Holy Year in their dioceses December 29th this year and to celebrate the conclusion of the Jubilee locally on December 28, 2025.

Pope Francis writes in the document, “The time has come for a new Jubilee when once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ.” In the document Pope Francis stated, “Hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross.” In a world seemingly marked by war, divisions, environmental destruction and economic challenges, hope can seem hard to come by. He continues, “Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God’s love.”

Speaking of the ‘alarming decline in the birthrate in many countries, the Holy Father points out how governments and communities must work together to support young couples who want to give that sign of hope to the world. “The desire of young people to give birth to new sons and daughters as a sign of the fruitfulness of their love,” he said, “is another sign of hope and one that ‘ensures a future for every society.’

The theme for the holy year is “Pilgrims of Hope” and in the document Pope Francis called on Catholics not only to strengthen their own sense of hope, but also to ‘be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind.”

The following is “The Jubilee Prayer”

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have gifted us in
your son Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity
kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us, the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds
that make humanity and the cosmos rise
unto the confident expectation
of the new heavens and the new earth,
when with the powers of Evil overcome,
your glory shall be manifested eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
the yearning for heavenly treasures
and pour over all the earth
the joy and peace
of our Redeemer.
To you God blessed in eternity,
by praise and glory for ever and ever.

Franciscus

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 16

8:00 AM — *Robert Grabowski*

TUESDAY, December 17

8:00 AM – *Stella Dabrowski*

WEDNESDAY, December 18

8:00 AM – *Anu Tomy*

by her family

THURSDAY, December 19

8:00 AM – *Thomas Rzemien*

by his wife

FRIDAY, December 20

8:00 AM – *Ben Delaney*

by his family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 21

5:00 PM – *Julia Buckley*

by her family

SUNDAY, December 22

7:00 AM – *Vincent & Barbara Pellegrino*

by their family

8:30 AM – *Deceased of the Johanson family*

10:30 AM – *Marsha Provost*

by her family

Confession Times Added for the Week Before Christmas

Many people are accustomed to ‘going to confession’ before Christmas. We have added some additional times for this opportunity.

Saturday, December 21th we have added 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm (in addition to the usual 4:00 pm–4:40 pm).

Monday, December 23rd we have added 8:45 am – 10:00 am and 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered in the Reconciliation Room where there is a choice of ‘going anonymously’ (kneeling behind a screen) or sitting ‘face to face’.



Tuesday December 24:
4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25:
7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am



3rd Sunday

Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place immediately after the morning Mass on Tuesdays (approximately 8:30 a.m.) Benediction and reposi- tion at 11:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for quiet, prayerful reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.



St. Francis Council 2011 in North Kingstown would like THANK all those who at- tended our “Bishop’s Keep The Heat On Challenge” fundraiser at our Council. This year we were able to do- nate to the fund \$500.00. This would not be possible without

your help. I hope next year we will be able to double this amount which goes 100% to those in our State in need of heating assistance.

Again, Thank You very much,
Saint Francis Council 2011

Parish Support

	December 1, 2024	2023
Basket	\$7,165.00	\$5,453.00
ACH	\$4,072.00	\$3,754.00
	December 8, 2024	2023
Basket	\$8,309.00	\$6,613.00
ACH	\$3,734.00	\$2,724.00
YTD	\$267,361.00	\$243,731.00

Annual Collection

Participation is its own goal. We are grateful for all who have sent in a contribution to our annual collection. Do you think we could get 100% participation? How about 75% or 50%? Are you able to participate? Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted. As of now 149 households have donated. Imagine what might be contributed if everyone of our 1,400 families participated. Your contribution is an important factor in maintaining our financial viability as a parish.

Debt Reduction Collection

November Total: \$3,052.00
Year-To-Date: \$16,191.00

Thank you for your generous response to this monthly collection!

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:

January 7, 2025
February 8, 2025
March 18, 2025
April 22, 2025
May 27, 2025

Young at Heart

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

December 16, 2024
February 10, 2025
March 24, 2025
April 28, 2025
June 2, 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.

January 14 & 28, 2025
February 11 & 25, 2025
March 11 & 25 2025
April 8, 2025



George Silva was honored for being one of the few remaining WWII Veterans

Stormy Weather and Daily Mass

If the public schools in North Kingstown are **closed or delayed** because of bad weather, our daily 8 AM Mass is also cancelled. We hope this will prevent people from venturing out in dangerous conditions just so see if we are open.

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: 1/12/2025

** 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 : 12/15/2024

Next Class: 1/5/2025

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.

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is up. Please take a tag and fulfill the suggested gift. Attach the tag to the gift and place it under the tree:

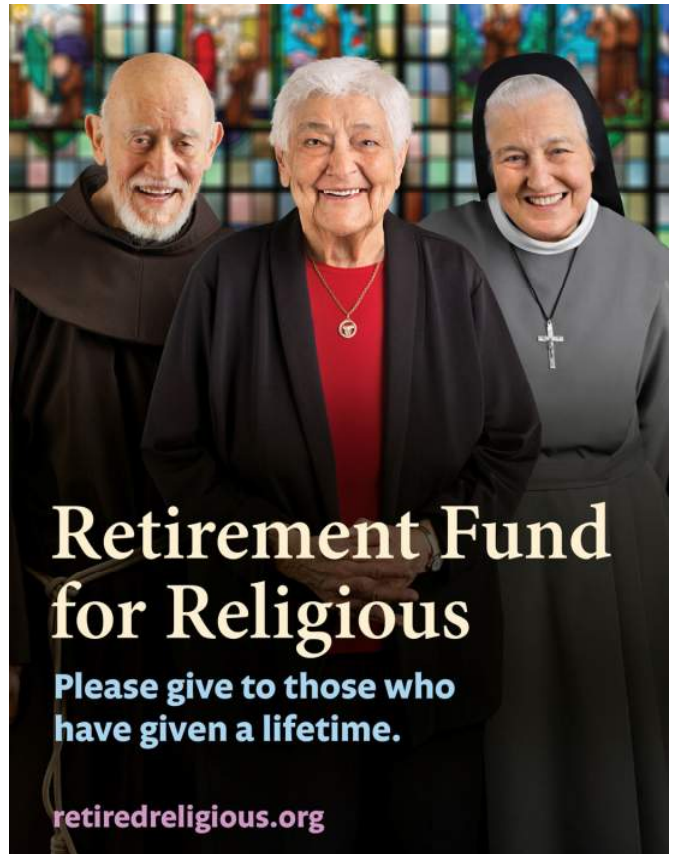
No Later than this weekend, December 15th.

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.

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Pancakes with Santa !



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