

Saint Bernard Church



December 22, 2024 Fourth 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

For this week's Ponderings I present a bit of "Christmas Fun"----test your knowledge of Christmas music (some is religious and some is secular). Can you "Name That Tune"? You'll find the answer listed for the first one----so you can 'get the hang of it'!

The answers will be available on Christmas Day----you'll find them on the table in the vestibule!

Many of the carols we sing at Christmas do raise our spirits and remind us of the wonderful gift of the Incarnation----the birth of Jesus Christ.

Name That Tune (Christmas Version)

1. Approach Everyone who is Steadfast. **(Answer: O Come, All Ye Faithful)**
2. Ecstasy Toward the Orb.
3. Hush, the Foretelling Spirits Harmonize
4. Hey, Miniscule Urban Area of Southwest Jerusalem.
5. Quiescent Nocturnal Period
6. The Primary Carol
7. Embellish the Corridors
8. I'm Fantasizing Concerning a Blanched Yuletide.
9. I Apprehended my Maternal Grandparent Osculating with a Corpulent Unshaven Male in Crimson Disguise
10. During the Time Bovine Caretakers Supervised their Charges Past Midnight.
11. The Thing Manifested Itself at the Onset of a Transparent Day.
12. What Offspring Abides Thus?
13. Removed in Bovine Feeding Trough.
14. Valentino, the Roseate Proboscis Wapiti.
15. The Slight Percussionist Lad.
16. Father Christmas approaches the Metropolis.
17. Seraphim We Aurally Detected in the Stratosphere.
18. Creator, Cool it, You Jolly Male Homo-sapiens
19. Asian Aristocratic Trio
20. Pledge to make a Domestic December Appearance
21. Proceed and Narrate Gossip From a High Location
22. Are our Sound Sensors in Sync?
23. I Observed a Trio of Vessels Approach the Harbor
24. All of Us Request and Exuberant December 25th for All.
25. Obese Personification Fabricated of Compressed Mounds of Minute Crystals
26. I am Fantasizing Concerning a Bleached Yuletide
28. Obtain Personally Exuberant Miniscule December 25th
29. Three Times the Frozen Precipitation
30. The Coniferous Nativity

So, how did you do? What's your score? Did you have to 'phone a friend'??

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 23

8:00 AM — *Fenwick Gardiner*
by his family

TUESDAY, December 24

8:00 AM — *John McGrath*
4:00 PM — *Parishioners of St Bernard's*
6:00 PM — *Parishioners of St Bernard's*

WEDNESDAY, December 25

7:00 AM — *Parishioners of St Bernard's*
8:30 AM — *Parishioners of St Bernard's*
10:30 AM — *Parishioners of St Bernard's*

THURSDAY, December 26

8:00 AM — *Frank & Bonnie Palana*
by Michael & Marissa Palana

FRIDAY, December 27

8:00 AM — *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 28

5:00 PM — *Claire McGee*
by the Kirkutis family

SUNDAY, December 29

7:00 AM — *Anu Tomy*
by her family

8:30 AM — *Rocco Marcaccio*
by his family

10:30 AM — *Richard F. Collier, Jr.*
by his 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

On behalf of the parish staff, and in my own name, I wish all of our families a truly Blessed and Merry Christmas----let us marvel again at the greatest gift given to us....

'For unto us a child is born'.

--Fr. Gaffney



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

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/) 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!

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.

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

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

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.

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

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 now 'Tagless'! Thank You for taking all of the tags from our Giving Tree. You are very generous with this outreach project that helps so many families in our part of the state. You can still bring in a gift card to a local grocery store. Many families are in need of food at this time! Thank You!

Blessing for A Christmas Tree

God of all creation, we praise you for this tree which brings beauty and memories and the promise of life to our home.

May Your blessing be upon all who gather around this tree and all who keep the Christmas festival by its lights.

We wait for the coming of the Christ, the days of everlasting justice and of peace.

You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.

Amen.

The Visitation of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting our diocese in various parishes throughout Rhode Island from Saturday, January 10 through Friday, January 31, 2025.

The image is an exact replica of the original image of Our Lady which She left on the Tilma of St. Juan Diego in December 1531. The image is among four blessed at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico by the Rector of the Basilica, Msgr. Monroy, to bring conversions, reverence for life, sanctity of the family and solidarity of the Church in America. The Missionary Images are known to have been associated with many miracles and healings.

The Image will be here at St. Bernard's on

Tuesday, January 14 during adoration.

The schedule and locations can be found by visiting the diocesan website at

<https://dioceseofprovidence.org/OLG>



Thanksgiving Outreach

Thank you! Thank you for your contributions to our 'Thanksgiving Outreach' collection. (envelopes were placed in the pews for this purpose) Your generosity will assist us in our 'outreach' to the local community---to help those most in need. We received a total of \$4,714 in donations. This money will help with food cards, community dinners and assistance with utilities for those in danger of losing heat, etc. Thank you!

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