

Saint Bernard Church



December 29, 2024 Feast of The Holy Family

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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

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It comes just after the celebration of Christmas---a recognition that this new family, with the tiny child of Bethlehem at its center---will impact the world. We look to the example that this family provides for all families. It is a family of love and mutual support. It is a family where faith is preeminent. Faith is 'passed on'. It is a family where Jesus learns the 'family business' in Joseph's carpenter shop. All families today can benefit by looking to the Holy Family, asking the guidance and intercession of the Holy Family, remaining spiritually close to the Holy Family as they navigate the challenges of raising a family in our present day. Families have always had challenges of one kind or another. I do believe being a parent today is more challenging than ever. I do believe that creating a family---one where important beliefs are passed on---is more challenging than ever.

One way---just one small way to bring unity and cohesion to our families at this time of year (and throughout the year) is to engage in acts of kindness as a family. Why engage in acts of kindness as a family? It promotes family bonding---bringing family members closer and fun and meaningful ways. It teaches empathy and compassion---children of all ages can learn these wonderful, life long virtues. It instills the spirit of giving. It encourages gratitude---the family realizes how it has been blessed. It spreads joy---it can brighten the day of another, spread cheer for those in need of these gifts.

Here is a list of possible "Family Acts of Kindness" for the Christmas season....and beyond!

- donate to a local food bank
- pay for someone's coffee (I like that one!)
- be a 'Secret Santa' for a family in need---we do that through our Giving Tree Outreach!
- bake cookies for elderly neighbors---deliver them and spend some time visiting
 - make cards for those in a nursing home
 - donate toys to a toy drive
 - let someone go ahead of you in line
- put change in a row of vending machines
- offer to return someone's shopping cart
- leave a little gift for your mail carrier
- bring coffee to someone working outside
 - pick up litter
- help a neighbor with snow shoveling
 - hold the door open for someone
 - support a local business
- leave out water and food for the birds
- call/e-mail/text a friend or family member
- (for those who are able!) give blood

Of course, this list is not exhaustive! There are so many ways that we can be kind to one another. How can we do that as a family? Can it be a family "Christmas Activity"? How can every member of the family be a part of the activity? Later on.....spend some time in prayer---in gratitude---that you are trying to be a 'holy family'---and ask God's help to become like the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Reflect on how showing acts of kindness bring your family closer---more united than ever!

--Fr. Gaffney

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 30

8:00 AM — *Penny Hubbell*
by Daily Mass Friends

TUESDAY, December 31

8:00 AM — *Joyce Smith*
by Daily Mass Friends

WEDNESDAY, January 1

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

THURSDAY, January 2

8:00 AM — *Pamela Hubbell*
by Chris & Gerry

FRIDAY, January 3

8:00 AM — *Jo-Anne Basile*
by the Verdi Family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 4

5:00 PM — *Claire Brown*
by her family

SUNDAY, January 5

7:00 AM — *Anu Tomy*
by her family

8:30 AM — *Ed Zajac*
by the Biron family

10:30 AM — *Jo-Anne Basile*
by Dan & Stephanie

Giving Tree

Thank you for your generous response to our Giving Tree outreach project. We estimate that we collected more than 600 gifts in addition to many, many gift cards. Thanks to Nancy Delaney who coordinates this project. The agencies and the families they serve are so very grateful for your donations



Solemnity of Mary

The Solemnity of Mary
January 1st



Monday January 1, 2025

Mass at 10:30 AM

NO 8:00 AM Mass

A Word of Thanks

I do appreciate the thoughtfulness of all the parishioners who send a card or give a gift to me at Christmas. With all of the other people and things you need to remember at this time of year I am grateful that you remember me!

---Fr. Gaffney

150 th Anniversary Closing Mass was celebrated by Bishop Thomas Tobin who originally consecrated the St Bernard's on August 15th 2009. Bishop Tobin was joined by Fr. Unsworth, pastor emeritus, Fr. Maher and Fr Gaffney.



Parish Support

	December 8, 2024	2023
Basket	\$8,309.00	\$6,613.00
ACH	\$3,734.00	\$2,724.00
	December 15, 2024	2023
Basket	\$6,228.00	\$8,677.00
ACH	\$3,065.00	\$2,630.00
YTD	\$276,479.00	\$255,038.00

Income Tax Statements

We will only mail or email donation statements for income tax purposes to those parishioners who request them. (This allows us to conserve paper and postage.). Please contact the office by phone (295-0387) or email us at

sbc.pa@verizon.net

Soup-er Bowl! (Super Bowl!) Outreach to help the Poor.

From January 1st through February 9th (the day of this year's Super Bowl) we will be collecting cans of SOUP for the North Kingstown Food Pantry. We are setting a 'challenge' to collect 500 cans of soup! Then on the weekend of February 8/9 the young people of the parish will hold 'Soup Bowls' at the exit for a 'free will' donation---- which will support our parish's outreach to the poor and needy. (We purchase 'food cards' for those in need who approach us year-round).

Thanks for your support!

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 166 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.

Please Be Careful!

The winter is just getting started. Cold and snow will surely come. The area around St. Bernard Church is especially difficult to keep clear from ice in winter weather. Our church has been built facing the north and the sun never shines on our front entrance. What melts during the day, re-freezes at night.

We always do our best to keep the walks clear, but it is never going to be perfect (unless we turn the building around to face the South), and so we ask you all, when it does snow please use extreme caution and good common sense when coming to church. Please be thoughtful of others and lend a hand to those who are in danger of falling (especially the elderly).

Gluten-Free Hosts.

These hosts are available for those who have an allergy to gluten. Gluten is a protein found in wheat, barley and rye. A gluten-free diet is essential for managing signs and symptoms of celiac disease and other medical conditions associated with gluten. If you have this condition and would like to receive a gluten-free host----please let Fr. Gaffney know before Mass.

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.

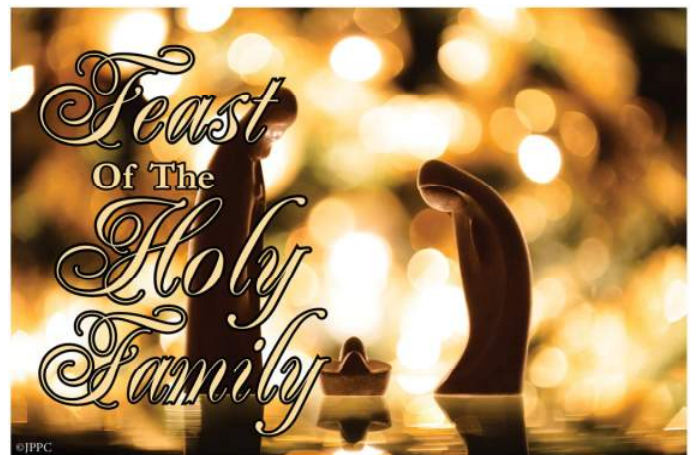
The image is an exact replica of the original image of Our Lady which She left on the Tilma of St. Juan Diego in December 1531. The image is among four blessed at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico by the Rector of the Basilica, Msgr. Monroy, to bring conversions, reverence for life, sanctity 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>



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