

Saint Bernard Church



January 12, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord

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Youth Faith Formation: Christina Pichette
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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 have now begun our 151st year as a parish! One young boy asked if we were going to change the banners on the outdoor light posts to now read “151”---very observant young lad! I am grateful for the work of the 150th Committee that I met with on a regular basis. I am grateful, too, for your participation in the events. Because we had such a variety of events, we knew that some would ‘appeal’ more to some people than to others. It was our hope that you were able to join in a least one of the events. Our 150th Committee is also in the process of considering if we want to repeat some of the events---perhaps some might occur every year; other events would occur every-other year; and still others every five years. For example, I have suggested that we have a Parish Dinner Dance every five years. So---get ready for our 155th Anniversary.

One event that was fairly easy to organize and started the celebration was a “Soup Supper” in conjunction with our “Souper Bowl Collection” of cans of soup. That will begin on January 1, 2025 and end on February 9, 2025---Super Bowl Sunday! We will have the Soup Supper on Saturday, February 1, 2025 after the 5:00 p .m. Mass. You will find more information in the bulletin.

Here is a “Recap” of our Anniversary Events:

January: A Soup Supper in conjunction with our collection of cans of soup for the Food Pantry.
February: Parish Lenten Mission led by Fr. James Quigley, OP
March: Presentation by Fr. Robert Hayman on the History of St. Bernard Church.
April: Young couples “Night Out”
May: Mothers’ Tea.
June: Choir Concert
June: Parish Dinner Dance at the Quonset “O” Club
July: Beer Tasting at West Passage Brewery
August: Feast of St. Bernard Parish Cook Out
September: Pasta Lunch with Faith Formation Families
October: Anniversary Mass with Archbishop Henning/Blessing of Statue of Mary and Jesus
November: Presentation by town historian, Tim Cranston, on the History of North Kingstown
December: Closing Mass for the Anniversary Year with Bishop Tobin

In addition, a number of “Memorials” were donated to honor loved ones. These include: ciboria (dish for hosts); altar candles; altar candles for adoration; vestments; chalice; altar cloth; statue of Mary and Joseph; restoration of Stations of the Cross; Ten Trees planted in the spring.

These have enhanced our liturgical celebrations, our social gatherings and our property. (We are still completing the restoration of the Stations of the Cross).

I pray that our year long celebration has given you pride in your parish and a renewed sense of purpose---our Mission---To Proclaim Jesus Christ and his Message of Salvation. Let us then begin our 151st year with renewed vigor and a deeper faith and a profound appreciation of our spiritual ancestors---who have kept St. Bernard Church a vibrant parish community for 150 years!

--Fr. Gaffney

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 13

8:00 AM — *Pamela Hubbell*
by Dan & Madeleine O’Leary

TUESDAY, January 14

8:00 AM – *Helen Gricoski & Frederick J. Kolet*
by Mary Lenore Keszler

WEDNESDAY, January 15

8:00 AM – *Anu Tomy*
by her family

THURSDAY, January 16

8:00 AM – *Egidio Capobianco*

FRIDAY, January 17

8:00 AM – *Robert Leavitt*
by his family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 18

5:00 PM – *Steven McKay*
by his family

SUNDAY, January 19

7:00 AM – *Julia Buckley & Julia Buckley Schaaf*
by their family

8:30 AM – *Linda Biron*
by Dan & Madeleine O’Leary

10:30 AM – *Kathleen Asher*
10th Anniversary by her family

Souper 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 Pan- try. 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!

Coffee & Donuts

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for next weekend, **January 19th**, after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Come spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners



Fr Gaffney celebrates his 65th Birthday!



Parish Support

December 29, 2024 2023

Basket	\$8,564.00	\$6,235.00
ACH	\$3,677.00	\$3,634.00

January 5, 2025 2024

Basket	\$11,720.00	\$6,058.00
ACH	\$3,362.00	\$3,249.00

YTD	\$315,518.00	\$295,710.00
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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:

February 18, 2025
March 18, 2025
April 22, 2025
May 27, 2025

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

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

Do you need a Bible?

Pope Francis established the 'Sunday of the Word' several years ago---this year it is on January 26th. He has chosen the theme from Psalm 119, "I hope in your Word." We will bless Bibles and then we will offer them to parishioners. You can "request a Bible" the weekend before and then pick up after Mass on January 25/26. The offering is \$5.00.

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

Soup Dinner

Recognizing our 'humble beginnings' as a 'mission church' in 1874 and in conjunction with our "Soup-er Bowl" Outreach to help the Poor---we will have a "Soup Supper" on Saturday, February 1st after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please return the RSVP---so we have an accurate count. *A free will offering will be accepted.* Our collection of cans of soup will take place: January 1, 2025 through February 9, 2025 (Super Bowl Sunday). Thank you for your generosity as we reach out to those in need.

Family Name: _____

Number attending: _____

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

Class Today : 1/12/2025

Next Class: 1/19/2025

** 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: 1/26/2025

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, refreezes 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).

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>



Funeral Adult Altar Servers

We are recruiting adults who would be willing to be trained to serve a Funeral Mass. This is open to men and women of the parish. Some of you may have done this in the past. You might want to start again, or it might be something new you would like to try. Please give your name and contact information to Angelo or Fr. Gaffney.

Young at Heart February Luncheon

Monday, February 10th 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, February 3rd.**

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