

Saint Bernard Church



January 19, 2025 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Several years ago (six to be exact), Pope Francis established the “Sunday of the Word of God”----to be celebrated throughout the Church. This year that will occur on Sunday, January 26. He has chosen as the theme, “I hope in your Word”---taken from Psalm 119:74. It ties in directly with the theme for this Holy Year---Hope. He has called all of us to be “pilgrims of hope” during this Jubilee Year 2025.

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization writes this about this celebration of the Word, “The Sunday of the Word of God once again allows Christians to reinvigorate Jesus’ tenacious invitation to listen to and cherish his Word in order to offer the world a witness of hope that allows one to move beyond the difficulties of the present moment.” With regard to this celebration of the Word, he says, “it challenges every community not only to proclaim the same faith as always, but above all to communicate it with the conviction that it brings hope to those who listen to it and welcome it with a simple heart.”

In writing about the Word, Dom Mauro-Giuseppe Lepori, OCist, the Abbot General of the Cistercian Order says, “Perhaps the man who best understood the relationship between God’s word and hope was a pagan, the Roman centurion who, after pleading with Jesus to heal his sick servant, in the face of the Lord’s immediate willingness declared himself unworthy for him to go to his house and said to him, “only say the word and my servant will be healed.” (MT 8:8). One word from Christ was enough for him to have a sure hope in the salvation he had wrought.”

The Abbot continues, “God’s word can be a source of hope if for us God remains the source of the word itself. Only if we hear the word from the voice of the present Word, who looks upon us with love, can it nourish in us an unshakeable hope, because it is founded on a presence that never fails. God’s word is a promise in which not only the one who promises is faithful, but remains included in the promise itself, because Christ promises us himself. ‘And behold I am with you always, until the end of the age.’ Jesus’ last word, the last promise before he ascends into heaven, is the promise of himself to our lives, not only at the end of time but every day, every moment of our lives.

As we celebrate the Word of God on this date (January 29th) we know that we are called to listen, read, and reflect on this Word daily. As I mentioned in the bulletin, we have purchased a small quantity of Bibles, the New American Bible---it is the version that we listen to in our Sunday proclamations of the Word of God. If you don’t have a Bible in your home now, why not get one. If you want to update the version you have, do so. We will bless the Bibles and then they will be available to be picked up next weekend. (There is small, suggested donation of \$5.00 per Bible).

Let us then pray---

-For the Pope, bishops and priests, that they may love the Word of God more and more each day and meditating on it deeply, may joyfully share it with the people entrusted to them.

-For lectors and catechists, that as they deepen their understanding of the Word of God each day, they may be configured with it and convey it by the witness of their lives.

-For parents, so that enlightened and strengthened by God’s Word, they may have the wisdom to guide their children, passing on faith in Christ to them.

-For the entire Christian community listening to God gathered around his Word, that it may grow in unity and bear authentic witnesses to God’s love.

-For each of us that we may open our hearts to the Word of God and thus work together every day to build peace.

--Fr. Gaffney

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 20

8:00 AM — *Pamela Hubbell*
by Al Boucher

TUESDAY, January 21

8:00 AM — *Innocents of Abortion*

WEDNESDAY, January 22

8:00 AM — *Anu Tomy*
by her family

THURSDAY, January 23

8:00 AM — *Edward Phillips*

FRIDAY, January 24

8:00 AM — *Maureen McDermott*
by Stephen & Nancy Crawford

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 25

5:00 PM — *Gail Carrol*
by Hollie Lussier

SUNDAY, January 26

7:00 AM — *Al Butler*
by his family

8:30 AM — *Ed Zajac*

by Karen & Bob Walsh

10:30 AM — *John McWilliams*

by Marie Claire Peakman

Memorare

This prayer has traditionally been attributed to St. Bernard. It seems likely, however, that it dates to the 17th century and was popularized by a French priest by the name of Fr. Claude Bernard. Whoever was the author---it has brought comfort to countless generations of believers.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

The bronze plaque with the "Memorare" Prayer was recently installed.



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: _____

Parish Support

	January 5, 2025	2024
Basket	\$11,720.00	\$6,058.00
ACH	\$3,362.00	\$3,249.00
	January 12, 2025	2024
Basket	\$9,244.00	\$7,974.00
ACH	\$2,572.00	\$2,624.00
YTD	\$327,159.00	\$306,308.00

Debt Reduction Collection

December Total: \$3,184.00
 Year-To-Date: \$19,375.00

Thank you for your generous response to this monthly collection!

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 215 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.

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

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



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Fr Maher celebrates his 94th Birthday with parishioners at the monthly Coffee An' after the 2nd Thursday 8:00 AM Mass.

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 : 1/19/2025

Next Class: 2/2/2025

** 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.

Chesterton Academy Open House

Join us for our Open House on

Saturday, January 25 from 9:00-11:30AM

to learn more about how a Chesterton education could change your son's or daughter's life. We will have morning prayer, a school tour, a presentation on Chesterton and classical education, and the chance to meet current and prospective families. Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Hope is part of a network of more than 60 Chesterton Academies nationwide. We are the first Chesterton Academy in New England, and the only Classical Catholic high school in Rhode Island. Register at:

www.chestertonri.org/Jan25

Contact us at: 401-287-2280 /

info@chestertonRI.org

Open House

Our Lady of Mercy School

Sunday, January 26, 2025

10:00 AM—Noon

Pre-K3—8th Grade

www.olmschool.org



Steubenville East

There will be an informational meeting for teens interested in attending this summer's Steubenville East Catholic Youth Conference in Springfield, MA from 7/25-7/27. The conference is open to those currently in grade 8-12. A parent should be in attendance along with their student. There are two meeting times available. The first meeting will be at St. Bernard's at 11:30AM on Sunday, 1/26. The second one is right before our next Teen Life Meeting at St. Francis de Sales on Sunday, 2/2 at 5:30PM. Feel free to stay following this meeting and check out our Teen Life Ministry if you have not before. All are welcome. If there are any questions prior to the meeting, please email Christina at

sbc.teenff@gmail.com



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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