

Saint Bernard Church



January 26, 2025 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

sbc.pastor@aol.com

Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor, Emeritus

Rev. Charles Maher, Weekday Assistant

Rev. Albino Barrera, OP Weekend Assistant

Pastoral Assistant: Angelo Giacchi
Business Manager: David Cote
Elementary Faith Formation: Dawn Masterson
Youth Faith Formation: Christina Pichette
Music Director: Alison Shea

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

Address: 275 Tower Hill Road
North Kingstown, RI 02852

Phone : 401-295-0387

E-mail: sbc.bus@verizon.net (David)
sbc.pa@verizon.net (Angelo)

Web: www.stbernardnk.org

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 Catholic Schools Week (January 36-February 1)---some of us are alumni of Catholic schools, some of us are parents of students in Catholic schools, some of us are benefactors of Catholic schools, some of us are teachers at Catholic schools, some of us are students in Catholic schools. All of us benefit from the fruits of Catholic school education.

The NCEA (National Catholic Education Association) has produced a thoughtful list of the “top ten reasons” why a family should choose Catholic schools. I present this information as follows:

1. An Incarnational View of the World. Catholic school students learn that God is present and active in their lives and in the world. They learn to recognize the ‘footprints of God’ in their daily experiences, especially in the midst of life’s challenges. They see the signs of God’s love around them and become instruments of grace in their own neighborhoods, communities and in the world.
2. Immersion in the Paschal Mystery. Our lives are a series of small and not so small dyings and rising. In union with the Paschal Mystery, we realize that there is redemptive power in suffering, and in the power of the cross. In it lies the answer to the mystery of all of life’s successes and failures. In the experience of the Paschal Mystery, we also realize the need for community.
3. The Value of Relationships as a Reflection of the Divine. Catholic school students learn to experience God’s grace and presence in their lives through their relationships with family, friends and teachers. The loving and supportive relationships they experience are reflections of the love and life-giving dynamic of the Trinity.
4. A Nuanced View of Scripture. Catholic school students are given the opportunity to explore the beauty and richness of sacred Scripture seen through the lens of faith and lived out in daily practice. They experience the ongoing revelation of God in Scripture as the One who leads the Israelites through the Promised Land, and who redeems them through His Cross and Resurrection.
5. Civic Engagement. In a survey compiled by a non-American, non-Catholic source, it was indicated that private school graduates are significantly more likely to actively participate in civic activities than their public-school counterparts. Catholic schools were ranked #1 in the percentage of graduates who actively participate in civic and community activities such as voting, volunteering, letter writing to legislators, Catholic Concerns Day, and donations to charity, not just for a tax write-off, but out of a sense of the requirements of justice.
6. Service for the Common Good. Catholic schools promote service as an essential component of their curriculum. Many Catholic schools have service programs from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Higher education programs such as the Jesuit or Dominican Volunteer Corps promote service at the undergraduate and graduate levels.
7. Discipline as a Faith Expectation. Catholic schools promote self-discipline through clarity of moral vision that is based on the Gospel. Students are challenged to be Christ-like in word and action. They are asked to examine choices and actions in light of the Ten Commandments and the Gospel law of love. They are given a theological foundation for ethical behavior.
8. The Centrality of Arts, Ritual, Drama, Music to the Life of Faith. Through Catholic education students are exposed to the richness of the religious tradition. Music, art, literature, drama and ritual are rooted in the rich history of the Church and find their truest glory as an expression of divine praise.
9. The Fullness of the Catholic Identity at the Heart of the Church. Catholic education has always been at the heart of the Catholic mission. Catholic education, and the students who are the product of it, have been called the ‘greatest work of the Church.’ They have been entrusted with the fullness of faith and have been charged with the mission of evangelization.
10. Personal Excellence as a Spiritual Goal. Catholic school students learn that excellence is a response to God’s blessings. Academic excellence is not a gospel value in and of itself. The Sermon on the Mount doesn’t say “Blessed are you who get all A’s”. Education must have an altruistic orientation. Students learn so as to help others and make a difference in the world around them.

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 27

8:00 AM — *Ken Lazarski*
by The Counters

TUESDAY, January 28

8:00 AM — *Alfred & Maria Imondi*

WEDNESDAY, January 29

8:00 AM — *Deceased of the Imondi & Mancini families*

THURSDAY, January 30

8:00 AM — *Joan F. Arnold*
by her husband

FRIDAY, January 31

8:00 AM — *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 1

5:00 PM — *Kathleen Mastrobuono*
by her family

SUNDAY, February 2

7:00 AM — *Anu Tomy*
by her family

8:30 AM — *Linda Biron*

by Kathy Zajac

10:30 AM — *Mary C. Kusmierz*

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!

The Appeal Begins



The 2025 Catholic Charity Appeal has officially begun. This year's theme, "Trust in Providence," is a powerful reminder of God's grace and the trust he has placed in us to serve others. Our parish goal remains the same as last

year, \$80,750, with an overall diocesan goal of \$7.5 million. As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the appeal, let us reflect on a century of hope, compassion and support provided to all those in need throughout our state. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the appeal as we strive for 100% parish participation. To make your difference today, visit:

DioceseofProvidence.org/CCA

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 12, 2025	2024
Basket	\$9,244.00	\$7,974.00
ACH	\$2,572.00	\$2,624.00
	January 19, 2025	2024
Basket	\$5,239.00	\$5,235.00
ACH	\$3,687.00	\$3,314.00
YTD	\$335,910.00	\$314,856.00

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

K of C “25 Week Raffle”

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a “25 Week Club” raffle from February through July.

Weekly drawing of \$25 for 25 Weeks!
Grand Prizes to be drawn in July!
First Place Grand Prize - \$500
Second Place Grand Prize - \$300
Third Place Grand Prize - \$200



Proceeds to go to charitable causes supported by the Knights.
Tickets are \$25

You can contact a member of the Knights or [email](mailto:rdimaria.rikofc@gmail.com) rdimaria.rikofc@gmail.com for tickets.

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:

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

The North Kingstown Food Pantry

For the month of December, 2024
297 pounds of food were donated.

Thank you so much for all your donations.



Annual Coat Drive



Please drop off your good, used coats and hats at the Church or Parish Office to be distributed to those in need.

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: 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

Class Today : 1/26/2025

Next Class: 2/9/2025

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.

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



Parking Lot Reminder

Please park in designated parking spaces. Please do not park in the fire lane----this lane is for the safety of everyone should rescue or fire apparatus need access to the church or parish center. In addition, please be mindful that children are leaving their 'faith formation classes' on Sunday mornings between 10:25 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Those entering the parking lot at that time are asked to proceed slowly and with caution. The best solution: arrive early for the 10:30 a.m. Mass!

Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter

We are always in need of new socks, bath towels, and backpacks, twin-sized bedding, etc. Drop off items in the Church gathering space or at the Parish Center.

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).

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.**

Family Owned & Operated
for 5 Generations Since 1857

Pre-Planning &
Pre-Financing Available



FAGAN~QUINN

Funeral Home & Cremation Services

Traditional Funerals, Simple Cremation & Life Celebration Services

825 BOSTON NECK ROAD, NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI
401-295-5603 | www.FaganQuinnFuneralHome.com

Michael F. Quinn • Patrick J. Quinn • Jerome D. Quinn
Christopher P. Quinn, Managing Director
Chelsea M. Gaudreau • Steven A. DiLorenzo



3347 S. COUNTY TRAIL, EAST GREENWICH, RI 02818
401.884.2880
Sunday-Thursday 11:30am-11:30pm | Friday & Saturday 11:30am-12:00am



Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery

Since 1902
NON-DENOMINATIONAL
401-884-7691
by appointment
6365 Post Road
North Kingstown, RI
www.qmccemetery.org

DISTINCTIVE WINDOW DESIGNS
HunterDouglas
WINDOW FASHIONS
Don Altieri - Usher/St.Mary's
444 Budlong Rd., Cranston, RI
461-0990
Featuring full lines of Window Shading,
Window Treatments, Shutters, Draperies,
Valences, Bedspreads & Curtains.
NOW CARRYING SUNSETTER AWNINGS

CENTURY 21 Topsail Realty



Christopher B. Perrotti
REALTOR®
Cell: 401.855.2594
cbperrotti@gmail.com
chrisperrotti.com
Loyal, Honest & Looking
to Work Hard for You

catholicmatch[®]
Rhode Island
CatholicMatch.com/dateRI

PAUL BAILEY'S
CHRYSLER • DODGE • JEEP • RAM
425 Ten Rod Road (Route 102)
North Kingstown
295-8855 • 884-1900
Visit us at: baileydeal.com

CRANSTON-MURPHY FUNERAL HOME

OF WICKFORD

Andrew J. Correia, MBIE, Director/Embalmer

Proudly Serving St. Bernard Church

Edward L. Murphy, Director

140 West Main Street, North Kingstown, Rhode Island 02852

Tel: 401-294-4013

Give Yourself the Gift of Clear Vision
Schedule Your Appointment Today (401) 884-6066

Dr. Robert Miller
Dr. Stephanie Schultz
OPTOMETRISTS
Total Family Eye Care
Contact Lenses • Quality Eyewear
5393 Post Road • East Greenwich
www.eastgreenwicheye.com

New England
BOILER WORKS
Providing Residential
& Commercial Services
in Rhode Island & Southeastern MA
For Gas, Oil and Steam Systems
401-256-9249
270 Hopkins Hill Rd
Coventry, RI 02816
www.neboilerworksri.com

RINALDI ROOFING
DONE RIGHT THE FIRST TIME
All Types of
Roofing • Siding • Gutters • Construction
rinaldiroofingri.com
401-219-9548
Family-Owned by Twin Brothers Nick & Matt Rinaldi

Have you found
FABER?
FREE
DOWNLOAD!

Google Play | App Store

nyrehab
PHYSICAL THERAPY
Helping you live life to the fullest.
John 10:10
401-519-5222
52 Frenchtown Rd
North Kingstown, RI 02852

**INCREASE YOUR VISIBILITY
IN THE COMMUNITY**
Place Your Ad Here to Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Jim Bochiechio
jbochiechio@jppc.net | (781) 389-2198

"Those who hath ears to hear, let them hear."
-Matthew 11:15

A Trusted Name in Hearing Care Since 1940!

NARRAGANSETT
(401) 515-4159

WESTERLY
(401) 622-4588

Locations all throughout New England! www.beltonene.com

FREE Hearing Testing
FREE Video Ear Scans
FREE Clean & Checks
FREE In-Office Trials