

Saint Bernard Church



September 13, 2020 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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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 11:30 AM
(Suspended Until Further Notice)

Family Faith Formation Program

Our programs provides 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:

Grades: 1 to 5: sbc.reled@verizon.net

Grades: 6 to 10: sbc.teenff@gmail.com

Ponderings

Our Faith Formation Program has had to make some adaptations for the coming year due to the pandemic. You will see below the letter sent to parents recently. Many of you have been involved in this program in the past as parents/students!/catechists---and we ask you to continue to support our program through your prayers for the young people of the parish.

Dear parents and young parishioners in our Faith Formation Program,

My name is Fr. David Gaffney and I began as the new pastor of St. Bernard on July 1st. I look forward to meeting you in person--- if that has not already happened! I write to you at this time to tell you about some adaptations we have made to our Faith Formation program because of the on-going concerns with the Corona virus.

After meeting with our Faith Formation coordinators, we have decided to use the Pflaum Gospel Weekly series materials for faith formation which will place our classes 'at home' --with the family. This series has been very well received by parents and students in many other parishes---and is very 'user friendly'. As indicated---it focuses on the upcoming Sunday Gospel and creates a lesson plan around that Gospel message. It is exciting to begin this new program and we know that the materials provided by Pflaum and the availability of our staff will help parents and students enrich their faith.

You will find on our parish website (www.stbernardnk.org) a number of links to learn more about this program. In addition, there are specific lessons for sacrament preparation (First Communion and Confirmation). The program will begin the week of 9/14/20 so you will need to register your child for the appropriate grade level class by 9/12/20. You can register your child online on our website.

While we will not be gathering for classes together, we would like to encourage you to come to Church--- to gather with the community for Sunday Mass. (We understand there may be some health concerns that would prohibit your return at this time) We would like to "spotlight" a particular grade level on the Sunday 8:30 Mass throughout the year. For example, on Sunday, September 27th at the 8:30 Mass we will 'spotlight' our First-Grade students.

At your child's Baptism there was a prayer in the ritual that called the parents the 'first teachers' of their child in the faith. We are asking you and your children to take on this important task of learning the faith--- -we are here to support you in this endeavor! This is a new approach, but we believe a necessary approach given the circumstances of today.

So what will this plan look like.....essentially you will find a quiet time to sit with our child---open the booklet, read through the 'lesson plan'----take it step by step.....remember, this program has been successful in many other parishes---parents, just like you, had to 'begin' something new----and the results were a faith life that was more knowledgeable and deeper. I hope you see this as a wonderful, new opportunity! This a challenging, but also exciting time!

In Christ,

Rev. David F. Gaffney
Pastor



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, September 14
8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

TUESDAY, September 15
8:00 AM – *Robert Stahlheber*
by the Dowden family

WEDNESDAY, September 16
8:00 AM – *Michael Keene*
32nd Anniversary by Norma LaSalle

THURSDAY, September 17
8:00 AM – *Herbert & Michael Keene*
by Norma LaSalle

FRIDAY, September 18
8:00 AM – *Herbert Keene*
22nd Anniversary by Norma LaSalle

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, September 19
11:00 AM: *First Communion (by invitation)*
1:30 PM : *First Communion (by invitation)*
5:00 PM – *Eileen D Arnold*
by her family

SUNDAY, September 20
7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

10:30 AM – *Lawrence Sams*
by the Standley family

Attention All Golfers!



We would like to plan a parish golf tournament for 2021 (perhaps summer or fall). Anyone who would like to be part of a planning committee is asked to contact Fr.

Gaffney at the parish center. This has the potential to be a great social event and fund-raiser for the parish.

Catholic Charity Appeal.



You may be aware that the Catholic Charity Appeal had to be put ‘on hold’ due to the Corona virus. Many of you have already made your contribution to the CCA—as a response to direct mailings.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH Thank you! We will have an “adapted” “In Pew Weekend” on September 12-13. We cannot place envelopes, pens, etc. in the pews, but we can leave envelopes on the tables where the bulletins are placed. Please take home a pledge envelope and drop it in the collection basket next week.

Other ways to make a gift:

www.givecentral.org/2020CCA

is the online giving site for the 2020 Catholic Charity Appeal.

Text to Give: 401-496-9889 (text the word “Appeal” to the number above, and a secure giving link will be sent automatically in response.

Gifts of Stock/IRA/Mutual Funds, etc.: Please contact Rich Popovic at

RPopovic@dioceseofprovidence.org

or (401) 277-2115 for any questions on gifts of stock, IRA’s, mutual funds, etc

Peter asked, “Lord, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?”
MATTHEW 18:21

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13
2020

Faith Formation 2020-2021: IT'S REGISTRATION TIME!!!!

Registration information was emailed this week to families that participated in our programs last year. Check out our website www.stbernardnk.org for all details about the changes to the program and the exciting new curriculum for this year. Please view the informational slideshow first for an explanation of how the program will be running this year.

If your child was not part of our program last year or you did not receive an email and you would like to register them for the grade appropriate program, detailed information about the program can be found on our website:

Also, registration and payment can be done on our website. Upon your review of the documents, should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office at sbc.reled@verizon.net or 295-0387.

If you were unable to attend our first Drive thru pick up for your Faith Formation program materials you can pick up the materials in the parish hall. The hall is open after any of our Masses and during our office hours: Monday, Tuesday 9am-4pm or Wednesday 9-Noon.

9/20/2020 - Program begins 9/20 (Catechetical Sunday)

Gospel Reading: 25th Sunday Ordinary Matthew 20:1-16a

9/21/2020: Zoom: Gospel Weekly Virtual training meeting: 6:30pm

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Opportunity

We continue to live in this challenging COVID time. A new academic school year is beginning. Our parish, St. Bernard Church wants to enrich your faith life by offering opportunities to come together with other young parishioners. Would you be interested in forming a Middle School, High School, or a Young Adult Ministry pod? We will be beginning registration for the 2020-2021 school year in a couple of weeks. Pods are capped at 10 people which include 8 participants and two adults. Pods will meet in-person once a month for spiritual formation, service projects and activities. Initially, pods will meet outdoors. We will then consider both virtual meetings or using the Church Hall with social distancing. We will have Middle School (6-8), High School (9-12), and Young Adult (college+) pods. In-person meetings will follow all state mandated group safety policies and procedures. Registration is free. Registration will be open online starting Saturday, September 12th through Wednesday, September 30th. Please go to our website to register. Any questions or suggestions please contact Christina at sbc.teenff@gmail.com. Tell a friend!

Treasures from Our Tradition

Our national memory will keep September 11 holy for generations to come, as we remember the innocent dead. Our memories of the attack on our nation are intertwined with memories of how we human beings are natural symbol-makers. In one parish, as a candlelight vigil ended, the assembly, without being instructed, took their candles and stood shoulder to shoulder, down the steps and along the city streets for a quarter mile. Slowly, people came out of their houses bearing tapers and candles. In the first hours of crisis, we stood vigil, we prayed from the heart, and we celebrated the human ability to draw light out of terrible darkness. Stories of that terrible day necessarily drift to tales of heroism, courage, dignity, faith, solidarity, hope, community. The church learned long ago through hard experience that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Perhaps the victims of 9/11 have gifts to bring that we are only just discovering as believers in a just and loving God. They are teaching us still, and today is a day for lighting candles at the table and being silent for a moment before the abundance of God's gifts. Today reminds us that we are capable of acts of indescribable beauty even in the face of great evil.

Parish Support

	August 30, 2020	2019
Basket	\$8,242.00	\$7,158.00
ACH	\$2,408.00	\$1,894.50
	September 6, 2020	2019
Basket	\$6,029.00	\$7,011.00
ACH	\$2,937.00	\$1,564.00
YTD	\$94,873.82	\$95,494.00

Parish Support

We are truly grateful to the many members of the Parish who have been so faithful and generous in using ACH accounts or mailing in their budget envelopes to help support the finances of the Parish. You can send us one check for your entire month's donation or you can open an ACH account by going to our website: **Instructions** and the **Online Giving** link can be found on our website:

www.stbernardnk.org/support-your-parish

Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter

We are always in need of new socks, bath towels, and backpacks, twin-sized bedding, hats, gloves, and cans of coffee, etc. Drop off items at the Parish Center or Church gathering space. Contact the office at 295-0387 for more information.

Shelter Guests Receive Assistance with:

- SNAP (Food Stamps) Applications
- Shower Facilities & Hygiene Products
- Access to Clothing Room
- ID Vouchers
- Obtaining Health Insurance
- Mental Health Referrals & Recovery Support
- Employment Search & Resumes
- Apartment Hunting & Applications
- Referrals to Diocese's Immigration Office
- Case Management Services & After Care
- Ability to take part in Community Garden

Senior Priest Retirement Fund

Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. A collection during the weekend of September 19 & 20 will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, a significant source of support for priests that provides for basic needs such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. Please consider your generous support of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades. For more information about the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, or to make a donation online, please visit

www.srpriestri.com.

St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Bin

We were notified recently that the Saint Vincent De Paul organization in Rhode Island has re-opened their collection bins. The bin on our property is now available for your donations of used clothing. As always, please do not leave any items outside of the bin.

The Sisters of the Cross and Passion



who served in this apostolate for many years, are preparing to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of the foundress of our religious order, Elisabeth Prout, on September 2, 2020.

We are happy to announce that her cause for beatification has begun and it is hoped that she will be canonized a saint in the near future.

May we please ask for your prayers as we celebrate both the anniversary of Elizabeth Prout's birthday and her cause for canonization.

For more information on the Sisters of the Cross & Passion contact the Sisters at: Sister-scp88@gmail.com