

Saint Bernard Church



July 18, 2021 Sixteenth 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:

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

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

Ponderings

I always enjoy the opportunities I have to greet parishioners as they are entering the church or are leaving at the end of Mass. When I see a few people together and stop by I am told things like, “We went to high school together.” Or “We live in the same neighborhood.” Or “We used to work together.” And I am sure there are so many other points of connection. I do believe the parish community can be a point of connection for everyone who enters. We come to this church as ‘brothers and sisters’ in the Lord----we all have that initial connection. Isn’t it wonderful to renew acquaintances? I have had the opportunity to meet a number of people who I knew from high school, college, previous pastoral assignments, etc. We like to be ‘connected’. What is it about ‘connection’ that we like-----perhaps we do like being ‘known’---even those who might consider themselves an ‘introvert’. It is a reminder that we are all made in the image and likeness of God and have great value. When I become ‘reacquainted’ or renew a friendship it is like a reminder that I have ‘great worth’.

I mentioned in last week’s Ponderings that ‘building community’ is a priority for me. You are going to hear me speak about building our parish community in these Ponderings and in other ways. We have a few initiatives that fit under this ‘umbrella’.....

St. Bernard Golf Tournament. Here is an opportunity to not only raise funds for our parish, but to work together with others on a planning committee, to participate as a golfer or non-golfer, to support this effort in a variety of ways. It is the chance to build a community of parishioners and friends of St. Bernard.

Parish Feast Cook Out. We have a parish cookout planned for the day after our Patronal Feast of St. Bernard. On Saturday, August 21st we have a ‘cook-out’ planned after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The Knights of Columbus will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Bring a lawn chair. We will also have tables and chairs set up in the parish center. Come to this event----meet parishioners, renew old friendships.

New Parents. We have scheduled an event for parents of children baptized since 2017. These would mostly be ‘toddlers’-----on Saturday, August 14th from 10:00-11:00 a.m. we will have a ‘meet and greet’ in the parish center. Many new families have moved to this area, quite a few have joined our parish and have had their children baptized at St. Bernard. We want to support them and help them to ‘network’ with other young parents.

“Young At Heart” ----coming in September. We will start a ‘senior citizens’ group in the parish that will meet monthly----ordinarily for a luncheon. I have already met with a small ‘advisory group’-----to get things started. We have a beautiful parish center----easily accessible. This is an opportunity for a group of those ‘young at heart’ to come together to renew acquaintances and meet parishioners. If you usually go to the same Mass each week you may not have had the opportunity to meet many other parishioners.

Certainly, coming out of a year of Covid, we know the importance of staying connected to others--- --to have some interaction----some fun, encouragement and support. Christ is the center of every group or activity in the parish and Christ is the center of our life as a parish----we are centered in the Eucharist. We know we come together as Jesus’ followers-----to be strengthened in our life of faith.

Stay tuned for more thoughts on ‘creating and fostering community’! Thank you for your support in this endeavor. We will be successful ‘together’!

Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, July 19

8:00 AM – *Sara & Elizabeth Sullivan*
by Arlene Gardiner

TUESDAY, July 20

8:00 AM – *Special Intention*

WEDNESDAY, July 21

8:00 AM – *Special Intention*

THURSDAY, July 22

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY, July 23

8:00 AM – *Rev. Frederick J. Halloran*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 24

5:00 PM – *Rev. Henry Shelly*

SUNDAY, July 25

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Rev. Charles Downing*

10:30 AM – *Margaret Gibbons*

by Dorothy Madusky

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Parish cookout

Parish Feast Day and Parish Cook-Out!

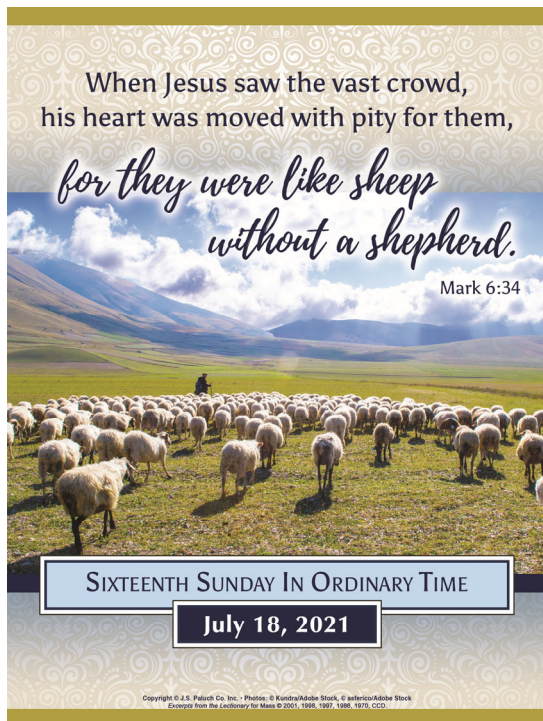
The Feast of St. Bernard is Friday, August 20th. On Saturday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass we will have a Parish Cook-Out! We will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and bottled water. You bring whatever your family wants for 'sides' or dessert. Bring a lawn chair! We will have entertainment on the lawn. We will also have the parish hall set up with tables and chairs---with air-conditioning. Come---meet other parishioners! Renew old acquaintances! Watch the bulletin for more information in the coming weeks. For now: **SAVE THE DATE: SAT. AUG. 21TH**. (even if you plan to go to Mass on Sunday morning----- come to the cookout at 6:00 p.m.)

Please return this form through the collection basket. (or e-mail the parish office) This will help us as we plan the amount of food to purchase!

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Yes.....we are coming to the parish cook-out on August 21St!



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Parish Support

	July 4, 2021	2020
Basket	\$6,700.00	\$8,089.00
ACH	\$3,564.00	\$2,244.82
	July 11, 2021	2020
Basket	\$7,574.00	\$7,545.00
ACH	\$2,477.00	\$2,307.00
YTD	\$20,315.00	\$20,185.82

Catholic Charity Appeal.

Our goal for this year is \$80,750. To date contributions from parishioners have totaled \$75,120 which is approximately 93% of goal. Thank you for your generosity! Beneficiaries of the Appeal include youth, elderly, seminarians, homeless, and so many more! Envelopes with donations can be placed in the collection baskets and we will forward them to the Chancery Office.

When a loved one is approaching death.....

- + Call the pastor to administer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. (this can be done any time we experience declining health, hospitalization, illness, etc.)
- + After your loved one's death you will contact the funeral home. The funeral director will call the church to arrange the day and time for the funeral. You will then be contacted by the parish for the planning of the Funeral Mass. (scripture readings, music, etc.)
- + As St. Bernard Church was so important to your loved one during this life, we are always so very grateful if you would consider listing 'St. Bernard Church' as a recipient of donations in your loved one's memory. We want our parish to remain vibrant and healthy for generations to come.

Progressive Raffle Part Two:

Congratulations to the following winners:
First Prize: \$1,500 winner: Prudencio Canlas;
Second Prize: \$700 winner: Gregory Reynolds;
Third Prize: \$500 winner: Shane Sullivan.

Progressive Jackpot Raffle(s). A Success! Thank you. A brief accounting:
For the first raffle we sold 250 tickets.
Gross income: \$12,500.
Prizes totaled \$4,700.
Expenses (postage, printing, etc.) totaled: \$484.
Net profit: \$7,316.

For the second raffle we sold 153 tickets.
Gross income: \$7650.
Prizes totaled \$2,700.
Expenses (postage, printing, etc.) totaled \$90.
Net profit: \$4,860.

Net profit (realized from both raffles: \$12,176).
That is a success!

Golf Tournament: Save the Date.

Our St. Bernard Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at Cranston Country Club at 1:30 p.m. For now----Save the Date (and tell your family and friends). For more information and to register please visit our website.

Golf Tournament: How Can I Help Make This a Success?

If you are a golfer----get a foursome together---register. If you are a golfer or a non-golfer---we need sponsors---a "tee sponsor", for example. We need gift cards, prizes, raffle and auction items. See the parish website for more information!

Golf Tournament Planning Meeting

Our Next Planning meeting will be held Monday, July 19th, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

Faith Formation 2021-2022

Faith Formation Registration

IT'S REGISTRATION TIME!!!!

Check out our website www.stbernardnk.org for all details about the changes to the program for this year. Please view the informational slideshow first for an explanation of how the program will be running this year and then review the instructions on how to register your child..

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 295-0387 or email at:

sbcreligiouseducation@gmail.com

Baby Bottle Boomerang

This pro-life activity will begin on the weekend of July 24/25. Take a "baby bottle" home after Mass. Fill it with your spare coins (cash or checks are also accepted). Return the bottle to church the next weekend. Your donation helps Right To Life Services----which provides pregnancy tests, ultrasounds in addition to maintaining the Maternity Hope Chest which helps mothers with diapers, wipes, clothing, blankets, bassinets and strollers and many other must have items. Thank you for your support!

Young Parents and Families

Meet and Greet. Saturday August 14th (10:00-11:00 a.m.) Young parents and their 'young' children are invited to a "Meet and Greet" with Fr. Gaffney. There will be a short presentation and time for 'informal networking' with other young parents. (We will send out a letter to those parents who have had their children baptized at St. Bernard since January 2017.) Please join us with your newborn---Age 5 children.....(and older siblings!) For now: **SAVE THE DATE, SATURDAY AUGUST 14TH**. Light refreshments will be available. We will use both the Church Hall and the area outside the Hall.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration at the Cathedral

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment is hosting the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration to honor couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2021. The celebration will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist. You must register with the parish: please call the parish office or e-mail the parish office if you would like to attend this special celebration.

Becoming a Catholic—or "making up my sacraments" **Where do I begin?**

Are you someone who was baptized a Catholic but have not received First Communion or Confirmation? Are you someone who was baptized in another Christian church and would like to become Catholic? Are you someone who has never been baptized? The Church has a program known by the initials, R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is a process---a series of classes----whereby you prepare to receive one or more of the following: Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation. After a time of preparation, you would receive these sacraments at the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday). This celebration for adults receiving sacraments happens in Catholic churches all of the world at the Easter Vigil! Yes, you can receive these sacraments as adults! Maybe you are embarrassed because you have not received these sacraments---don't be embarrassed! Maybe you are unsure if you can 'learn what you need to know'---don't be worried---we'll help you through! Maybe you are worried about what others may think--don't worry what others might think----you are doing this to grow in your faith---to grow closer to God! Don't let any stumbling blocks get in the way! This might be the opportunity you have been waiting for! Classes will begin in the Fall. Before that time, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Gaffney. He can answer any questions you may have.