

# Saint Bernard Church



## June 19, 2022 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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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](http://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](mailto:sbcreligiouseducation@gmail.com)

Confirmation Grades 8 & 9: [sbc.teenff@gmail.com](mailto:sbc.teenff@gmail.com)

Gospel Weeklies Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7:  
[stbernardgospelweeklies@gmail.com](mailto:stbernardgospelweeklies@gmail.com)

## *Ponderings*

Happy Father's Day! We wish all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, stepfathers and so many other 'father figures' a wonderful day with family. We keep in our prayers all of our fathers who have died. My own dad died in 1995. It is hard to believe he has been gone for so many years. If he were still alive, he'd be 109 years old!

I was thinking about the topic for this week's 'Ponderings' and came up with this question: What is the role of the father in passing on the faith to his children? It might be a question that we reflect upon as we honor our fathers. How did they help me grow in my faith? How did they convey to me the importance of coming to Mass and receiving the other sacraments?

I came across a study about the 'generational transmission of faith and religious values' that was conducted in Europe in 1994. The findings were released in 2000. The author of the article about this study does admit that it is a rather obscure study---but one worth considering!

In short, the study reveals: "It is the religious practice of the father of the family that, above all, determines the future attendance at or absence from church of the children." That caught my attention. I had always thought that mothers had a more prominent role in the passing on of the faith. So.....I read more of the article!

The study reports:

1. If both father and mother attend regularly, 33 percent of their children will end up as regular churchgoers, and 41 percent will end up attending irregularly. Only a quarter of their children will end up not practicing at all.
2. If the father is irregular and mother regular, only 3 percent of the children will subsequently become regulars themselves, while a further 59 percent will become irregulars. Thirty-eight percent will be lost.
3. If the father is non-practicing and mother regular, only 2 percent of children will become regular worshippers and 37 percent will attend regularly. Over 60 percent of their children will be lost completely to the church.

What happens if the father is regular but the mother irregular or non-practicing? Amazingly, the percentage of children becoming regular goes up from 33 percent to 38 percent with the irregular mother and up to 44 percent with the non-practicing. This suggests that loyalty to the father's commitment grows in response to the mother's laxity or indifference to religion.

In short, if a father does not go to church---no matter how faithful his wife's devotions---only one child in 50 will become a regular worshiper. If a father does go regularly, regardless of the practice of the mother, between two thirds and three quarters of their children will become churchgoers (regular and irregular).

Certainly, both the practice of the father and mother has an impact on their children when it comes to practicing the faith. This study was just "food for thought"-----for Father's Day-----considering the role fathers play in passing on the faith.

I do not hold that every study has 100 percent accuracy. (This study included a variety of Christian groups/ it was not exclusively a 'Catholic' group that was studied). I do think that it is worth our own reflection on the role our fathers played in passing on the faith-----and how fathers today are called upon to take that role of passing on the faith with humility, honesty and conviction. Thanks, Dads..... for helping to pass on the faith.

Fr. Gaffney  
"Spiritual Father"



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, June 20**

8:00 AM – *Enrico Garzilli*

**TUESDAY, June 21**

8:00 AM – *Rev. William Halligan*

**WEDNESDAY, June 22**

8:00 AM – *Rev. John McKenna*

**THURSDAY, June 23**

8:00 AM – *Rev. James Tiernan*

**FRIDAY, June 24**

8:00 AM – *Rev. John Cooney*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, June 25**

5:00 PM – *Mary DiDonato*  
by her family

**SUNDAY, June 26**

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Kathryn Simkevich*  
by the Connor family

10:30 AM – *Margaret A. Gibbons*  
First Anniversary by her family

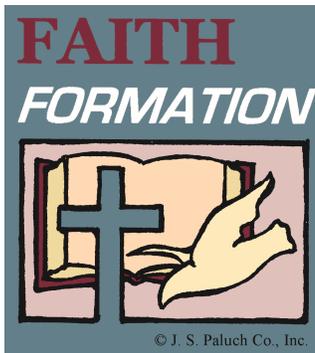
## Congratulations

“Congratulations to the recipients of this year’s St. Bernard Scholarship awards: Amanda Miccolis, Emily Baierlein and Andrew Harmon . Good luck to them and to all graduating high school seniors of the parish.”



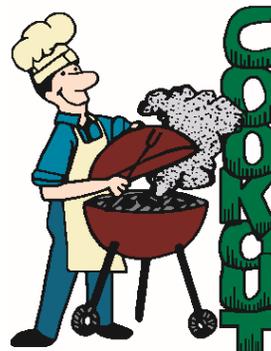
## Faith Formation 2022-2023

*It's Registration Time!!!!*



Check out our website 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.

## Save the Date: St. Bernard Parish Feast Picnic: Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.



After the 5:00 p.m. Mass we will have our parish picnic---hamburgers, hotdogs, water will be provided. Start time is approximately 6:00 p.m. Bring the whole family!

### Parish Support

	June 5, 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,744.00	\$10,005.00
ACH	\$3,084.00	\$2,588.00
	June 12, 2022	2021
Basket	\$6,862.00	\$6,882.00
ACH	\$2,541.00	\$2,707.00
YTD	\$525,537.00	\$492,613.00

### Catholic Charity Appeal

The 2022 Catholic Charity Appeal Goal for St. Bernard Parish is \$80,750. Previous donors were contacted by mail and many of you have sent in your contribution already! As of June 2nd parishioners had pledged \$76,506 towards our goal. Thank you!

Remember St. Bernard Church in your will and estate planning. Thank you.

### Update: Emergency Food Collection for St. Martin De Porres Senior Center

Thank you for your donations for this 'emergency request'. One of our parishioners generously volunteered to bring the food in his van to the Senior Center. Two 'shipments' have been made. We will continue to receive donations through the end of June. (We will have participated in this emergency appeal for the months of April, May and June). Once again, we are grateful for your response to this request!

### A Father's' Prayer

*O God, Giver of Life and Father of us all, help me to be the kind of father to my children that You are to me.*

*May I love them unconditionally, forgive them when they fail, counsel them when they doubt, lift them up when they fall, guide them in the darkness and walk beside them in the light.*

*Show me, Loving Father, how to teach them, to play with them, to share with them and to pray with them. Thank You for my children; thank You for my role as a father. Amen.*

### Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place immediately after the morning Mass on Tuesdays (approximately 8:30 a.m.) Benediction and reposition at 11:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for quiet, prayerful reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.

### St Bernard Second Annual Golf Tournament

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Sunday, October 2, 2022**  
**Golf, Dinner, Contests, Prizes**



If you played last year, please join us again. If you did not play, please join us this year! A great time was had by all! Meet fellow parishioners. Enjoy the day! Look for additional information in coming weeks.

**Altar Server Training (Re-refresh!)**  
**Saturday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m.**



**Altar Servers**

Please call the parish office to register. Any boy or girl who has made their First Holy Communion is eligible.

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**Knights of Columbus Hall Rental**

Hold your next event at the Knights of Columbus Council Hall, located at 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. The hall is air conditioned and holds up to 80 people comfortably seated. There is a full bar, staffed with a bartender at \$75.00 per length of event if requested. Rates are \$75.00 per hour minimum 2 hours. You may set up your event with decorations on the day of the event or before. Clean up is included. Renter may bring in food or non-alcoholic beverages. List of caterers provided upon request. For further information, please contact us at 401-295-0507

**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.

**North Kingstown Food Pantry**

Your financial donations help stock the Pantry's shelves. These donations stretch the pantry's food dollar because they can purchase food at deeply discounted prices from the Rhode Island Community Food Bank and from generous local partners in the food industry.

Food donations can be brought to the Church and placed in the bins in the gathering space.

For more information please visit:

**[www.nkfoodpantry.org/](http://www.nkfoodpantry.org/)**

**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.

**Our Lady of Czestochowa**  
**Polish Festival**

Will be held on Saturday, June 25, from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM on the school grounds located at 222 Mac Arthur Blvd, Coventry. Come and enjoy Polish/American Food, Games, Raffles, Cow Chip Bingo and much more. Visit **[olcsvp.org](http://olcsvp.org)** for more information.