

Saint Bernard Church



January 22, 2023
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor, Emeritus

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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

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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

This week's "Ponderings" column is a 'potpourri' or 'smorgasbord'---three topics united only by the theme that all that is described happens during the month of January!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week is an annual initiative led by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) to celebrate the excellence and impact of Catholic schools. Each year, Catholic schools observe the celebration through a variety of activities, emphasizing the importance of Catholic education. The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week, which runs from January 29-February 4, is: "Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service." Our Catholic Schools are places where faith is celebrated, where excellence in encouraged and service to others is a priority. I suspect that those three words capture the reasons why so many families choose a Catholic School education for their children. In the United States there are 1,835,376 students enrolled in Catholic Schools in this present academic year. We are grateful for the rich history of Catholic School education in the Diocese of Providence. The first Catholic School in the United States was in 1783 in Philadelphia. Yes, Catholic Schools have a long history in our country. We offer our support and encouragement to the elementary and secondary Catholic Schools in our local area---where a number of our families send their children.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

Every year during the month of January, there is a "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity". This year the week is January 18-25th. The theme is "Do good; seek justice"----which is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 1:17. It reflects the prophet's concern for the oppressed who suffer from injustice and inequality fed by hypocrisy that leads to disunity. He teaches that God requires righteousness and justice from all of us, to create the peace and unity that God desires. I found a couple of interesting examples of ecumenical activity that has taken place in recent months. The first: Pope Francis decided to give the Greek Orthodox archbishop of Athens, His Beatitude Ieronymos II, three fragments of Parthenon sculptures that have been kept in the Vatican Museums for centuries. He is doing this as "a concrete sign of a sincere desire to continue on the ecumenical journey of witness to the truth." When the two leaders met in Athens last year Pope Francis apologized for past actions and decisions by the Catholic Church "that had little or nothing to do with Jesus and the Gospel, but were instead marked by a thirst for advantage and power and gravely weakened our communion." The second: In ecumenical discussions at the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury, England, last August, Justin Welby, archbishop of Canterbury, has said that most Anglicans recognize the pope as "the father of the Church in the West." The Lambeth Conference brings together more than 600 bishops representing Christian communities from the Anglican Communion for a program of lectures and discussions on a range of topics.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. REMEMBRANCE

On January 16th we celebrated the holiday in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King. You may have seen the large memorial statue "The Embrace" that was unveiled recently on the Boston Common. The bronze, 20-foot tall and 40-foot wide sculpture is the largest monument in the country dedicated to racial equity. The sculpture symbolizes the hug King shared with his wife after he won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and celebrates their time together in Boston. The couple met while he was getting his doctorate at Boston University and she was at the New England Conservatory. One of the Kings' first dates was on the Boston Common. So many of Dr. King's quotes are worth our reflection---in our own day. He wrote, "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." And this one: "We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now." We do need to reflect on that which unites us and the call to express love, not hate or violence or death. Enjoy the "potpourri" this week!

--Fr. Gaffney

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 23

8:00 AM – *Rev. Raymond Tetrault*

TUESDAY, January 24

8:00 AM – *Holy Innocents of Abortion*

WEDNESDAY, January 25

8:00 AM – *Robert A. Sherman*

THURSDAY, January 26

8:00 AM – *Theodore McKendall (L)*
by his family

FRIDAY, January 27

8:00 AM – *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 28

5:00 PM – *Raymond Elson*
by Martin & Brooke Elson

SUNDAY, January 29

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Bowan Family*

8:30 AM – *Rose Audette*
by the Miccolis family

10:30 AM – *Meghan Cooney*
by her family

Save the Dates

of July 21st-23rd for our Summer High School Trip to Steubenville East in Springfield, MA. We will be having a short informational meeting following the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday, February 26th for those student(s) who are interested and their parent. For questions contact Christina at

sbc.teenff@gmail.com

or check out the website at

<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/conf-east/>

Soup-er Bowl! (Super Bowl!) Outreach to help the Poor.

From January 1st through February 12th (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 11/12 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). Our Soup-er Bowl event is our initiative! Thanks for your support!

Holy Mass of Reception welcoming Bishop Richard G. Henning as Coadjutor Bishop of Providence

All are welcome

Join us for a Holy Mass of Reception to welcome Bishop Richard G. Henning as Coadjutor Bishop of Providence on Thursday, January 26 at 2 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence. As seating may be limited, we encourage all attendees to be seated in the Cathedral by 1:30 p.m. There will be virtually no parking in the area of the Cathedral. Self-Parking has been reserved at the Convention Center Garage (entrance on West Exchange Street) for a special rate of \$12 or Valet Parking is available at the Omni Hotel Providence, West Exchange Street, for a special rate of \$10. As a courtesy, free shuttles will be provided to transport guests between the Omni Hotel (and adjacent Convention Center parking) and the Cathedral from 11:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. A parking validation ticket for the discounted rate of \$12 will be provided to you on the shuttle bus.

A public reception with Bishop Henning will follow at the Omni Hotel Providence from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, including parking/shuttle details, please visit

dioceseofprovidence.org/jan26.

Can't join us at the Cathedral Mass? Watch the live stream on the diocesan YouTube channel, [youtube.com/DioceseofProvidenceRI](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofProvidenceRI).

Parish Support

	January 8, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,463.00	\$5,694.00
ACH	\$2,051.00	\$2,720.00
	January 15, 2023	2022
Basket	\$6,055.00	\$7,019.00
ACH	\$3,401.00	\$2,460.00
YTD	\$303,745.00	\$301,266.00

Annual Collection Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Annual Collection. This important source of income for our parish has been growing each year. It helps us to maintain our financial viability as a parish. To date we have received: \$69,068 from 268 families. Last year the grand total for the Annual Collection was: \$63,914. Contributions continue to be gratefully accepted.

Income Tax Statements

We will not be mailing out donation statements for Income Tax purposes to all our parishioners. The cost of mailing hundreds of statements is no longer affordable for us. If you would like us to mail you your statement, please contact the office by phone (295-0387) or e-mail us at **sbc.pa@verizon.net** We will be happy to send it out to you.

2023 March for Life Bus Pilgrimage to D.C., January 19-20

The annual March for Life Bus Trip joins Servants of Christ for Life in collaboration with the Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family Ministry on a charter bus to D.C. This year's event is both the 50th anniversary of the March and an opportunity to pilgrimage to give thanks to God for the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

We leave Rhode Island Thursday morning, Jan. 19, and stay overnight in a Knights of Columbus Hall in Maryland and then join the March for Life on Friday morning, Jan. 20. We return to Rhode Island early Saturday, Jan. 21. Cost: \$200 per person.

Trip/schedule includes:

- -Bus transportation
- -Dinner Thursday and breakfast Friday, provided by the Knights
- -Overnight lodging Thursday night, provided by the Knights
- -Pro-Life speaker on Thursday night
- -Thursday evening and Friday morning Holy Masses
- -Marching in the historic March for Life Friday

To register, please contact:

Tyler Rowley, Servants for Christ for Life, at 401-290-7201 /t3rowley@gmail.com or Lisa Cooley, Coordinator, diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry, 401-278-2518 / lcooley@dioceseofprovidence.org.

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

Young at Heart February Luncheon

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 (sign in at 11:30 AM)

Menu: To Be Determined

Name (s): _____

Cost: \$14.00 per person. Cash: _____ Check _____ (Made out to St. Bernard)

Please respond by Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Faith Formation

Weather related Class Cancellations!
Please log on to www.turnto10.com
or the local TV/Radio Channels for updates

GOSPEL WEEKLIES PROGRAM

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

In-person class schedule
9:30-10:30 am

Class today: 1/22/2023
Next in Person Class: 2/5/23

*** Return completed assignments to next in-person class*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Grades 2, 8, 9

Next in person class: 1/29/2023

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.

RI Catholic Subscription Drive

Rhode Island Catholic's annual subscription drive is underway. Your diocesan newspaper depends on its faithful readers to continue its 146-year mission of bringing the good news of the church directly to you. If you are interested in starting a new subscription or continuing to receive Rhode Island Catholic in your mailbox each week, please either drop the specially marked parish budget envelope into the collection basket at Mass, call the Circulation Manager, Sue Richard at 401-272-1010, x 0, or visit the paper's website:

www.thericatholic.com

and click on subscribe to order and pay for a subscription. The cost of a year of in-home delivery of the newspaper is only \$30.

Online payments, checks or money orders (made payable to Rhode Island Catholic) is preferred.

The Visitation of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, January 7 through Sunday, February 5
The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting our diocese in various parishes throughout Rhode Island from Saturday, January 7 through Sunday, February 5, 2023. The image is an exact replica of the original image of Our Lady which She left on the Tilma of St. Juan Diego in December 1531. The image is among four blessed at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico by the Rector of the Basilica, Msgr. Monroy, to bring conversions, reverence for life, sanctity of the family and solidarity of the Church in America. The Missionary Images are known to have been associated with many miracles and healings. The schedule and locations will be available beginning January 3 by contacting the diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry at

401-278-2518

LCooley@dioceseofprovidence.org,
and by visiting the diocesan website at
dioceseofprovidence.org/OLG.

It will be at St. Bernard's on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

St Mary Academy Bay View

St. Mary Academy – Bay View's Lower School, pre-K through Grade 5, invites you to Open Campus on Tuesday, January 31st at 8:30 AM. To learn more about our Lower School or to pre-register for Open Campus, go to:

baybiewacademy.org.

Grief Support Group.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please contact the parish office by phone or e-mail to let us know if you want to be part of the group.

Stormy Weather and Daily Mass

If the public schools in North Kingstown are closed 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.