

Saint Bernard Church



January 14, 2024 Second 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:

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

Have you come up with a list of your New Year's Resolutions yet? Is procrastination one of them? Just kidding! I join the list of many who hope to lose weight---too many Christmas cookies!

How about considering a few "religious resolutions" for the coming year? I have been 'pondering' a few of these and offer them for your consideration.

1. Come to Sunday Mass every week. When I was a newly ordained priest, I thought that there were two kinds of Catholics. The first group was all of those who came to Mass every week. The second group was all of those who came for Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Easter. I didn't realize that there is a third group. I call them the 'occasional attendees.' What do I mean by that? I do think that there are many people who come to Sunday Mass occasionally---once or twice a month, perhaps. Why not every week, you may ask. My thoughts---not based on scientific study----just my own observations and conversations over the years---its that 'other things' become priorities and Mass takes second or third place. Many people come to Mass during the time of year when we have Faith Formation classes, for example, but don't come to Mass during the summer. Many people are committed to their children's sports and activities schedules---and these can conflict with Mass. Some people choose something else to do---golf, go grocery shopping, mow the lawn. When we are sick, we are excused from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass. It is not about me! It is about Jesus Christ. It is about the graces that can be received by coming to Mass----to hear the Word proclaimed and receive the Eucharist. It is about how your regular attendance will shape and form the person you become---are becoming. There are plenty of other 'elements' in our culture that are forming us---often without our conscious reflection about what they are. Why not place the "one hour" of Sunday Mass (or Saturday vigil Mass) into your schedule for 2024.

2. Receive the other sacraments. Commit yourself in 2024 to come to the sacrament of Reconciliation--especially if it has been a while. If you have not had your child baptized---and may be embarrassed because they are now two or three years old----please contact us---we will help you, guide you---we welcome you. If you have not received the sacrament of Confirmation---for whatever reason---let us know---we can help you advise you on what to do next. If you are experiencing a decline in health---especially if you have entered 'hospice care'---please call for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Some people have an 'older understanding' of "Last Rites"-----the sacrament allows for anointing when a person's health is in decline. If you or a loved one would like to receive this sacrament---please call the parish office. It is always an 'added benefit' when the person being anointed is conscious---and can hear the prayers, and perhaps even respond to them.

3. Pray in 2024! There are many ways to pray. There are formal prayers and there are the 'heartfelt words of conversation' I have with God. Some people say, "I want to pray more?" A spiritual director friend of mine when I was working in Rome would always ask the person, "How much more?" ---five minutes more, one hour more, five hours more? The desire to pray is a great start---but then you need to start. I have a suggestion I often offer---and that is to do a short reflection---an examination of conscience before going to bed. You can 'count on three fingers'----the first: Tell God one thing you are thankful for that happened that day. Second: Tell God one thing you are sorry for that you did that day. Third: Tell God one thing you hope for in the coming day. Yes.....pray more! But, might I humbly suggest, take small steps.....first.

4. Finally---and the list of possible resolutions could go on! My list is not exhaustive by any means! Get involved in the life of the parish! This coming year we celebrate our 150 Anniversary. It is a wonderful milestone! Where will we be in 25 years? 50 years? 100 years? I would suggest it depends on the work of the Holy Spirit....and your commitment to become actively involved---to see opportunities to grow in faith, to create community, to reach out to those in need. We need to be 'intentional' about our Mission to proclaim the Good News---or we will perish. Maintenance does not work. Mission does.

See you on the treadmill! How many minutes on the treadmill burns off the calories of one Christmas cookie? Does anyone know! While on that treadmill---ponder a few religious resolutions!

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 15

8:00 AM — Tom Orsi
by Gerry Grabowski & Chris Kosak

TUESDAY, January 16

8:00 AM – *Innocents of Abortion*

WEDNESDAY, January 17

8:00 AM – *Special Intention*

THURSDAY, January 18

8:00 AM – *Sharon Arnold*
Birthday Remembrance by her mother

FRIDAY, January 19

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Bowen family*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 20

5:00 PM – *Mary DiDonato*

SUNDAY, January 21

7:00 AM – *Robert A. Sherman*

8:30 AM – *Teresa Trabucco*
by her family

10:30 AM – *Patricia Saunders*
by the Gibbons Family

St. Bernard Church

Celebrates 150 Years

1874—2024 : MISSION 150



Watch for upcoming announcements of special events and programs for 2024!

Fr. Albino: “Visiting Professor”

For the second semester (February-June) Fr. Albino Barrera, OP, who celebrates Mass on Sundays, will be a “Visiting Professor” at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum) in Rome. Many of the seminarians of our diocese have studied and are presently studying at the Angelicum. We send him on his way with our prayers and in gratitude for the weekly help he provides our parish. While he is away, we will have the assistance of two Dominican Fathers from Providence College.

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.

The Visitation of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Friday, January 5 through Wednesday, January 31
The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting our diocese in various parishes throughout Rhode Island from Friday, January 5 through Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

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 Image will be here at St. Bernard’s on **Tuesday, January 16** during adoration. The schedule and locations can be found by visiting the diocesan website at

<https://dioceseofprovidence.org/OLG>

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

Parish Support

December 24, 2023 2022

Basket	\$7,162.00	\$8,828.00
ACH	\$2,879.00	\$2,215.00

December 31, 2023 2022

Basket	\$6,234.50	\$11,517.00
ACH	\$3,634.00	\$3,671.00
YTD	\$286,402.50	\$283,605.00

Annual Collection

Participation is its own goal. We are grateful for all who have sent in a contribution to our annual collection. Do you think we could get 100% participation? How about 75% or 50%? Are you able to participate? Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted. As of now 241 households have donated. Imagine what might be contributed if everyone of our 1,400 families participated. Your contribution is an important factor in maintaining our financial viability as a parish.

Debt Reduction Collection

December Total: \$4,750.00
Year-To-Date: \$24,384.00

Thank you for your generous response to this monthly collection!

Worship 101

Finding More Meaning in the Mass (An Adult Faith Formation program). The meetings will be on **Tuesdays at 7:00 PM**, in the parish hall. The schedule is:

January 16, January 30
February 13, February 27, March 19

Grief Group

The schedule of meetings are:

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30:

February 6, March 12,
April 16, May 14

If anyone would like more information about the group, please see Fr. Gaffney.



Fr. Gaffney giving the Benediction at the Town of North Kingstown 350th

Mission 150: 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, January 27 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, 2024 through February 11, 2024 (Super Bowl Sunday). Thank you for your generosity as we reach out to those in need.

Family Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Faith Formation 2023-2024

Weather related Class Cancellations! Please go to <https://turnto10.com/> or the local TV/Radio Channels for updates

Gospel Weeklies Program

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

In-person class schedule 9:25-10:25 am

Next Class: 1/21/2024

** Return completed assignments to next in-person class

Sacramental Preparation Program

Grade 2: First Reconciliation 1/20/2024,
10:30 AM in the church

Grades 2, 8, 9

In-person class schedule: 9:30-10:45

Next Class: 1/28/2024

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.

K of C Pasta Supper (Public Invited)



The Knights of Columbus will hold a Pasta Supper at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Saturday, January 20th from 5:30PM-7:30PM. Pasta, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, coffee and dessert will be

served. The cost is \$18 at the door per person.

Tickets are available for pre-sale for \$15 per person the weekend of January 13/14th after all Masses. Children 6 and under are free. All proceeds will go to the North Kingstown Catholic Teen Life group that benefits St. Bernard and St. Francis de Sales churches.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

On Monday, January 15, the Parish Office will be closed and our daily Mass will be at 8:00 AM.

Teen Life Ministry

St. Bernard, together with St. Francis de Sales Parish, is offering a new program called Teen Life Ministry. This ministry is open to any current middle school or high school students. This will be an opportunity for local teens to socialize, share their faith, and get involved in community service. The ministry will meet once a month throughout the school year on a Friday or Sunday evening. Meetings will be held at either St. Bernard's or St. Francis de Sales on a rotating basis. This will be an uplifting and fun ministry. No commitment is necessary. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Christina Pichette at

sbc.teenff@gmail.com

The next Teen Life Ministry gathering will take place at St. Francis de Sales parish center on Friday, January 19th from 6PM-7:30PM. For a list of all the upcoming dates, please refer to our website:

<https://www.stbernardnk.org/youth-ministry/>

Steubenville East 2024

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville East in Springfield, MA on the weekend of July 26th-28th to be illuminated in the light of Christ. All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this retreat with our group which features live music and dynamic speakers. We will be having two interest meetings which are open to students and a parent. The first will be at St. Francis de Sales following the January Teen Life meeting (1/19) from 7:30-8PM. The second will be on Sunday, January 28th following the 10:30AM Mass in the Parish Center. For more information contact Christina Pichette at

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