

Saint Bernard Church



February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

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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

How is Lent going? Are you enjoying the Magnificat Lenten Companion? Have you been able to put together a “Lenten Program”---consciously making choices about prayer, fasting and almsgiving?

Lent began with the word “Repent”---Jesus calls us to repentance. So, what is it? What do we mean by repentance? I suspect we all have a few general ideas about what repentance means---but our understanding can be deepened.

Here are a few thoughts about ‘repentance’:

1. Part of engaging in ‘repentance’ is to “name our sin”. It is an act of both humility and honesty to actually put a name to our sin. That is why it is important in the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation to ‘speak out loud---our sins’, in other words, to ‘name them’. It can be tempting to put a ‘spin’ our ‘sin’ in such a way that it does not even appear to be a sin.
2. Confess our sin. We can do this sacramentally. We can also do it with a trusted relative or friend--to admit to what we have done. Telling another person can help us be more accountable---that person may also be helpful as I ‘turn away’ from sin.
3. If found out, then we ‘come clean’. It is best to take ownership of our sin before we are ‘found out’. For example, it is best to tell a sibling that we took something of theirs without asking (stealing)---“I took \$5.00 from your wallet”. We take responsibility for our actions by telling the person impacted.
4. Willingness to make amends. Are we ready to ‘make amends’---try to repair damage that has been done to a relationship by my sin? We can, for example, start to repay the \$5.00 I took.
5. Be patient with those we have hurt. It is quite possible that sin ‘crossed a line’ and that trust was damaged. In the case of the sibling who took \$5.00----I might need to be patient as the person impacted begins to trust me again. This can take time. They might feel the sting of the mistrust for some time.
6. Grieve the consequences of our sin. Do not resent them. I can ‘grieve’ that what was once a ‘strong relationship’ with my sibling has now been ‘lessened’ in some way. I grieve the loss of what I had before the sin. I might be angry at the consequences----why do they have to be so bad? so hurtful? I need to accept that there are consequences to my sin.
7. If it involves some ‘addiction’ that I choose to seek help (professional help). If my sin, let’s use the example of ‘gambling’---that has become addictive----I have sinned through my lack of good stewardship of my resources –and perhaps not providing adequately for those in my care. For example, a parent who is addicted to gambling and loses money that was supposed to go to pay for the bills---to provide for the basic necessities of the family.
8. We don’t resent accountability. Repentance means I accept what changes might need to be made in my life. For example, with the theft of my sibling’s money, perhaps I am not allowed in their room unless they are also in the room.
9. Seek comfort in God and not just in being ‘free through my reconciliation’ with the other person/people. God is part of the equation. We address God in prayer, “I have sinned against you and my brothers and sisters.”
10. I become humble and teachable. In my act of repentance I am humbling myself and also admitting that I need to learn a different way, a new way, a new approach to what could be a similar situation. In our Act of Contrition I promise to ‘amend’ my life.....that is, to change in some way, go about it in a different way.

Repentance is a ‘multi-faceted’ endeavor---our reflection on what it means in our lives can indeed bear great fruit. It can point out aspects of my life and how I engage in relationships that can make me a healthier and happier and more virtuous person. That’s what Lent is about!

--Fr. Gaffney

Soup & Scripture Series: March 9

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 26

8:00 AM — *Anna Keenan*

TUESDAY, February 27

8:00 AM — *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

WEDNESDAY, February 28

8:00 AM — *Joan Keenan*

THURSDAY, February 29

8:00 AM — *Jane Walwood*
by Mary & Ken McKay

FRIDAY, March 1

8:00 AM — *Ben Delaney*
by his family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 2

5:00 PM — *Robert Conboy*
by Luke & Janet Conboy

SUNDAY, March 3

7:00 AM — *Maria Carvalho*

8:30 AM — *William Linehan*

10:30 AM — *Charles Blount*

St. Bernard Church

Celebrates 150 Years

1874—2024 : MISSION 150



If you did not receive our recent mailing about the 150th anniversary (with calendar of events) please see Fr. Gaffney after Mass----we have extra copies. !

Coffee & Donuts

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for next weekend, **March 3**, after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Come spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners.



Reunion

Join us at this month's coffee and donuts for a "Mini-Reunion" of anyone who has in the past or is now a member of the choir and/or folk group as part of our MISSION 150 Events!

Lenten Soup Lunch at St. Paul's (Episcopal) Church

We have been invited to a 'soup lunch' on Wednesday, February 28th at Noon to St. Paul's. Several clergy/pastors from various churches in the area will be there---for a 'question and answer' period. If you would like to attend, please let me know (as soon as possible)---call the parish office on Monday to let us know.

March 150th Event History of St. Bernard Church

On Tuesday, March 5th, Rev. Robert Hayman, professor emeritus of History at Providence College, will give a talk at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center on "History of St. Bernard Church". Father Hayman has written a multi-volume history of the Diocese of Providence. We will have coffee and dessert available beginning at 6:15 p.m. Join us! Learn more about 'your parish roots'!

Worship 101

Please note: We will not meet on **Tuesday, February 27th** because of the Parish Lenten Mission. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 19th.

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

Parish Support

February 11, 2024 2023

Basket	\$9,298.00	\$6,698.00
ACH	\$2,734.00	\$2,474.00

February 18, 2024 2023

Basket	\$6,321.00	\$5,824.00
ACH	\$3,279.00	\$3,384.00

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Stations of the Cross

In case you can't be with us for Stations of the Cross on Friday mornings immediately after the 8:00 a.m. morning Mass, here are some local options:

Our Lady of Mercy (East Greenwich) at 7:00 p.m.
St. Francis De Sales (N. Kingstown) at 7:00 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi (Wakefield) at 7:00 p.m.

Grief Group

The schedule of meetings are **Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30**, March 12, April 16, May 14. If anyone would like more information about the group, please see Fr. Gaffney.

K of C 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 with minimum of 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. A great place to hold parties such as:

Birthday Parties, Retirement Parties, Monthly Meetings, Wedding Receptions, Family Gatherings, Baby Showers, Educational Classes.
For further information, please contact us at 401-295-0507

Lent at St. Bernard 2024

Mission 150

Weekdays: Mass at 8:00 a.m. *Come for Morning Mass, Monday-Friday at 8:00 a.m.*

The Magnificat Lenten Companion. *Pick up a copy of this publication with daily reflections. One per household, please.*

Stations of the Cross. *This devotional prayer will take place on Friday mornings immediately after the Morning Mass. (This has worked out well for the past three years)*

Lenten Mission: *February 24-28th. Rev. James Quigley, OP will preach the Lenten Mission. He will preach at all weekend masses; then Monday-Wednesday there will be a 7:00 p.m. Mass with 'mission homily'; in addition—The Sacrament of Penance will be available Monday-Wednesday 6:15-6:45 p.m. (2 priests available)*

Soup and Scripture Series. *Fr. Gaffney will offer a "Bible Study" focusing on the Gospel of Mark on three Saturdays at noon. A simple meal of 'soup' will be offered. The dates are:*

February 24, March 9 and March 23.

Bring your Bible. Arrive at the parish center 11:30-11:45. Each session will begin at noon and end at 1:00 p.m. A free will offering will be accepted. Please call, e-mail, or return response slip in the bulletin to the parish center one week in advance.

Rice Bowls. *These will be available if you would like to use them for 'sacrificial giving' during Lent.*

Sacrament of Penance. *We will increase the time available on Saturday afternoons. We will add 30 minutes to the time for 'confessions'. For the Saturdays of Lent, we will offer the Sacrament of Penance from 3:30-4:30 p.m.*

St. Bernard Scholarship Fund

Applications are now available on the Parish web site and at the Parish Center for graduating high school seniors of the Parish. Three \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded in June 2024. To be considered, completed applications must be returned by April 15, 2024.

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: 2/25/2024

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

Sacramental Preparation Program

Grades 2, 8, 9

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

Next Class: 3/10/2024

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.

Bishop Hendricken Open House

Bishop Hendricken High School will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, March 10th, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. This event will give families the opportunity to tour our facilities and receive information on our academics, admission procedures, financial aid, student life, transportation and college placement. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 401.889.5425.

Save The Date

On May 4, 2024, the Men of St Joseph International in conjunction with the diocese of Providence will hold its annual men's conference at the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Larry Richards, a nationally known dynamic Catholic men's conference speaker. Rev. Christopher Murphy, Rector, Seminary of Our Lady of Providence and chaplain for the Men of St Joseph will also speak. Most Reverend Bishop Richard G Henning will be the main Mass celebrant. For more information and to register online, visit:

www.mosji.org/events.php

or send an email to mosji72@gmail.com.

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 student. 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 on Sunday, March 10, from 6PM-7:30PM. For a list of all the upcoming dates, please refer to our website:

www.stbernardnk.org/youth-ministry/

The 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal

Support for Seminarians



Each time a man has the opportunity to answer God's call to the priesthood, you make a difference. Together as a Catholic Community of Hope, we can provide support to seminarians currently studying to become priests in the Diocese of Providence. Please support vocations with a generous gift to the 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal at:

Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA

Lenten Fast & Abstinence Regulations

A gentle reminder that Church law requires abstinence from meat, meat soups or other dishes made from meat (for those 14 and older) on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days. Adults between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less: that means, take no solid food between meals and only one meal that day should be a full one. Those with special health restrictions should always follow their doctor's advice before fasting.

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