

Saint Bernard Church



March 3, 2024
Third 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 your Lenten Pilgrimage going? Are you enjoying the Magnificat Companion? Have you found time to pray? How about daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.----a good opportunity. Or the Stations of the Cross after Mass on Friday. On the second Friday of Lent, we had a very sizeable crowd for morning Mass--- I think---by my best estimate-- there were about 100 people at morning Mass and approximately 75 of them were able to stay for the Stations of the Cross. Continue to see the Lord's invitation to grow in deeper friendship with him during Lent as you take up prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Lent is also a good time to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We can always benefit by an examination of conscience before we come to confess our sins. One examination that is popular is based on the Ten Commandments. If it looks like it might be useful---give it a try.

I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church or people?

Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

Honor your father and mother.

Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

You shall not kill.

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery.

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

You shall not steal.

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of others?

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

You shall not covet you neighbor's goods.

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

When asked about the commandments, Jesus gave two: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love you neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." (MT 22:37-40)

How well do we love God and others?

What is love? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." (1 COR 13:4-8)

Is this how you love God and others?

Embrace the opportunities of Lent!

--Fr. Gaffney

Soup & Scripture Series: March 9

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 4

8:00 AM — *Bernard & Audrey Casey*

TUESDAY, March 5

8:00 AM — *Innocents of Abortion*

WEDNESDAY, March 6

8:00 AM — *Mark Delaney*
by the Women's Bible Group

THURSDAY, March 7

8:00 AM — *Michael Ames*
by his wife

FRIDAY, March 8

8:00 AM — *Vincent Corio & Anna Lariviere*
by their family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 9

5:00 PM — *Elaine Chabot*
by her family

SUNDAY, March 10

7:00 AM — *Maurice LaFreniere*
by his children

8:30 AM — *David Morgan*

10:30 AM — *Michael Kinane*

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. !

March 15th 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'!

CW4 Josh Hendrickson home from a recent deployment with his family



St. Francis de Sales Presents:

"Whispers in the Darkness: A Lenten Reflection"

Come join us in the St. Francis de Sales parish center, 381 School Street, North Kingstown either on Sunday, March 10 or Monday, March 11 at 7:00pm as the St. Francis de Sales Music Ministry is excited to present "Whispers in the Darkness: A Lenten Reflection." This theatrical evening focuses on the temptation of sin during our quiet moments when we feel as if no one is watching. The night will consist of dramatic monologues coupled with both Christian and secular music that complement the theme of the evening. Join us in what should be a powerful and moving experience.

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

Parish Support

February 18, 2024 2023

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

February 25, 2024 2023

Basket	\$6,880.00	\$5,581.00
ACH	\$3,934.00	\$2,469.00
YTD	\$383,090.00	\$363,758.00

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.

Our First 'Soup & Scripture' was held on February 24th. Join us for our next lunch on Saturday March 9th at noon.



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: Our Lenten Mission was held on February 26th, 27th and 28th, with Mass celebrated and preached by Rev. James Quigley, OP. You can watch the Masses and listen to Fr. Quigley's homilies on our website at:

www.stbernardnk.org/lent/

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

Young at Heart March Luncheon

Monday, March 18 at Noon (sign in at 11:30 AM)

Menu: TBD

Name (s) _____

Cost: \$15.00 per person. (Please make out checks payable to St. Bernard)
Please respond by **Monday, March 11.**

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

Class Today: 3/3/2024

Next Class: 3/17/2024

** 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.

Youth Easter Choir

The Youth Choir is looking for singers ages 6 years old to high school aged students!!

We will be singing Easter Morning at the 10:30 am Mass. Rehearsals will be in the Parish Center March 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th from 5-5:45pm

K of C Breakfast (Public Invited):

The Knights of Columbus will hold a full traditional Irish Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, March 10th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled Eggs, Irish Bangers, Toast, Home Fries, Baked Beans, Corned Beef Hash, Grilled Tomatoes, Irish Soda Bread, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$12.00, children 6 and under are free.

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.

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

St. Martin De Porres Senior Center

Every time a meal is provided to someone who otherwise may go hungry, you make a difference. Together as a Catholic Community of Hope, we can provide nourishment through a warm meal to someone through the St. Martin de Porres Center in Providence. Please support all those going without in our state with a generous gift to the 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal.

Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA

Men of St. Joseph

Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, **Wednesday March 6th at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome.

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.

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 next meeting is March 19.

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