

Saint Bernard Church



March 17, 2024
Fifth 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

Just recently Rev. Robert Hayman, a priest of the Diocese of Providence and a retired professor of history at Providence College, gave a presentation in the parish center on “The History of St. Bernard Church”. We had a wonderful turnout for the event---92 people had ‘signed up’---and more came the night of the presentation. Fr. Hayman’s presentation was very good. (If you missed it in person, you can go to our website (Our Parish—History) and find the video of the presentation and watch it at your leisure.)

Fr. Hyman had a conjecture that the reason the church was named “St. Bernard” may have had something to do with Bishop Bernard O’Reilly (Bishop of Hartford, 1850-1856).

Here is a brief biography of Bishop O’Reilly: Bernard O’Reilly (1803-1856) was born in Columcille, County Longford, Ireland. He came to the United States to study for the priesthood. He attended both the Seminary of Montreal and St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore. His brother, William, was also a priest and at one point in his career was the pastor of St. Mary’s, Newport. Bernard was ordained a priest in New York by Bishop Francis Kenrick on October 13, 1831. He served in parishes in Brooklyn, Rochester and Buffalo. On August 9, 1850, he was appointed the second Bishop of Hartford, CT by Pope Pius IX. He worked to secure priests for his diocese from his native Ireland and defended the Catholics from the anti-Catholic movements of the era. In 1852 he traveled to Ireland to recruit priests for the diocese. He was able to secure a number of seminarians to come to his diocese, including Thomas Francis Hendricken (the future first bishop of the Diocese of Providence). The seminarians were ordained before they left Ireland. In 1855 Bishop O’Reilly brought the Religious Sisters of Mercy to his diocese and established their motherhouse in Providence. In 1855 he returned to Ireland on another ‘recruiting trip’. His return voyage was aboard the *SS Pacific* which set sail from Liverpool. In late January 1856 the ship sank under circumstances that remain a mystery to the present day.

Our church of St. Bernard’s was first established as a Mission from Our Lady of Mercy Church, East Greenwich. Fr. Hayman said there is reason to believe that our church was named St. Bernard in honor of the well-respected Bishop Bernard O’Reilly (whose Diocese of Hartford included both the state of Connecticut and Rhode Island) whose death in the open sea, at the age of 53, on a return voyage from Ireland, was a surprise and shock to so many people.

In 1872 Rev. Thomas Hendricken, a priest of the Diocese of Hartford, who—as mentioned above--had been recruited to come there by Bishop Bernard O’Reilly, was appointed the first Bishop of the Diocese of Providence. Hendricken was born in 1827 in Kilkenny, Ireland and studied at St. Patrick’s Seminary in Maynooth (Ireland). Bishop O’Reilly ordained Hendricken to the priesthood on April 25, 1853.

There is an interesting episode in the life of Thomas Hendricken that almost cost him his life. He was onboard the steamer *Columbia* sailing to the United States when he disobeyed the captain by entering the steerage area to tend to a dying woman who requested the Last Rites. The captain, president of a Know Nothing lodge in Maine and fearing the disease, beat Hendricken unconscious. He would have been thrown overboard had not a Protestant clergyman rallied his group of German immigrants to protest.

Hendricken’s assignments included St. Joseph, Providence, St. Charles, Woonsocket and St. Mary, Newport. In 1854 he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph in West Winsted, CT. In 1870 Hendricken became a naturalized citizen. On February 16, 1872, Hendricken was appointed the first bishop of the new Diocese of Providence. At that time the diocese included all of Rhode Island as well as parts of the present Fall River Diocese, including Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket. The new diocese had 125,000 parishioners, 43 churches and nine parish schools. Hendricken created 15 new parishes, including St. Bernard’s. He consecrated the church (the old church) on July 4, 1875.

He would have selected the name-----we conjecture---- and chose a name for the new mission church to honor the bishop who recruited him to come to America---Bishop Bernard O’Reilly. Bishop Thomas Hendricken died on June 11, 1886, at the age of 59. It is said that he became gravely ill while traveling around the diocese preaching in parishes and collecting contributions for the building of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. His funeral mass was the first mass to be celebrated in the new cathedral. In 2006 Bishop Hendricken’s body was removed from a crypt in the basement of the cathedral and re-entombed in a sarcophagus located on the cathedral’s main floor in the west transept.

I found the intersection of the lives of Bishop Bernard O’Reilly and Bishop Thomas Hendricken and their connection to our church of St. Bernard to be fascinating!
--Fr. Gaffney (Happy St. Patrick’s Day.....and St. Joseph’s Day!)



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 18

8:00 AM — *Robert Sciola*
by his family

TUESDAY, March 19

8:00 AM – *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

WEDNESDAY, March 20

8:00 AM – *Giuseppina D’Angella*
by the Women’s Bible Group

THURSDAY, March 21

8:00 AM – *Julia Buckley*
by her family

FRIDAY, March 22

8:00 AM – *Alice Bailey*
by Maureen

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 23

5:00 PM – *Mary DiDonato*

SUNDAY, March 24

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Victor Castaneda*
by Natalia Montoya

10:30 AM – *Kathleen Asher*
Birthday Remembrance by her family

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, gave a talk on the “History of St. Bernard Church”. Father Hayman has written a multi-volume history of the Diocese of Providence. You can view his presentation on our website:

www.stbernardnk.org/history/



Holy Hour at Cathedral

The Young Adult Leadership Apostolate for the Diocese of Providence is hosting First Friday Devotions on *Friday, April 5th beginning at 7:00 PM, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter and Paul*. Holy Hour with Confession will be followed by food, fellowship, and Catholic Trivia. We hope you can join us. For more information, please visit

www.evangelizeri.org/vae

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 19th.

Grief Group

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

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

Parish Support

	March 3 2024	2023
Basket	\$7,218.00	\$11,890.00
ACH	\$3,754.00	\$3,152.00
	March 10 2024	2023
Basket	\$7,725.00	\$8,421.00
ACH	\$3,464.00	\$2,599.00
YTD	\$405,251.00	\$389,800.00

All Day Confessions

Saturday, March 23, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Four confessors available all day

Our Lady of Mercy Church, 65 Third Street
East Greenwich, RI

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.

Holy Thursday "Washing of the Feet"

Volunteers needed! If you haven't volunteered in the past, please consider doing so. If you have volunteered but are willing--please give your name to the parish office. Thank you.

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 final date is:
March 23rd.

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.

Christian Brothers Center in Narragansett

Christian Brothers Center in Narragansett seeks a full-time maintenance person. Responsibilities include general maintenance, lawn care, and snow removal. Requirements include lifting 50 lbs, walking multi-level facilities, and basic electrical/plumbing knowledge. Experience in routine building maintenance, a valid driver's license, and BCI clearance are required. Must be personable, dependable, and COVID-vaccinated. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plan, and paid vacation. High School diploma or equivalent required. Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm. Send resume to cbcenter@dlcb.org.

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: 3/17/2024

Next Class: 4/7/2024

** 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: 3/24/2024

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

Catholic School Tuition Aid

The deadline is May 15th. You need to apply each year you are requesting tuition aid. Please use the form found on our website:

www.stbernardnk.org/forms/

Knights of Columbus 25 Week Club

Congratulations to the following winners for the month of February:



Paul Scorpio
Peter Nigri
Fr Gaffney

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. Bernard's on Sunday, April 14th, from 6PM-7:30PM. For a list of all the upcoming dates, please refer to our website:

www.stbernardnk.org/youth-ministry/

Living Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, March 29th at 3:00PM

Please join us for this inspirational *Way of the Cross* lead by our parish grade 7-9 students.

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

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.

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