

Saint Bernard Church



March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

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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

This weekend is Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday). As we enter Holy Week we are reminded of Jesus' Passion---his suffering and death. The cross is before us always---in our church, in our homes---sometimes a piece of jewelry---the Passion is before us. It is really a great reminder of Christ's love for us. He 'suffered' for us---out of his great love for us. The word 'compassion' comes from two Latin words that mean 'to suffer with'. As we reflect on the ways we have suffered in the past year---let us take stock of the fact that Jesus was with us. We may or may not have been aware of his presence---but he was there in the midst of our passion. Our suffering may have come from the loss of a loved one. Our suffering may have come from a health challenge that you experienced personally. Our suffering may have come from a 'strained relationship' in my life. Our suffering may have come from one kind of disappointment or another. There are countless ways we have suffered in the past year. Some may be simple, others more profound. Passion Sunday invites us to enter into Jesus' suffering and death, as he has entered into our suffering and death.

As we look to the saints in our church, we can see in each of them a reflection of the suffering of Christ. For so many of the holy men and women of our Church there was a period of suffering---on a variety of levels. They embraced their suffering and sought meaning in their suffering even as they gazed on the cross---on Jesus' suffering.

Over the past couple of weeks I have mentioned the recently released movie, 'Cabrini'----the life story of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini---often called 'Mother Cabrini'---a strong and indefatigable champion in establishing orphanages, hospitals and schools for immigrants in the United States and abroad. She worked predominantly with the recently arrived immigrants from Italy. Between 1880-1920 as many as 4 million immigrants came from Italy to America. They worked hard---building bridges, tunnels and subways; they were longshoremen and factory workers.

When Mother Cabrini told Pope Leo XII that her dream was to be a missionary in China, he told her to go "not to the East but to the West." He wanted her new Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart to go to America and do pastoral work among the Italian immigrants. She was born in 1850 in a small town in Lombardy, the youngest of 13 children. After studying to be a teacher, Francesca taught school. She was turned down by two religious orders because of poor health. She ran an orphanage in her local area. After six years, she asked the bishop for permission to form a religious community. She had great plans for this newly established group of women.

Already in the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore, the American bishops had discussed the desperate pastoral situation of the Italian immigrants. Little came of it. New York had about 50,000 Italians and their situation included many problems—including poverty, and a critical shortage of Italian speaking priests. Within the culture there were many Anti-Catholic and Anti-Italian feelings. Other communities came to work specifically with Italian Americans, including the Scalabrini Fathers. At one time they conducted several parishes in our diocese and one nursing home. Today, they continue to operate one parish.

Mother Cabrini, with her sisters, had great compassion for the poor and neglected, especially the children. It was her way of imitating Jesus---in his compassion for the poor and neglected. In the movie we see Mother Cabrini confronting and (politely) challenging the Archbishop of New York, the Mayor of New York and the other officials whose support she needed in establishing schools, hospitals and orphanages. By the time Mother Cabrini died, 34 years after her arrival, the 2,300 Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart working in the United States and throughout the Western Hemisphere had launched 67 institutions devoted to the physical, moral and spiritual welfare of people in need. She died on December 22, 1917 at Columbus Hospital in Chicago. After the unusually brief period of 21 years, Pope Pius XI declared her blessed. Pius XII canonized her in 1946.

If the movie is still in theaters-----see it. If it is available on one of the movie sites---take advantage of seeing it that way. It is wonderful example to see a person motivated by Jesus' example of service to follow that way of life---and to suffer along the way---a different, and yet profound 'Passion' story for our time.

Join us for the special liturgies of Holy Week----Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord' Supper); Good Friday (the Passion); the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday masses.

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 25

8:00 AM — *Mary Kusmierz*

TUESDAY, March 26

8:00 AM — *Linwood, Margaret & Marguerite Sherman*
by their family

WEDNESDAY, March 27

8:00 AM — *John Lord*

THURSDAY, March 28

NO 8:00 AM Mass

FRIDAY, March 29

NO 8:00 AM Mass

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 30

7:30 PM — *Parishioners of St Bernard Parish*

SUNDAY, March 31

7:00 AM — *Parishioners of St Bernard Parish*

8:30 AM — *Parishioners of St Bernard Parish*

10:30 AM — *Parishioners of St Bernard Parish*



Holy Week at Bernard's



HOLY THURSDAY, March 28

(no morning Mass today)

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 PM, which includes Eucharistic procession and Adoration. The Church will be open for private prayer until 9:00 PM.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29

(no morning Mass today)

Living Stations of the Cross – 3:00 PM –

Please join us for this inspirational *Way of the Cross* lead by our parish grade 8 students.

Solemn Good Friday Service – 7:00 PM

– includes the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30

(no 5 PM Mass today)

Easter Vigil Mass – 7:30 PM – this Mass will include the lighting of the Easter Fire, the Easter Vigil service and Mass. Attendance at this Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation.

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

Masses will be at

7:00, 8:30 and 10:30 AM

Note: The 10:30 AM Mass will be filmed and available on our website by 2:00 PM

We invite you to join us for the observance of this Holy Week. It is a unique opportunity to enter into the mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord. We hope you and your family can attend all the services this week. If you know someone who has been away from the Church for a while, invite them to join you – you will all find your faith renewed.

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

Parish Support

	March 10 2024	2023
Basket	\$7,725.00	\$8,421.00
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YTD	\$416,679.00	\$402,650.00

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.

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.

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

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. !



Become a Member of The Knights of Columbus

For more than 139 years the Knights of Columbus have empowered Catholic men to live our faith at home, in our parish, and in our community. Last year, the Knights world-wide donated more than \$177 million and provided more than 176 million man-hours to those in need. We are the largest Catholic Fraternal Benefits organization in the world.

St. Francis Council #2011 Programs:

Faith In Action - Leave No Neighbor Behind - Coats For Kids - Food For Families - Operation R.O.V.A.C. - Teens Are Dynamite - Keep The Heat On - KANDI Drive



To learn more call Michael Benson at (401) 301-3823 or to join us, visit

kofc.org/joinus

Young at Heart April Luncheon

Monday, April 22 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, April 15.**

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: 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

Class Today: 3/24/2024

Next Class: 4/21/2024

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.

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/

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. 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/

The 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal

Tuition Assistance at Catholic Schools



The Catholic Charity Appeal helps make tuition more affordable for families that want to provide their children with a Catholic education. Our schools are centers of education and formation where students witness, share, and grow in a Catholic faith community.

Within the framework of Catholic values, the schools strive to excel academically, to nurture spiritual, social and emotional growth, and to assist students in becoming lifelong learners and promoters of the Gospel. Together we can help pass on the faith by making 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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