

Saint Bernard Church



March 31, 2024
Easter 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

We continue to celebrate our 150th Anniversary (Mission 150)! In January we had our Soup Supper and donated more than 1000 cans of soup to the North Kingstown Food Pantry; in February we had our Lenten Mission with Fr. James Quigley; in March we heard a presentation by Fr. Hayman, emeritus professor of history at Providence College about the history of our parish.

We come to Easter 2024 and perhaps in this wonderful year of remembering our past we might think back to other Easter Sundays for the parishioners of St. Bernard---our forebears, our relatives, our spiritual ancestors.

In 1874, Fr. Halligan with horse and buggy, made the trip from Our Lady of Mercy---and at this time celebrated Mass in someone's home. As we learned from Fr. Hayman's talk he was likely accompanied by a gentleman of the parish---not so much as a conversation companion, then as a 'bodyguard' since there was a great deal of anti-Catholic sentiment at that time. I always like to look up who was born in a particular year in history---1874---the birth date for Harry Houdini, Robert Frost, Guglielmo Marconi, Herbert Hoover, and Winston Churchill. Our church of St. Bernard was consecrated on July 4, 1875, by Bishop Thomas Hendricken (the first bishop of the Diocese of Providence). So, the first Easter would have been in the spring of 1876. That year Easter Sunday was on April 18th. Of course, that year was also the 100th Anniversary of our Independence!

Think back, if you will, to other significant Easter Sundays----World War I. How many children of parishioners fought in that war? How many lost their lives? Those Easters were a time of prayer for the living and of remembering the dead. And what of Easter 1916 with the Easter Rebellion in Ireland---a great fight against British Rule, April 24, 1916. Many of the early parishioners had 'Irish roots'----and would have followed that story very closely. That would be a most unique Easter celebration.

In the 1920s two significant advancements occurred-----the more widespread availability of 'electricity' and 'the automobile'. Easter celebrations would have electric lights in the church, not the gas lamps. People would drive their cars to church---not their horse and buggies. It was a time of great advancement. And yet, it would not be long, in 1929, before we would experience a Great Depression worldwide. What was for Easter dinner that year? Poverty impacted so many families. The 'basics' were in short supply.

Entering into the Second World War, there were parishioners who enlisted and fought in this war, as well. How many parents and family members prayed during Holy Week and Easter Sunday in the years 1939-1945---for a terrible war to end and for the safe return of their family members? The small village of Wickford would have been impacted by these world events, as was every small village in the United States. The wars in Korea and Vietnam would also be occasions for fervent and constant prayer for worried parents and grandparents. Those Easter dinners would have an empty chair at the table---with great hope that it would be filled once again for a son or daughter in service to our country.

As we gather for this Easter Sunday 2024, we recall the rich legacy of our beloved parish---these past 150 years with the ordinary and extraordinary events in the country and beyond that impacted the lives of our relatives and predecessors.

Easter is always about hope. It is with hearts filled with gratitude that we pray in great hope for ourselves and those we love. Our belief in Jesus, the Savior of the World, brings a touchstone, an anchor, a guidepost, to who we are, to our families, friends and loved ones.

My prayer for you is that your hope may be renewed---in a world that still experiences war and violence; in a country with great political divisions; in a time of economic challenge for many----we know that our ancestors survived much---Easter brought them hope.....and we pray that the spirit of hope may be renewed in each of us!

Happy Easter!

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 1

8:00 AM — *Alfredo Canlas*

TUESDAY, April 2

8:00 AM – *Catherine Mattera*
by her family

WEDNESDAY, April 3

8:00 AM – *Parishioners of St Bernard Parish*

THURSDAY, April 4

8:00 AM – *Parishioners of St Bernard Parish*

FRIDAY, April 5

8:00 AM – *William & Elizabeth McLaughlin*
by their family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 6

7:30 PM – *Thomas Bradley*
by his family

SUNDAY, April 7

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

8:30 AM – *Kambiz Bowlat*
by Natalia Montoya

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



happy
EASTER

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. !



National Eucharistic Congress

July 17–21, 2024

Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana

Departing from Providence early in the morning on 7/16 and will arrive back in Providence early morning 7/22.

The package includes:

5 Nights in the Hotel

5 Day Pass to the National Eucharistic Congress

Transportation by bus to and from Indianapolis

Local transportation in Indianapolis

Logistical details such as cost and registration at this link to register with the Diocese:

<https://discovercatholicfaith.org/national-eucharistic-congress>

for more information about the NEC:

www.eucharisticcongress.org/

For any questions, comments, or concerns, individuals can contact me by text/call/email!

Phone: (518) 466-9993

Email: paigebertuch@gmail.com

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 10, 2024	2023
Basket	\$7,725.00	\$8,421.00
ACH	\$3,464.00	\$2,599.00
	March 17, 2024	2023
Basket	\$8,314.00	\$9,646.00
ACH	\$3,114.00	\$3,204.00
YTD	\$416,679.00	\$402,650.00

Remember St. Bernard Church in your will and estate planning. Thank you.

Men of St. Joseph



The Men of St. Joseph International is a Catholic association of men committed to Jesus Christ. Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, **April 3rd at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome. Please join us and strengthen your faith through study of scripture and fellowship with other Catholic men.

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 Fourth Annual Golf Tournament



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday October 6, 2024

Golf, Dinner, Contests, Prizes
Richmond Country Club

If you played last year, please join us again. If you did not play, please join us this year! A great time was had by all! Meet fellow parishioners. Enjoy the day! Look for additional information in the coming weeks.

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



Save the Date

Saturday, June 15th
150th Anniversary Dinner Dance
Quonset "O" Club
Details Coming Soon

Young at Heart April Luncheon

Monday, April 22 at Noon (sign in at 11:30 AM)
Name (s) _____

Menu: TBD

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

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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