

Saint Bernard Church



April 7, 2024 Second Sunday of Easter

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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

There are so many beautiful moments during Holy Week-----it is good to go back and slowly look at them again---reflect on them. One of these special events was the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday evening of Holy Week. Bishop Henning was the main celebrant for the Mass and Bishop-elect James Ruggieri (newly named Bishop of Portland, Maine) was the homilist. During that Mass a couple of very unique and special things happen. The priests present (there were probably 150 priests there) renew their promises to the bishop. It is a moment of unity with the Bishop and his priests. Second, the Bishop blesses the 'oils' that will be sent to the parishes for use in several of the seven sacraments. I would like to consider each of these 'oils'-----they are olive oil (plentiful in the Middle East in the time of Jesus and today). Some olive trees are hundreds of years old and continue to produce olives.

Here is the prayer of blessing of the "Oil of Catechumens": "O God, strength and protection of your people, who have made the oil you created a sign of strength, graciously bless + this oil, and grant courage to the catechumens who will be anointed with it, so that, receiving divine wisdom and power, they may understand more deeply the Gospel of your Christ, they may undertake with a generous heart the labors of the Christian life, and made worthy of adoption as your sons and daughters, they may rejoice to be born anew and to live in your Church. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen."

A 'catechumen' is an unbaptized person who is preparing to enter the Church. I have only baptized a few adults during my years of priesthood. That is because most everyone in the Northeast region of our country have been baptized in one of the Christian denominations. If someone enters the Catholic church having been baptized in another denomination, that person is technically 'received' into the Church. They will make a profession of their faith in the Catholic Church and they will receive holy communion and be confirmed at the same service. The oil of catechumens is used to anoint adults who are to be baptized, but also infants and very young children who will be baptized.

If we look at the prayer it says "give courage to the catechumens who will anointed with it...." The prayer recognizes that we do need courage in living our catholic faith we do need courage. I suppose this has always been true, but I am going to guess that we need the strength of the anointing even more now. We need courage in a world that will easily dismiss our faith or call us foolish to still be a member of the church or to believe in Jesus Christ. We do need courage. The prayer goes on to say, "having received divine wisdom and power....." Again, how wonderful to have this wisdom---so that we can engage our culture. It is not so much a wisdom of our own making, rather, it is divine wisdom---a kind of wisdom that comes from God. None of us as 'baptized persons' were a 'finished product'. In fact, most of us were baptized when we were infants, and our whole life of faith, in many ways, has been the opportunity to reflect on the sacrament of Baptism---what mean for me.

The prayer also calls on those have been anointed to undertake with a generous heart the labors of the Christian life. We want to be Christian not only in name, but in deed. We want to follow Jesus' example of loving service-----clearly seen at the Last Supper, when he washed the disciples' feet---and told them that this was an example that they should follow-----to be the one who serves, not the one who comes to be served.

We also are reminded in the prayer that we become the adopted sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father through this sacrament of Baptism---when we are anointed with the Oil of Catechumens. This anointing give us a new life in Christ. Our old life is meant to fade away and the new life is meant to grow. Baptism sets us on that path of a new life with Christ.

Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 8

8:00 AM — *Edith & Giuseppe DeQuattro*
by their daughter

TUESDAY, April 9

8:00 AM — *Innocents of Abortion*

WEDNESDAY, April 10

8:00 AM — *Rev. Dennis Reardon*

THURSDAY, April 11

8:00 AM — *Salvatore & Maria Baldino*
by their family

FRIDAY, April 12

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 13

5:00 PM — *Daniel Donovan*
by his family

SUNDAY, April 14

7:00 AM — *Assunda “Sue” Sherman*

8:30 AM — *Richard Larkin*
by his family

10:30 AM — *Rev. Dennis Reardon*

2025 Jubilee: The Holy Year One Year Away!



As part of our 2024 celebration of St. Bernard’s 150th Anniversary we are planning a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. May 14-22, 2025 through Collette Tours.

Highlights: Rome, Basilica of St. John Lateran and the Holy Stairs; St. Mary Major Basilica, St. Paul Outside the Walls, Catacombs, Papal Blessing in St. Peter’s Square, Assisi and Basilica of St. Francis, Vatican City, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter’s Basilica and Holy Door, Papal Audience.

St. Bernard Church

Celebrates 150 Years

1874—2024 : MISSION 150

Upcoming Events

April 12 (Friday)

Young Couples Night Out
Parish Hall

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Light Food & Beverages

Trivia Games

Grille the Priest

Babysitting available

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May 12 (Sunday)

Women’s Tea

11:45 a.m.

Table of 6: \$30.

Single Ticket: \$10.

June 15 (Saturday)

Dinner Dance

Quonset “O” Club

\$50. per person.

Ordering information
will be sent out through
the bulletin and a
special mailing.



Young Couples Night Out
Response Form
Please Return to Parish Office

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

Parish Support

	March 24, 2024	2023
Basket	\$8,314.00	\$6,000.00
ACH	\$4,002.00	\$2,890.00
	March 31, 2024	2023
Basket	\$7,356.00	\$18,500.00
ACH	\$3,359.00	\$2,959.00
YTD	\$439,710.00	\$432,999.00

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

Debt Reduction Collection

March Total: \$4401.00
 Year-To-Date: \$38,859.56

Thank you for your generous response to this monthly collection!

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.

“Dear Friends:

Your thoughtful donation of 1,164 pounds of food to the North Kingstown Food Pantry during February of 2024 is so appreciated. Thank You!”

Kimberly A. Page,
 President of the Board of Directors



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.

K of C Portuguese Breakfast (Public Invited)



The Knights of Columbus will hold a Portuguese Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, April 14th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled Eggs, Portuguese-Style Potatoes, Linguica,

Baked Beans, Massa-Traditional Portuguese Sweetbread, Grilled Hash, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served.

The cost is \$12.00, children 6 and under are free.

Morning Glory Gathering

Please join us for coffee and socializing on **Thursday, April 11th** after the 8:00 AM morning Mass in the Parish



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

Gospel Weeklies Program

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

In-person class schedule 9:25-10:25 am

Class Today: 4/7/2024

Next Class: 4/28/2024: Last Class for 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: Last Class for 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.

Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday lead by our parish faith formation students.



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/

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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