

# Saint Bernard Church



April 14, 2024  
Third 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

We continue to celebrate Easter! The Church provides a 'season' of Easter---a time to be renewed in faith, hope and love. Our Sunday Gospels during this season are about the resurrection appearances of Jesus. As he brought encouragement to his earliest disciples and followers, so, too, he brings that same encouragement to each of us. He leads us but also accompanies us, as he walked with those two disciples who were walking back to their village of Emaus.

In the last Ponderings I spoke about the "blessing of the oils" that takes place at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week. Bishop Henning blessed the large containers of oil that are then put in smaller bottles and given to each parish for use in the sacraments throughout the year. Last week I wrote about the "Oil of Catechumens".

One of the other oils----our subject this week, is the "Oil of the Sick". This is the oil that is used for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. In an earlier era this was called "Extreme Unction" or "Last Rites"-----there is now a fuller, expansive understanding of this sacrament----the anointing can take place not only at the 'very end of life'-----but whenever a person is sick----this broader understanding would include those who will undergo an operation, those who have a chronic health problem, those who are in declining health in a nursing home or in their own home. The prayer of anointing calls for 'strength'----and this can come to a person in body, mind and spirit.

Here is the prayer used at the Chrism Mass for the blessing of the 'Oil of the Sick'—"O God, father of all consolation, you willed to heal the infirmities of the weak through your Son, listen favorably to the prayer of faith: send forth from the heavens, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, upon this soil in all its richness, which you have graciously brought forth from the verdant tree to restore the body, so that by your holy blessing + everyone anointed with this oil as a safeguard for body, soul and spirit may be freed from all pain, all infirmity, and all sickness. May your holy oil, O Lord, be blessed by you for our sake in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever."

Throughout the Gospels we see Jesus bringing comfort and healing to the sick. To the blind, the lame, the lepers, the woman with the hemorrhages, the deaf, the mute, the man with the withered hand, those who were 'possessed by a demon'-----and so many others, Jesus brought new life, a restoration, a path forward, healing. It should not surprise us that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick continues this ministry of Jesus.

There are times when this sacrament is administered when the person is 'by themselves'---- I have been called to the nursing home, for example, to anoint someone----and it often happens that they are in the room by themselves. At other times, family members have gathered at the bedside of the loved one and can participate---through their prayerful listening and responding. In the sacrament the sign of the cross is made (with the holy oil) on the person's forehead and on the palms of their hands.

Those who are anointed react in a variety of ways. I will say, however, that very often the administration of the sacrament brings a sense of peace to the person. Whenever we are battling an illness, the effects of surgery, aging-in general, in we can experience worry, fear and anxiety. It's natural for any of us. The sacrament reminds the person that Jesus is there to strengthen them, that the Holy Spirit remains with them, that they are the beloved son or daughter of the heavenly Father---who is aware of everything that happens to them.

Our parish is assigned Lakeside Rehabilitation Center (formerly South County Health and Rehabilitation). I celebrate Mass there once a month. We have a Eucharistic Minister who brings communion on Sunday mornings, and I am called by the staff if someone requests to be anointed. If you have any interest in being involved with this ministry to the sick, please let me know.

--Fr. Gaffney



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, April 15**

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

### **TUESDAY, April 16**

8:00 AM – *Angelina & Amato Sciola*  
by their family

### **WEDNESDAY, April 17**

8:00 AM – *Clara & Edward Greene,  
Theodore La Freniere*  
by their grandchildren

### **THURSDAY, April 18**

8:00 AM – *Myriam Wellenius & Laura Medico*  
by their family

### **FRIDAY, April 19**

8:00 AM – *Holy Souls of Purgatory*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, April 20**

5:00 PM – *Ricky Santos*  
by his family

### **SUNDAY, April 21**

7:00 AM – *Julia Buckley*  
by her family

8:30 AM – *Josephine Walsh*

10:30 AM – *Albert E. Holt, III*

10th Anniversary by his sister

## 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

#### **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  
a special mailing.

Visit our website for complete information:

[www.stbernardnk.org/mission-150/](http://www.stbernardnk.org/mission-150/)



## 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](http://www.mosji.org/events.php)

or send an email to [mosji72@gmail.com](mailto:mosji72@gmail.com).

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

### Parish Support

	March 31, 2024	2023
Basket	\$7,356.00	\$18,500.00
ACH	\$3,359.00	\$2,959.00
	April 7, 2024	2023
Basket	\$7,166.00	\$9,144.00
ACH	\$3,733.00	\$2,181.00
YTD	\$450,609.00	\$444,324.00

### 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/](http://www.stbernardnk.org/forms/)

### 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.

### St Bernard Fourth Annual Golf Tournament

SAVE THE DATE!  
Sunday October 6, 2024



Richmond Country Club

### SISTERS OF THE CROSS AND PASSION 100 YEARS IN THE DIOCESE

How to celebrate 100 years of gifts and grace? This is the joyful challenge presented to the Sisters of the Cross and Passion for 2024. Our adventure began when four sisters from England arrived in Providence, RI at the invitation of the then Bishop, Most Revered William Hickey, and from there we embarked on our many works, dedicated to God and God's people.

Over the course of 100 years, 96 of which were at the Assumption Parish, Providence, gifts and graces were also given and received at three other schools---St. Francis, Wakefield, St. Bernard, Wickford, and St. Luke, Barrington. A retreat house (Immaculate Heart of Mary), Lily Pads Nursery and Kindergarten, Mt. St. Joseph Novitiate, Mt. St. Joseph College and Prout High School were opened in response to the call for service in education and spiritual needs. Other invitations were responded to in CT, NY, MD and to far-flung needs in Jamaica, West Indies and Memphis Tennessee.

Please join with the Sisters of the Cross and Passion as we celebrate 100 years of mission and ministry in the United States, 1924-2024. We treasure the years we spent with you here in RI as we share the gifts of grace of God.

St. Bernard School (1950-1970). Sisters who served at the school and Sisters who have lived in the parish and been involved in parish ministries: Sr. Assumpta (Anna Marie Becker), Sr. Robert (Sr. Elissa), Sr. Mary Jane Holden, Sr. Mary Dumond, Sr. Joanne Fahey, Sr. Aideen Langan, Sr. Bernadette Hughes, Sr. Una O'Connor.

**Join us on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Bernard's.**

### 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**

### **Gospel Weeklies Program**

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

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

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.

## **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](mailto: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/](http://www.stbernardnk.org/youth-ministry/)

## **Diocesan Seminarian Fundraiser**



The Knights of Columbus will hold a Herb Crusted Loin of Pork Dinner at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown on Saturday, May 4th. Proceeds will go toward the continuing education of the Diocese of

Providence Seminarians, several of whom will be in attendance. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with and support the future priests of our Diocese!

Cocktails and meet/greet with Seminarians at 5:30 with dinner following at 6:30.

Introduction and Grace by Father Christopher Murphy, Seminary Director with closing remarks from Seminarians.

Menu to include Herb Crusted Pork Tenderloin, Baked Potato, Vegetable Medley With Cream Sauce, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Butter, Coffee and Dessert

Tickets to be purchased in advance and will be available after Masses at St Bernard's and St Francis de Sales during the weekends of April 21<sup>st</sup> and 28th or call 401-374-7037.

Cost is \$25.00 per person/Donations accepted.

## **The 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal**

### **Update**



The 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal is into its fourth month and as a parish we have already raised \$67,438.00 by 156 donors towards our goal of \$80,750.00. If you have already made a gift, we extend our deepest gratitude. If you have not made a gift, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so to assist all those served through the various ministries supported by the Catholic Charity Appeal. Make your difference now at

[Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA](http://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.

If you have photos from St. Bernard Church events from the past you can give them to us to scan for future bulletins.



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