

# Saint Bernard Church



April 21, 2024  
Fourth 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*

I hope you are continuing to ‘savor’ the Easter season. We do like to ‘savor’ wonderful experiences and events in our lives, do we not? We savor a delicious meal; the time we spend with friends; a wonderful experience in nature; time in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, to name just a few---we ‘savor’ them---spread out the enjoyment and delight that is instilled in us. In a similar way, we savor the grace of Easter throughout the season---the hope and joy we experience in knowing that Jesus has conquered sin and death and won for us a path to eternal life to be with him in heaven. Worth savoring!

In this third installment of Ponderings about the “Sacred Oils” I now turn your attention to the “Oil of Chrism”. (We have already written about the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens) By the way, these oils are stored in the Ambry---a small “closet” located in the back of the church. You may have wondered what that ‘little door’ was---I suppose it is about the size of a ‘medicine cabinet’. I don’t want to send you on a ‘scavenger hunt’ as you enter Mass, but if you are wondering about the location of the ‘Blessed Oils’---I can point it out to you!

The third oil is the “Oil of Chrism”. This oil is used in several sacraments. It is used in Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders. So, what is it? And what makes this oil different from the other two? Let’s first look at the words of blessing. “Let us pray pray, dear brothers and sisters, to God the almighty Father, that he bless and sanctify this oil, so that all who are outwardly anointed with it may be inwardly transformed and come to share in eternal salvation.” The bishop has already poured a ‘fragrance/perfume’ into the oil and mixed it with the olive oil. The perfumed liquid, which includes balsam, has a powerful and pleasant aroma which symbolizes the sweet fragrance of holiness.

The prayer of blessing for this oil continues: “O God, author of all growth and spiritual progress, receive in your goodness the grateful homage that the Church joyfully offers to you through our voice. For in the beginning, you commanded the earth to bring forth fruit-bearing trees, among which the olive trees would arise as providers of this most rich oil, so that their fruit might serve for sacred Chrism.” In the spirit of prophecy, David foresaw the sacraments of your grace and sang of the oil that would gladden our faces. After the world’s offenses were washed away by the flood, a dove announced the restoration of peace on earth with the olive branch, foreshadowing the gift to come. In the last days all this has been clearly revealed: When every offense is removed through the waters of Baptism, the anointing with this oil causes our faces to be joyful and serene. You also commanded your servant Moses to make his brother Aaron a priest, by pouring this oil upon him after his head had been washed in the water. Still greater dignity was added to this when your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, insisted that he be washed by John in the waters of the Jordan; you sent the Holy Spirit from on high in the likeness of a dove; you declared by the witness of the voice that followed, that you were well pleased in him, your only Begotten Son; and you were seen to confirm clearly what the prophet Daniel had foretold in song, that Christ would be anointed with oil of gladness above his companions. Therefore, we beseech you, Lord: be pleased to sanctify with your +Blessing this oil in its richness and to pour into it the strength of the Holy Spirit with the powerful working of your Christ. From .... his holy name it has received the name of Chrism, and with it you have anointed your priests, prophets, kings and martyrs. May you confirm the Chrism you have created as a sacred sign of perfect salvation and life for those to be made new in the spiritual waters of Baptism. May those formed into a temple of your majesty by the holiness infused through this anointing and by the cleansing of the stain of their first birth be made fragrant with the innocence of a life pleasing to you. May those anointed with royal, priestly, and prophetic dignity be clothed with the garment of an incorruptible gift in keeping with the Sacrament you have established. May this oil be the Chrism of salvation for those born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and sharers of heavenly glory. Through Christ our Lord.”

--Fr. Gaffney



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, April 22**

8:00 AM — *Michaeline Moran*  
by Karen Bruno

### **TUESDAY, April 23**

8:00 AM — *Frank Baldino*  
by his family

### **WEDNESDAY, April 24**

8:00 AM — *Rev. Dennis Reardon*  
by Elizabeth, Gerry & Jane

### **THURSDAY, April 25**

8:00 AM — *Rowland Hazard & family*  
by the family

### **FRIDAY, April 26**

8:00 AM — *John F. Montanaro*  
by his family

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, April 27**

5:00 PM — *Margaret Morrissey*  
by her family

### **SUNDAY, April 28**

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

8:30 AM — *Luis Montoya*  
by Natalia Montoya

10:30 AM — *Thomas F. Murphy*  
by his family

### **Homebound Parishioners**

Please let the parish know of any ‘homebound’ parishioners---those who cannot leave their homes---and might like to receive Holy Communion at home. Also, we like to ‘keep in touch’ with greeting cards for them. Call the parish office. Thank you.

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

## **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 and also to purchase tickets online for the dinner dance.

[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).

**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

**Mission 150  
"Parish Memories"  
Fr. Dennis officiating at the wedding  
of a parishioner**



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

**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.**

**St Bernard Fourth Annual Golf  
Tournament**



**SAVE THE DATE!  
Sunday October 6, 2024**

Richmond Country Club

## **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

Class Today: 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. Francis de Sales on Sunday, May 10th, 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)

## **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 next meeting is **Tuesday, May 14th, 6:30-7:30.**

If anyone would like more information about the group, please see Fr. Gaffney.

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