

Saint Bernard Church



May 5, 2024
Sixth 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

Congratulations to the Sisters of the Cross and Passion! They are celebrating their 100-year anniversary of service in the Diocese of Providence. On Sunday, Bishop Henning will be here at St. Bernard's to be the Celebrant of the 10:30 Mass. The Sisters have invited graduates from schools where they taught, friends of the Order and many others. We offer them our sincere congratulations! As you know, the Sisters of the Cross and Passion staffed St. Bernard School (which was open 1950-1970). There were a variety of reasons why the school closed in 1970---a large contributing factor was the decline in the number of Navy families in the local area.

When the Sisters of the Cross and Passion were presented with the First Annual St. Bernard Award three years ago I gave a brief presentation about the Order. I now put that in written form for you:

On February 24, 1924 four Sisters of the Cross and Passion left Southampton (England) on board the *Berengaria* bound for the United States. They arrived in New York City on March 7th. They stayed overnight at a Passionist retreat house and the next day boarded a train for Providence, Rhode Island. Their ministry in diocese had begun!

In 1924 the sisters opened St. Gabriel Hostel for women. In the same year they began teaching at the Assumption School in Providence. In 1932 the North American community of sisters opened a new novitiate in Bristol, RI---named Mt. St. Joseph, with two novices from England. (A novitiate is a spiritual preparation program for those entering a religious order---the person entering the order is called 'a novice')

In 1944 the sisters opened a convent at St. Francis in Wakefield. They taught religious education and visited the sick. In 1947 the sisters were invited to staff a new diocesan retreat house in Peace Dale, Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat House.

In 1950 the sisters began teaching at the newly opened St. Bernard School in Wickford. Fr. Cornelius B. Collins was the pastor. On January 16, 1950 Sisters Jean Marie and Laetitia from Providence, Sr. Thomasina from Bristol and Sr. Berchmans Dripps from Peace Dale arrived in Wickford to make up the new community. The school opened in January 1950 with four grades and an enrollment of 185 pupils. Classes were held in the church hall. Also, in 1950 they opened the school at St. Francis in Wakefield.

In 1954 the sisters opened the convent at St. Luke in Barrington. In 1958 the school opened. In 1959 with the arrival of 13 postulants the novitiate in Bristol was too small and was relocated to Shepherd's Run ---renamed Mt. St. Joseph. In 1966 the Prout High School opened. In 1967 Mt. St. Joseph College was opened.

In addition to the schools and ministries in Rhode Island the sisters, with new vocations and joined by sisters from England and Ireland, they established ministries outside Rhode Island. These included: Corpus Christi Parish, Wethersfield, CT; St. Brigid Parish, West Hartford, CT; St. James Parish, Seaford, NY; Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House, Farmington, CT.

The following sisters served at St. Bernard School and/or served in parish ministries: Sr. Assumpta (Ann Marie Becker), Sr. Robert (Elissa), Sr. Mary Jane Holden, Sr. Mary Dumond, Sr. Joanne Fahey, Sr. Aideen Langan, Sr. Bernadette Hughes, Sr. Una O'Connor.

My first parish assignment after ordination was St. Luke's in Barrington---a school the sisters had staffed, and now I am at St. Bernard's ---where the sisters had staffed the parish school. On your behalf and in my own name we say "Thank You" for 100 years of service! Thank you most importantly for the witness of your lives and in the ways you help us to continue to grow in our faith!

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, May 6

8:00 AM — *Clementina & James Birch*
by their family

TUESDAY, May 7

8:00 AM — *Innocents of Abortion*

WEDNESDAY, May 8

8:00 AM — *Peggy Robbins*
by her family

THURSDAY, May 9

8:00 AM — *Jean Kearns*
by her family
7:00 PM *Parishioners of St. Bernard*

FRIDAY, May 10

8:00 AM — *Rev. Dennis Reardon*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, May 11

5:00 PM — *Linda Newman*
by her family

SUNDAY, May 12

7:00 AM — *Carmela Modica*

8:30 AM — *Kathleen Walsh*

10:30 AM — *St. Bernard School Alumni*

The 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal

Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter



Every time an individual is provided a safe and warm bed at Emmanuel House Shelter, you make a difference. Together as a Catholic Community of Hope, we can provide safety, warmth, food and a bed to those experiencing homelessness in

Rhode Island. Please support these lifesaving services by making a generous gift to the 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal

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St. Bernard Church

Celebrates 150 Years

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Upcoming Events

May 19 (Sunday)

Women's Tea
11:45 a.m.
Table of 6: \$30.
Single Ticket: \$10.

June 9 (Sunday)

St. Bernard Choir
Anniversary Concert
3:00 PM in the Church

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/



The Ascension of The Lord

Thursday, May 9
Masses 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

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

Parish Support

	April 21, 2024	2023
Basket	\$5,137.00	\$4,752.00
ACH	\$3,474.00	\$2,809.00
	April 28, 2024	2023
Basket	\$7,469.00	\$4,752.00
ACH	\$3,514.00	\$2,074.00
YTD	\$473,750.00	\$469,593.00

The St. Bernard Award

The St. Bernard Award is now in its third year. The recipients we will honor with the St. Bernard Award for 2024 are: Arlene Gardiner and Dorothy (Dottie) Madusky. Both of these women have been of service to the parish community, they are women of deep faith, they continue to show great resilience and perseverance over their many years, and they are examples of what it means to age with grace while remaining connected with our beloved St. Bernard Church. They will be presented with this award on Saturday, June 15th at our Saturday 5:00 Mass and at the Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Quonset "O" Club. There are so many parishioners who fit into this criteria of our St. Bernard Award---of "love of God and love of neighbor"----we are fortunate indeed, to share a pew with them! Let us offer our congratulations to this year's recipients!

St Bernard Fourth Annual Golf Tournament



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday October 6, 2024
Richmond Country Club

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.

Coffee & Donuts

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for next weekend, **May 12**, after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Come spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners.



Reunion

Join us at this month's coffee and donuts for a "Mini-Reunion" of St Bernard School Alumni as part of our MISSION 150 Events!

Morning Glory Gathering

Please join us for coffee and socializing on **Thursday, May 9** after the 8:00 AM morning Mass in the Parish Hall.



Lafayette Band Armed Forces Salute Concert

The annual Lafayette Band concert honoring veterans, members of the military, and their families will be held here at St. Bernard on the Sunday of Armed Forces Week. Under the direction of Charles Johnson this concert features familiar patriotic music and new selections. This concert will be the first time the band performs the song of the United States Space Force.

Date and Time:

Sunday, May 19, 2024, at 2:00 PM
St. Bernard Church
275 Tower Hill Road
North Kingstown, RI

The concert is free - good will donations are welcome. Donations are shared between the Providence VA Medical Center Voluntary Services Office, which aids veterans in need, and the band to support their free community concert program.

For more information about the band visit their website, www.lafayettebandri.org, or follow them on facebook, Lafayette Band - Rhode Island.

Congratulations to the

First Communion

Quinn Kellan girl Lily
 Lucy Grayson Liam L
 Catherine Emilia Charlotte
 Ella
 Alexandra Ava Camille
 Andrew Owen Liam H
 Margrose Colettey
 Brietta Emily
 Chace Tucker



Class of 2024

St Bernard's SPRED Group



Please join us in congratulating this year's Confirmation Class who received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 30th by Bishop Evans.

Jackson Alves	John McHale
Sydney Asher	June Merchant
Cecilia Bradshaw	William Schatz
Natalie Breadheft	Rosamond Shao
William Buehler	Ani Simonian
Carolina Estrella-Vargas	Lucy Stowe
Ryan Hancur	Valentina Zuena
Blakeley Macera	



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/

Young at Heart May Luncheon

Monday, May 13 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, May 6.**

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