

Saint Bernard Church



June 2, 2024 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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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

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). It is the occasion for us to reflect on what we do ‘week in and week out’ as we come to Mass to celebrate the Eucharist. It is that opportunity to step back and reflect on the great gift that the Eucharist is for all of us.

You may have heard about the “National Eucharistic Revival” ----and if you haven’t I thought I would use this weeks ‘Ponderings’ to communicate what this Revival is all about! It was launched on the feast of Corpus Christi in 2022 and was meant to be a three-year celebration of the Eucharist---specifically to ‘renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the holy Eucharist.’ It is an effort sponsored by the U.S. Catholic bishops. According to some surveys, only 31% of Catholics believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Surprising! The three-year program has a number of Eucharist-centric events including Eucharistic pilgrimages across the nation and a National Eucharistic Congress in July (2024). The campaign organizers say that those who have been “healed, converted, formed and unified” by the Eucharist have a mission to teach others “for the life of the world.” So, if only 31% believe in the ‘real presence’----then that 31% has to spread the truth to all. The website for the revival says, “We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith---his real presence in the Eucharist.”

What has happened so far? Everything started with widespread eucharistic adoration and processions in the country on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi in 2022. The first year of the revival focused on diocesan renewal. Individual dioceses across the country offered events to promote and inspire understanding of the Eucharist. This was the reason I offered the adult faith formation program focusing on “The Mass” this past year.

The movement will culminate in two major events involving Catholics across the entire country. Going on now is a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage beginning in each corner of the country and ending in Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress (July 17-24). The third and final year, following the Pilgrimage and Congress, will be dedicated to the Church ‘going out on mission’ to renew the world.

The Pilgrimage has four ‘origins’-----starting points in the North, South, East and West. It will begin on the Feast of Pentecost from the following four points: San Francisco in the West; Bemidji, Minnesota in the North; New Haven in the East; and Brownsville, TX in the South. The faithful are invited to join in for portions of the pilgrimage walk. It is being called “an Emmaus moment”, after the biblical passage in which Jesus walked with two of his disciples along the road to Emmaus. Pilgrims will collectively carry the eucharistic Lord 6,500 miles, passing through major cities, holy sites and countryside along the way. Four dozen full-time pilgrims from each corner of the U.S. will make the entire journey. These full-time pilgrims will be young adult Catholics ages 19-29.

The Congress will be a five-day event in Indianapolis with prayers, speakers and liturgical celebrations. The Congress will have both in-person and remote options, so everyone can take part in one way or another. There is a group from the Diocese of Providence going to the Congress. There is more information about this upcoming pilgrimage on the diocesan website----I think you need to act quickly if you want to be a part of it.

As we celebrate Corpus Christi, let it be the opportunity for our own ‘personal revival’----a time to renew and refresh our devotion and love of the Eucharist.

--Fr. Gaffney



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, June 3

8:00 AM — *Br. John J. Kusmierz, O.P*

TUESDAY, June 4

8:00 AM — *Innocents of Abortion*

WEDNESDAY, June 5

8:00 AM — *Fenwick Gardiner*
by his family

THURSDAY, June 6

8:00 AM — *Rev. Dennis Reardon*
by the Nannig family

FRIDAY, June 7

8:00 AM — *Joan Keenan*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, June 8

5:00 PM — *Charles & Rose Battaglia*
by their daughter

SUNDAY, June 9

7:00 AM — *Anu Tomy*
by her family

8:30 AM — *Erin Austin*
by Bob & Karen Walsh

10:30 AM — *Cornelius J. Sullivan, III*
by his family

Grief Group

The next meetings are **Tuesday, June 18th, July 16th and August 13th from 6:30 pm-to 7:30 pm.** If anyone would like more information about the group, please see Fr. Gaffney.

15 years old!

Our “new” church building observes its “15th birthday” on August 15th. To celebrate we will have “Coffee An” after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, August 11th.

St. Bernard Church

Celebrates 150 Years

1874—2024 : MISSION 150

Upcoming Events

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/



Anniversary Concert

St. Bernard Choir

Sunday, June 9, 2024

Free Admission

Open to the Public

Reception to follow

St Bernard Fourth Annual Golf Tournament



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday October 6, 2024

Richmond Country Club

Parish Support

	May 19, 2024	2023
Basket	\$5,665.00	\$9,670.00
ACH	\$3,184.00	\$3,265.00
	May 26, 2024	2023
Basket	\$6,562.00	\$6,778.00
ACH	\$2,998.00	\$2,087.00
YTD	\$515,189.00	\$512,863.00

Congratulations to Kristen & Jason Nelson and baby Theodore Robert who was baptized on May 26, 2024.



Christmas in July!

Parishioners were very generous with gifts and gift cards for the Advent Giving Tree. Many people were helped by your generosity. Most often we have some extra gift cards that we give out each month to those ‘in need’ who contact us. We are almost out of those gift cards. If you are able to help and would like to help you can purchase a \$25 gift card from an area food market. You can put them in the collection basket. This will restock our supply. Thank you for your generosity! This collection will go on for the month of July.



Good Used Clothing

During the month of June we will collect ‘good, used’ men’s clothing----when you get that new Father’s Day gift----clean out the closet or bureau drawer! Clothing will be donated to “Warde-Robe” in Central Falls, one of the McAuley Ministries (sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy).

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

Attention Young Couples

“God, Grille and Games”
 Saturday, July 20th. Come to the 5:00 p.m. Mass, then enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs on the grille and then join in some lawn games. Please respond before July 15th to Fr. Gaffney at sbc.pastor@aol.com (free will offering accepted).

“Progressive Jackpot Raffle”

Please complete and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office at 275 Tower Hill Rd, North Kingstown RI 02852 Tickets are \$50.00 each. (Please make checks payable to ‘St. Bernard Church’)

Name _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 How Many Tickets: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____ Cash _____ Check _____

Faith Formation 2024-2025

Registration Coming Soon

Mass of Graduation

At St. Bernard Parish we are very proud of our High School Seniors who are now preparing to graduate from area schools. We would like to recognize them for their achievements, and let them know we wish them well in their endeavors. We will have a special 'Mass of Graduation' on **Sunday, June 9th at the 10:30AM Mass** followed by a light reception. If you have a graduating Senior, please RSVP by Wednesday, June 5th to Christina at sbc.teenff@gmail.com or by calling the office. Please be sure to let us know what your plans are for next year and how many people will be accompanying you to Mass in order to reserve you and your guests a pew.

CONGRATULATIONS

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.

K of C Breakfast (Public Invited)

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, Jun 9th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Home Fries, Bacon, Baked Beans, Breakfast Pastries, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.

New Altar Server Training

We are in need of additional altar servers. Several of the young boys and girls who received First Holy Communion have volunteered. Anyone who like to be a server (second grade and older)---please contact the office. We will do our 'training' on Tuesday, June 11th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the church.

The 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal

St. Gabriel's Call for Mothers in Need



Every time a mother and child are provided with vital resources through St. Gabriel's Project, you make a difference. Together as a Catholic Community of Hope, we can provide new mothers with diapers, formula and clothes. Please consider supporting this vital ministry with a generous gift to the 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal at:

Dioceseofprovidence.org/CCA

OUR LADY OF MERCY Invites Kids Ages 4-12
To Come and Experience the Exciting Mystery of the Eucharist in the **Marvelous Mystery The Mass Comes Alive**
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