

Saint Bernard Church



July 7, 2024 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. David F. Gaffney, Pastor

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Youth Faith Formation: Christina Pichette
Music Director: Alison Shea

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

On July 1st I begin my fifth year as pastor of St. Bernard! Yes, that's right---5th! When I arrived we were "coming out of Covid"----but still sat in 'every-other pew'-----we kept our six feet of social distancing, we wiped down the pews after every Mass. It was a challenging time for all of us, for sure! Since that time, we have been bringing back parish activities and more and more people have come back to church and many new families have registered as parishioners. I am grateful for your support and for your support of new initiatives and also very grateful for your financial support of our parish. Current diocesan policy is that pastors are assigned for a six-year term with the possibility of asking to be renewed for a second six-year term.

Just recently, on June 29th, Bishop Henning ordained two men to the Priesthood. We, like many dioceses in the country do not have as many men being ordained as are retiring. We need to continue to pray for vocations and to encourage those who may be thinking about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

I came upon a report written by CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) located at Georgetown University that conducted a survey of the Priesthood Ordination Class of 2024. (most ordinations take place in May or June of any given calendar year). I thought you might find some of the statistics of interest!

The survey was administered between January 10 and March 10, 2024. Out of 475 ordinands (those to be ordained) invited to participate, 392 ordinands responded to the survey. The response rate was 83%.

Four in five ordinands (83%) are preparing for ordination to a diocese. 17% are members of a religious order (i.e. Dominicans, Jesuits, etc.)

On average they first considered priesthood when they were 16 years old.

Since 1999, the average age of responding ordinands has been in the mid-thirties.

Two in three responding ordinands (67%) are Caucasian; One in five (18%) is Hispanic/Latino; One in ten (11%) is Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian; relatively few (2%) are African/African American

One quarter is foreign born (23%)

The four most common countries of birth among foreign born are Mexico, Vietnam, Colombia and the Philippines

One in ten responding ordinands (10%) reported being home schooled. Between 32% and 42% attended a Catholic school at the K-12 level or college level. Two in three (67%) participated in a religious education program in their parish.

Three in five responding ordinands (60%) completed an undergraduate degree or a graduate degree before entering the seminary.

Among those who attended undergraduate or graduate school before entering the seminary, the most common fields of study included business, liberal arts, philosophy, and engineering.

One in five responding ordinands (21%) carried educational debt at the time they entered the seminary which was \$26,898.

Seven in ten responding ordinands (70%) reported having full-time work experience prior to entering the seminary.

Relatively few responding ordinands (4%) served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Nine in ten responding ordinands (92%) reported being baptized Catholic as an infant. Among those who became Catholic later in life, the average age of conversion was 23.

Three in ten responding ordinands (29%) have or had a relative who is a priest or religious.

Four in five responding ordinands (82%) reported that both their parents were Catholic when they were children.

Some interesting facts to "ponder". I will continue a look at the information from this survey in next week's Ponderings.

--Fr. Gaffney

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, July 8

8:00 AM — *Eileen Fitzpatrick*

TUESDAY, July 9

8:00 AM — *Egidio Capobianco*

WEDNESDAY, July 10

8:00 AM — *Rev. Dennis Reardon*

THURSDAY, July 11

8:00 AM — *Al Butler*
by his family

FRIDAY, July 12

8:00 AM — *Ernesto Montoya*
by Natalia Montoya

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 13

5:00 PM — *Dorothy Guida*

SUNDAY, July 14

7:00 AM — *Parishioners of St Bernard*

8:30 AM — *Deb Pierini*
by her family

10:30 AM — *Elaine Chabot*

by her family

Grief Group

The next meetings are **Tuesday, 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.

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St. Bernard Church

Celebrates 150 Years

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Upcoming Events

July 22 (Monday) and/or

July 29 (Monday)

6:00 PM

Beer Tasting

West Passage Brewery

(see Registration Form on page 5)

August 24 (Saturday)

Feast of St. Bernard Cookout

After 5:00 PM Mass

Visit our website for complete information and also to purchase tickets online for the dinner dance.

www.stbernardnk.org/mission-150/



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).



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Early Closing

The Parish Office will be closing at 3:00 PM on Mondays and Tuesdays during the months of July and August..

Parish Support

	June 16, 2024	2023
Basket	\$6,533.00	\$6,082.00
ACH	\$3,388.00	\$4,054.00
	June 23, 2024	2023
Basket	\$6,652.00	\$6,317.00
ACH	\$3,016.00	\$2,859.00
YTD	\$555,808.00	\$551,414.00

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

While You're Away Don't Forget

If you are away this summer enjoying the beach or far-away places, please don't forget that back home in old St. Bernard's, we still have to pay our bills. If you are away and miss a few weeks of your budget contributions, please try to make them up so that we can keep going or you can use the Online Giving Option. We miss you while you're away, and we miss your generosity too!

Limited Edition Signed Prints.



Thomas Lynch, the artist of the painting for our Anniversary, provided us with 50 signed limited editions prints of this beautiful work. Several remain for sale at \$50. Contact the parish office for availability. The painting depicts Mill Cove, here in Wickford.

St Bernard Fourth Annual Golf Tournament



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday October 6, 2024

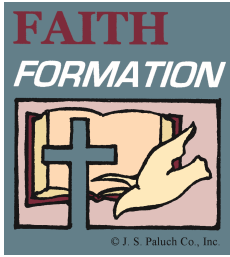
Richmond Country Club

Fr. Gately, Pastor



Fr. Harrington, Assistant Pastor
May Procession—Circa 1945
Arlene Haggarty &
her cousin Joan Haggarty,





Faith Formation
It's Registration
Time!!!!

Check out our website:

www.stbernardnk.org

for all details about the changes to the program for this year.

There have been some changes and new additions to the upcoming school year's program.

- NEW Gospel Weeklies class for the incoming class of Kindergarten students.
- Grade 7 has been shifted to the Sacramental Preparation schedule as a Pre-Confirmation class
- Grade 7, 8, 9 - New Curriculum books listed on website
- Save the Date - September 9/15/24 - Family Pasta Party & Faith Formation Open House to kickoff the new program year.

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.

Men of St. Joseph



The Men of St. Joseph International is a Catholic association of men committed to Jesus Christ. Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, **July 10 at 7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome.

Morning Glory Gathering

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



Wedding Anniversary Celebration at the Cathedral

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment is hosting the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration to honor couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2024. The celebration will be held on Sunday, **September 22, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence. It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Richard G. Henning will be the main celebrant and homilist. You must register with the parish by **August 11**. Please call the parish office or e-mail the parish office (sbc.pa@verizon.net) if you would like to attend this special celebration.

Beer Tasting

West Passage Brewing Company
 7835 Post Rd, North Kingstown, RI 02852
 6:00 PM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

July 22: Number of Tickets: _____ @ \$20.00 each Cash _____ Check: _____

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