

Saint Bernard Church



July 28, 2024 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Bienvenue Olympics! The Paris Olympics are upon us! I recall as a child and teen looking forward to the Olympics on television. It was exciting to see so much talent converging in one place for a short amount of time. The athletes had been preparing for years for that moment. Many of them, rightly so, would be honored to simply have been selected to represent their country in their particular sport. Of course, every athlete wants to win the gold, or silver or bronze.....and yet, we, the fans, myself included, are simply in awe of such talent and discipline.

Here is a line-up of the sports for the Paris Olympics: Archery, Artistic Gymnastics; Artistic Swimming; Badminton, Basketball, Basketball 3x3, Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Breaking (Break Dancing), Canoe Slalom, Canoe Sprint, Cricket, Cycling BMX Freestyle, Cycling BMX Racing, Cycling Mountain Bike, Cycling Road, Cycling Track, Diving, Equestrian, Fencing, Flag Football, Golf, Handball, Judo, Karate, Kayak Cross, Lacrosse, Marathon Swimming, Modern Pentathlon, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Rowing, Rugby, Shooting, Skateboarding, Sport Climbing, Squash, Surfing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Trampoline, Triathlon, Volleyball, Water Polo, Weightlifting, Wrestling. (I hope I didn't miss any). Two new sports were added: Kayak Cross and Surfing. Baseball and Softball did not make the cut this year but will return in 2028 in Los Angeles.

Which sport is your favorite? Are you a competitor in any of them? I was amazed to read about some of the youngest athletes---in their teens---who have made it to the Olympics. Great Britain's Sky Brown, age 16, is in the skateboarding competition. Canada's Summer McIntosh, age 17, will compete in swimming. China's Quan Hongchan, age 17, will compete in diving. USA's Hezly Rivera, age 16, will compete in artistic gymnastics. Great Britain's Phoebe Gill, age 17, will complete in distance running. Australia's Jeff Dunne, age 16, will compete in 'breaking' (break dancing). USA's Katie Grimes, age 17, will compete in swimming. USA's Quincy Wilson, age 16, will compete in track and field. Japan's Yoshizawa Coco, age 14, skateboarding.

Pope Francis wrote a 'Message for the Olympic Games' addressed to Archbishop Laurent Ulrich, the Archbishop of Paris. He writes, "I join you in welcoming this prestigious international sporting event. Sport is a universal language that transcends frontiers, languages, races, nationalities and religions; it has the capacity to unite people, to encourage dialogue and mutual acceptance; it stimulates the surpassing of oneself, forms the spirit of sacrifice, fosters loyalty in interpersonal relations; it invites people to recognize their own limits and the value of others. The Olympic Games, if they remain truly 'games', can therefore be an exceptional meeting place between peoples, even the most hostile. The five interlinked rings represent the spirit of fraternity that should characterize the Olympic event and sporting competition in general."

The Roman Catholic Church, an international organization, recognizes the Olympics as an international organization, that has a unique opportunity to speak to a broad section of humanity. Our Holy Father continues, "It was in this spirit that Antiquity wisely instituted a truce during the Games, and that modern times regularly attempted to revive this happy tradition. In these troubled times, when world peace is under serious threat, it is my fervent wish that everyone will take this truce to heart, in the hope of resolving conflicts and restoring harmony."

We pray that much "good" will come from this international gathering. Let it not just be about the sport, but about the dignity of every person---a restored sense of the worth of every person who inhabits our planet.

--Fr. Gaffney

p.s. The Paralympics Games take place August 28-September 8! More amazing athletes!

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



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, July 29

8:00 AM — *Paul H. Leddy*

TUESDAY, July 30

8:00 AM — *Ann Faughnan*

WEDNESDAY, July 31

8:00 AM Anu Tomy
by her family

THURSDAY, August 1

8:00 AM — *Mary Godley*

FRIDAY, August 2

8:00 AM — *Thomas Fishe*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, August 3

5:00 PM — *Joan Harman*
by Peter & Gudrun Cannon

SUNDAY, August 4

7:00 AM — *Egidio Capobianco*

8:30 AM — *Natalie Walsh*

10:30 AM — *Lois Ellis*

4th anniversary by her husband

Grief Group

The next meeting is **Tuesday, 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

August 24 (Saturday)

Feast of St. Bernard Cookout
After 5:00 PM Mass

Family Pasta Lunch

Sunday September 15
Parish Hall after the 10:30 AM Mass
Save the Date!

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

www.stbernardnk.org/mission-150/



Happy Birthday, Fr. Jack!

Our “Pastor Emeritus” is celebrating a ‘milestone’ birthday this year. He will celebrate the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, August 2nd and we will have “coffee and” in the parish center immediately after! Come and sing “Happy Birthday”! Join us!



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

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| | July 14, 2024 | 2023 |
| Basket | \$8,617.00 | \$7,766.00 |
| ACH | \$2,608.00 | \$3,661.00 |
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| | July 21, 2024 | 2023 |
| Basket | \$6,641.00 | \$6,263.00 |
| ACH | \$4,233.00 | \$2,249.00 |
| YTD | \$51,864.00 | \$44,298.00 |

Becoming a Catholic—or
“making up my sacraments”
Where do I begin?

Are you someone who was baptized a Catholic but have not received First Communion or Confirmation? Are you someone who was baptized in another Christian church and would like to become Catholic? Are you someone who has never been baptized? The Church has a program known by the initials, R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is a process---a series of classes---whereby you prepare to receive one or more of the following: Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation. After a time of preparation, you would receive these sacraments at the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday). This celebration for adults receiving sacraments happens in Catholic churches all of the world at the Easter Vigil! Yes, you can receive these sacraments as adults! Maybe you are embarrassed because you have not received these sacraments---don't be embarrassed! Maybe you are unsure if you can 'learn what you need to know'---don't be worried---we'll help you through! Maybe you are worried about what others may think--don't worry what others might think---you are doing this to grow in your faith---to grow closer to God! Don't let any stumbling blocks get in the way! This might be the opportunity you have been waiting for! Classes will begin in the Fall. Before that time, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Gaffney. He can answer any questions you may have.

Parish Feast Day and
Parish Cook-Out!

The Feast of St. Bernard is Tuesday, August 20th. On Saturday August 24th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass we will have a Parish Cook-Out! We will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and bottled water. You bring whatever your family wants for 'sides' or dessert. Bring a lawn chair! We will also have the parish hall set up with tables and chairs---with air-conditioning. Come----meet other parishioners! Renew old acquaintances! **SAVE THE DATE: SAT. AUG. 24TH**. (even if you plan to go to Mass on Sunday morning-----come to the cookout at 6:00 p.m.)

Please return this form through the collection basket or e-mail the parish office at

sbc.pa@verizon.net

This will help us as we plan the amount of food to purchase!

Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____

Number of Children: _____

St Bernard Fourth Annual
Golf Tournament

Sunday October 6, 2024
 Richmond Country Club



Visit our website:

www.stbernardnk.org/golf/

The 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal

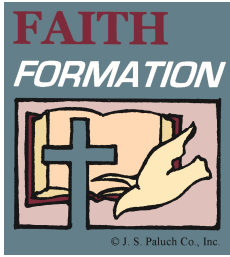
Update

Diocese

Goal: \$7,000,000
 Actual: \$7,500,000

St Bernard's

Goal: \$80,750
 Actual: \$94,545
 Donors: 195
 Percent over Goal: 117



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.

Kids Clothing

We will be collecting good, clean used “Kids Clothing”—elementary and high school age young people. We will donate the clothing to Warde-Robe in Central Falls. It is part of McAuley Ministries. As you shop for ‘back to school’ clothing and realize your children have ‘outgrown’ some of their clothes, we know where they can find a ‘new home’!

The North Kingstown Food Pantry

For the month of June, 2024
177 pounds of food,
1 pound of hygiene products were donated.

Thank you so much for all your donations.



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.

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Wakefield, RI 02879



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Friday August 23rd, 2024

5:30pm-8:00pm

For more information and to purchase tickets please visit

www.kitchenofhope.net

Knights of Columbus 25 Week Club

Congratulations to the following winners for the month of July:

Bill Ryan

Mary Capobianco

Richard Silva

Scott Liebman



Grand prize winners:

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