

# Saint Bernard Church



## August 18, 2024 Twentieth 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:** **Summer**  
Mon - Tues: 9:00 AM - 3:00 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*

During our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year celebration a number of “Memorials” have been donated by parishioners. These include, trees, liturgical items such as candlesticks and ciboria, vestments, the refurbishing of the old Stations of the Cross and a statue of the Blessed Mother in front of the church.

Work has begun on the base of the statue and as I write this column the workmen are continuing with the project. The statue is known as the “Madonna of Bruges”. The original is a sculpture by Michelangelo. (the same artist who sculpted The Pieta---housed in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome.) The Madonna of Bruges is sometimes likened to The Pieta (1498-1499). You may recall that The Pieta depicts Christ’s body lying in his mother’s lap after the crucifixion. The similarities between the two are particularly noticeable in Mary’s facial features, bent head, and flowing robe. In both sculptures, she has the same mournful look, symbolizing her son’s destiny. Michelangelo worked on the Bruges Madonna from 1503-1506. It is two meters in height (approximately six feet, seven inches)

In Michelangelo’s depiction of the “Mother and Child” we see that Jesus stands upright, not in Mary’s arms---as is often the case in Renaissance art, and is loosely restrained by her left hand. He appears to be about to step away from his mother. Art historians say this is meant to suggest that he is a leader and is ready to venture out into the community and begin his mission. Meanwhile, Mary gazes down and away. Some art historians say that her expression appears to be stoic, understanding the awful certainty of her child’s fate. It is almost as though Mary, as queen, is displaying Jesus to her followers. The work is notable in that it was the first sculpture by Michelangelo to leave Italy during his lifetime. In 1504, it was bought by Giovanni and Alessandro Moscheroi for 100 ducats. They were wealthy cloth merchants in Bruges (Belgium), then one of the leading commercial centers in Europe. The sculpture is situated in the Church of Our Lady in Bruges.

The artist, Michelangelo was born on March 6, 1475, and died on February 18, 1564. He is considered to be one of the great Renaissance artists, along with Leonardo Da Vinci and Raphael. Michelangelo was a sculptor, painter, poet and architect. He is best known for his sculptures, The Pieta (Rome) and David (Florence), and for the majestic paintings of the Sistine Chapel, for example The Creation of Adam and The Last Judgment.

The Madonna of Bruges has an interesting history. It was reportedly shipped to Paris in 1794 during the French Revolution, after which it was returned to its home in Bruges, only to be uprooted again in 1944, during World War II, when it was stolen by the Nazis and stored in a salt mine. It was eventually returned to Bruges, and its tale became part of the movie entitled The Monuments Men (2014) which was about the recovery of stolen artworks by the Nazis in World War II.

Our parish patron saint, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother. He was born in 1090 and died in 1153---and thus, never saw this statue. He wrote, “Look to the star of the sea, call upon Mary...in danger, in distress, in doubt, think of Mary, call upon Mary. May her name never be far from your lips, or far from your heart....If you follow her, you will not stray; if you pray to her, you will not despair; if you turn your thoughts to her, you will not err. If she hold you, you will not fall, if she protects you, you need not fear; if she is your guide, you will not tire; if she is gracious to you, you will surely reach your destination.”



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, August 19**

8:00 AM — *Julia Buckley*  
by her family

### **TUESDAY, August 20**

8:00 AM — *Deb Pierini*  
by her family

### **WEDNESDAY, August 21**

8:00 AM — *Rev. Dennis Reardon*

### **THURSDAY, August 22**

8:00 AM — *Dan M. Kelly*

### **FRIDAY, August 23**

8:00 AM — *Catherine & Melvin Sherman*  
by their grandchildren

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, August 24**

5:00 PM — *Rob Verdi*  
by his family

### **SUNDAY, August 25**

7:00 AM — *Rev. Dennis Reardon*

8:30 AM — *Rocco & Alma Marcaccio*  
by their family

10:30 AM — *Linda Sherman*

## **National Eucharistic Congress**

*Attended by parishioner, Mike Benson*



## **St. Bernard Church**

**Celebrates 150 Years**

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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/](http://www.stbernardnk.org/mission-150/)



## **Name Tag Sundays**

From Labor Day weekend to Columbus Day weekend we will once again ask you get a name tag as you enter church. We will take a moment at the start of each of the masses to greet our neighbors. So often we recognize faces, but don't know the names of those who sit near us in the pews. The mantra goes: "See a Face, Learn a Name, Share a Story, Love Your Neighbor"!

## **Grief Group**

The next meeting is **Tuesday, September 10th from 6:30 pm-to 7:30 pm**. If anyone would like more information about the group, please see Fr. Gaffney.

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

## Parish Support

	August 4, 2024	2023
Basket	\$11,633.00	\$10,000.00
ACH	\$3,636.00	\$4,639.00
	August 11, 2024	2023
Basket	\$8,999.00	\$6,231.00
ACH	\$4,483.00	\$2,588.00
YTD	\$90,122.00	\$77,376.00

## The North Kingstown Community Chorus

The North Kingstown Community Chorus and Youth Chorus are planning to start rehearsals for their 2024 Winter Concert. The theme is: ***"Jingle All the Way"***.

The chorus is open to Adults of all ages and high school students. The Youth Chorus includes children in grades 2 – 8. Residency in North Kingstown is not required. There are no auditions and all experience levels are welcome.

Both groups meet at the **Quidnessett Elementary School, 166 Mark Drive, North Kingstown, RI 02852** every Tuesday. The Winter Concert will take place on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at North Kingstown High School Auditorium. **Registration and first rehearsal schedules are as follows:**

***Adults- Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 - 9:00 PM, fee for registration and music is \$60 with a small family discount. Subsequent rehearsals will be on Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM***

***Youth (grades 2-8)- Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 PM, fee is \$35. Subsequent rehearsals will be on Tuesdays at the same time.***

**On-line registration** is now open for both choruses at [www.nkchorus.org/membership.html](http://www.nkchorus.org/membership.html)

For more information about both our choruses contact Heather Skidds, director, at (401)-573-7564 or [info@nkchorus.org](mailto:info@nkchorus.org).

## Parish Feast Day and Parish Cook-Out!



The Feast of St. Bernard is Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> 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. 24<sup>TH</sup>**. (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](mailto: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/](http://www.stbernardnk.org/golf/)

## 2025 Jubilee: The Holy Year Information Night

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. There will be an informational meeting by Collette Tours on

**Tuesday, September 3 at 6:00 PM**  
in the parish hall.

**Faith Formation**  
**It's Registration Time!!!!**

Check out our website:

[www.stbernardnk.org](http://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.
- Registration Deadline: **8/10/2024**. A late fee of \$20.00 will be applied after that date.

**Young at Heart Returns!**

Our Young at Heart Luncheon returns on the following dates:

September 16, 2024  
October 28, 2024  
November 18, 2024  
December 16, 2024  
February 10, 2025  
March 24, 2025  
April 28, 2025  
June 2, 2025

**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.

**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.

**Young at Heart September Luncheon**

**Monday, September 16 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, September 9th**.

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