Saint Bernard Church

November 1, 2026
All Saints

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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

Pre-Confirmation Grades 6 & 7 and Confirmation Grades 8 & 9: sbc.teenff@gmail.com

Gospel Weeklies Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, :
stbernardgospelweeklies@gmail.com

Ponderings

November has arrived! This month is traditionally devoted to remembering our 'beloved dead'. An important celebration happens at the beginning of the month—All Souls' Day on November 2nd. This is a day set aside for honoring the dead.

According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial sin) must go. Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven. There is a scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. "Turning in supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out….Thus made atonement for the deed that they might be free from sin."

Consistent with these teachings and traditions, Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on Earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter into heaven. The belief in purgatory has not been without controversy. Certainly, some flagrant abuses of the doctrine were used to raise money for the Church during the Renaissance. Famously, Martin Luther, argued with the monk, Johan Tetzel, over the sale of indulgences. Indulgences were sold as spiritual pardons to the poor and applied to the souls of the dead to get people into heaven. The abuse of indulgences and the blatant, sometimes fraudulent practice of selling indulgences for money led to Luther's protest. When Martin Luther translated the Bible into German, he omitted the even books of the canon which refer to prayers for the dead. He then introduced the heretical belief that people are simply saved, or not, and argued that there is no need to pray for the dead to get them into heaven. The Church reeled from Luther's accusation and reformed its practice of selling indulgences. However, it reemphasized the Biblical and traditional practices of praying for the departed and the importance of such prayers.

Our custom at St. Bernard's is to have a special mass on All Souls' Day at 7:00 p.m. (in addition to the usual 8:00 a.m. Mass). At the evening mass on November 2nd we pray for all of the Faithful Departed, in particular, we remember by name those who have died and had their funeral mass at St. Bernard's within the past year. These families are, in all likelihood, still grieving the loss of their loved one. We come together to support them as a community, to pray for their loved one and to be strengthened by the Eucharist for our journey----from this life to the next. This evening mass is "open" to the entire parish ---in fact, your presence is a support to those who have experienced the recent loss of their loved one.

I decided to try something new this year during the month of All Souls (November). On Friday, November 6th at 1:00 p.m. we will have a "Funeral Planning Workshop"---which will include looking at readings and music for your own funeral mass. You will see the announcement for this event in the bulletin and several reasons for offering it. Join us!

Another practice, which we have already initiated, is the place the "Book of the Dead" near the sanctuary—in front of the statues of Mary and Joseph. You are welcome to write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book. We will pray for all those people whose names you have listed.

Finally, another 'custom' among some Catholics is to visit the cemetery during the month of November. (Often relatives and friends will visit and say a prayer at the graves of their loved ones at Christmas and Easter). This might be a new custom for you (and your family) to take up----to say a prayer at the graves of our dearly departed loved ones.

--Fr. Gaffney

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

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 2
8:00 AM – ***Frank Baldino***
by his family

TUESDAY, November 3
8:00 AM – ***Theresa Palermo Romano***
by her family

WEDNESDAY, November 4
8:00 AM – ***Christian Hull***
by his mother

THURSDAY, November 5
8:00 AM – ***Joseph Laurino***
by his daughter Lisa

FRIDAY, November 6
8:00 AM – ***The Hull & Laurino Families***
by Lisa

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 7
5:00 PM – ***Edward Keenan***

SUNDAY, November 8
7:00 AM– ***Deceased of the Parish***

8:30 AM – ***Parishioners of St. Bernard***

10:30 AM – ***Rose Sidoti***

All Souls Day Memorial Mass

On **Monday November 2nd, 2026 at 7:00 PM** there will be a special Mass for all those who have died in the parish during the past year. Please join us as we remember our parishioners who have had their funeral Mass celebrated in our Parish since November 1, 2025. Also, if you know of someone dear to you who has died in the past year and would like them mentioned at this Mass, please call the office at 295-0387 and leave us the name before Monday, October 26.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please join us on Thanksgiving Day for Mass at 8:30 a.m. In a year when there have been so many challenges and difficulties we pause to recall God's blessings, as well.

Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place immediately after the morning Mass on Tuesdays (approximately 8:30 a.m.) Benediction and reposition at 11:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for quiet, prayerful reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.

"Red, White and Blue" for our nation's 250 Anniversary was the theme for the Quilters in planning this year's quilt---which will be raffled in November. Remember to send in your raffle tickets.

Parish Support

	October 18, 2026	2025
Basket	**$5,504.00**	**$7,650.00**
ACH	**$3,435.10**	**$3,634.00**
	October 25, 2026	**2025**
Basket	**$5,259.00**	**$9,010.00**
ACH	**$3,570.10**	**$8,084.00**
YTD	**$196,140.20**	**$216,176.00**

Annual Collection

Letters have been mailed to all registered households in the parish. (We have extra copies of the mailing if you did not receive it for some reason) We are grateful for your generous support of this "annual" collection in the past and look forward to your support this year. This collection literally enables us to pay our bills. It is our hope that every family will be able to contribute to the collection. Thank you to those who have already sent in their donation. The collection continues till the end of the calendar year.

Funeral Planning Workshop

Friday, November 6th at 1:00 p.m. in the parish center

Grief Group

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday, November 10
Tuesday , December 22

6:30pm to 7:30 pm
in the large conference room.

St. Vincent de Paul

Monday, 11/2, 9:30—1:30
Small Conference Room

SPRED Prep

Monday, November 2, 6:00pm-7:30 pm in the parish hall

Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday, November 3
Tuesday, November 17
Tuesday, December 1
Tuesday, December 15

from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the parish hall.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 4

9:00 am – 12:00 pm in Parish Hall or

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm in large conference room

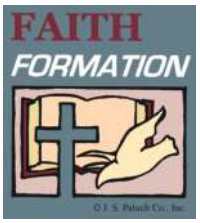
Men of St. Joseph

The Men of St. Joseph International is a Catholic association of men committed to Jesus Christ. Our monthly meeting will be held on
Wednesday, November 4 7:00pm
in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome.

Adult Choir

Thursday, November 5th, 6:45pm—8:15pm in the large conference room.

Faith Formation



Weather related Class Cancellations!
Please go to: turnto10.com/or the local TV/Radio Channels for updates.

* 11/1/26 - Grades K,1,3,4,5 : 1st In-person Gospel Weeklies Classes
Next Class: 11/15
**Return completed assignments to the next in-person class.

* 11/8/26- Grades 2, 6,7,8,9 : 1st Sacramental Preparation Classes

**Grade 1 through 5 is expected to return each Gospel Weekly to the next in person class. This is so the lesson from the Gospel of the week is reviewed in a timely manner and the program stays on track.

Summer Trips Informational Meeting:

At the Coffee and Donuts after the 10:30AM Mass on 11/15, Christina will be around to talk to any student or parent interested in participating in our 3 available summer trips in 2027. For more information on our summer trips please go online to https://www.stbernardnk.org/youth-ministry/. At the meeting, Christina will be able to provide further information and answer any questions.

Please Inscribe the Following Names in the Memorial Book

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All Souls Memorial Book

A special "Memorial Book" will be placed in the front of the church, to the left of the altar for all those who died in the parish. Parishioners are welcome to write in the names of those they would like us to pray for during the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls. In order to not wait in line, we offer two additional options for providing the names of your deceased loved ones.

E-mail the names of your deceased loved ones to the parish office at:
sbc.pa@verizon.net.

Fill out the form below and mail it to us or drop in the collection basket.

The names you send us will be inscribed in the Memorial Book. We will pray for all our beloved dead during the month of November. May our prayers help them find a home in Heaven.

Young at Heart November Luncheon

Monday, November 16th at noon (sign in at 11:30 AM) Menu: TBD
Name (s) _____

Cost: $15.00 per person. (Checks payable to St. Bernard) Please respond by **Monday, November 9th.**

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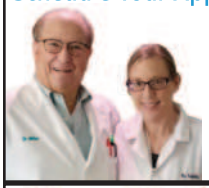

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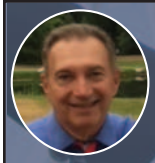

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