



**St. Bernard Church
275 Tower Hill Road
North Kingstown, R. I.**

A Stewardship Parish

**Pentecost Sunday
June 4, 2017**

Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor
Rev. Charles Maher, Weekend Assistant

Pastoral Assistant: Angelo Giacchi
Administrative Assistant: Michael Saunders
Elementary Faith Formation: Dawn Masterson
Rel. Ed. Office Manager: Deborah Fortin
Music Director: Alison Shea

Mass Schedules

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil ~ 5:00 PM
Sundays
7:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM
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Weekdays:
8:00 AM Monday through Friday

Parish Center: 275 Tower Hill Road
North Kingstown, RI 02852

Phone #: 295-0387

E-mail: sbc.bus@verizon.net

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM

Please visit us on the web:
<http://www.stbernardnk.org>

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 ~ 4:30 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Following Tuesday's 8:00 AM Mass
until 11:30 AM

Family Faith Formation Program:
This family based program provides parishioners of all ages opportunities for learning, growing and living our Faith through common experiences, age-specific learning and interactive sharing and is designed for families with children in grades 1 through 7. Our Confirmation Program accepts students in grades 8 and 9, but any high school student is welcome. For information contact sbc.reled@verizon.net.

 *rom the Pastor's Desk* 

Soon we will award scholarships from the St. Bernard Scholarship Fund to several young parishioners who are soon to graduate from High School and begin a new academic career at one of many institutions of higher learning throughout the country. In many cases they will be leaving home for the first time and setting out to achieve new goals. At graduation ceremonies throughout the State, these graduates will hear the words of wise (and not so wise) politicians, celebrities, school administrators, alumni and fellow graduates.

But then, it seems to me that sometimes commencement speeches are not intended for the graduates at all. In the case of many college and university graduation speeches the speaker is also trying to advance their own agenda whether it be liberal or conservative. Their personal vision for success is proclaimed and often that advice is to seek fame or fortune or both. But the best speeches are the ones that really speak to the hearts of the graduating students. Such a speech recognizes those who were being honored for their achievements in academia, and it can be an inspiration for those who are leaving school to enter one of the most challenging job markets in our nation's history.

At my college graduation the commencement address was given by the late Senator Clayborn Pell, and, quite honestly, I can't remember a word he said. I do remember that Bishop McVinney, who presided that day in 1971 was upset because the ceremony began late.

With all this in mind, I would like to offer a few words of my own to this year's graduates, as I have done in previous years. I do not have any agenda except to speak to you, the graduates, at this most important time in your lives and to let you know how very proud we are of all of you. As we celebrate today the Feast of Pentecost, the day on which the Church was born and the Disciples "Graduated" and were empowered to bring Christ's message of love and forgiveness to the entire world, it seems appropriate to "send off" our graduates with our prayers and the power of that same Holy Spirit, whom they have received in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

My dear graduates:

It is not easy to know your purpose in life. But it is important to try and to count on God's creative wisdom for it will give you a sense of meaning and direction. As you leave College or High School and for many of you as you leave St. Bernard parish to pursue your goals in life, it is important to remember that you will achieve the greatest happiness if your goals and God's plan for you are one and the same.

First, **know who is in charge**: Remember that God is in charge and ask Him for His guidance and help. If you really want control over your life's direction, let HIM lead you.

Next, **make a commitment to life**: Life is God's most precious and fragile gift and you must be a partner with Him in preserving it with dignity. When you uphold the value of life for everyone else, including the unborn, the elderly, the oppressed, and the lonely, you bring dignity and meaning to your own life.

Finally, **be faithful**: Remember the promises you have made to God, yourself and others and keep them, no matter what others might do or think. You are wonderfully made by God and He has faith in you. Remain close to Christ in the Eucharist (wherever you are) and remember that God's plan works best when you follow the directions.

When all is said and done, the greatest honor the world can give you is the knowledge that it is a better place for everyone because you were here to make a difference. Your parish family is proud of you all and we know that you will make that difference because you have listened to God and have come to know Him. May God bless you with success in your new beginnings.

Fr. Jack

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, June 5:

8:00 AM – *Fenwick Gardiner*
Birthday remembrance by his family

TUESDAY, June 6:

8:00 AM – *Steve, Helen, Stephen, Robert Marks*
by Dilick Family

WEDNESDAY, June 7:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the parish*

THURSDAY, June 8

8:00 AM – *Deborah Giorgeri*
by Douglas Nannig

FRIDAY June 9:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, June 10:

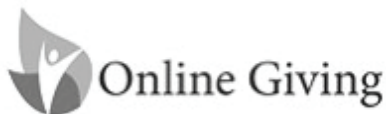
5:00 PM – *Joseph Moretti*
by his wife

SUNDAY, June 11:

7:00 AM - *Deceased of the parish*

8:30 AM - *Dawn Sullivan*
25th Anniversary by the McDermott family

10:30 AM – *Rose & Charles Battaglia*
by their daughter



We offer an online option that complements our offering envelope use. By signing up to give your weekly offertory and special collections online, you will help the parish more accurately forecast our finances and plan more strategically. Online Giving is a safe, secure and dependable means of income for the parish. Visit stbernardnk.org, click on “Support your Parish” and follow the link to OSV, Online Giving.

Upcoming Meetings

Tue 6/6	Tee-Ball League , Parish Grounds	5:30 PM
Thu 6/8	Morning Mass Coffee , Parish Hall Adult Choir , Parish Center	8:30 AM 6:45 PM
Fri 6/9	South County Nursing Home	2:00 PM

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. We miss you while you're away, and we miss your generosity too!

Parish Office Summer Hours

Monday—Thursday
 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Closed on Fridays.

PARISH SUPPORT

	<u>May 28, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$7,047.00	\$7,347.00
On Line Giving	\$1,387.00	\$1,509.00
Year To Date	\$460,846.00	\$480,171.00
	<u>May 21, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$6,540.00	\$6,330.00
On Line Giving	\$1,787.00	\$1,853.00

Announcements

Baptisms



On Sunday, May 29, 2017
Luca Vincenzo DelSignore
Mason Michael Palana
Thomas Jeffrey Tkacs
Hadley Mae Smith

were welcomed to our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate their parents.

Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter



We are always in need of **new socks, bath towels, and backpacks, twin-sized bedding, etc.** Drop off items at the Parish Center. Contact the office at **Pari-**

shCenter@SBCWickford.org or 295-0387 for



The N. K. Food Pantry For May the Pantry needs:

Tuna, Baked Beans, Canned Meats (chicken, corned beef hash, spam, etc.), Jams & Jellies, Coffee, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruits, Condiments (mayo, ketchup, mustard), Instant Puddings, Toothpaste & Brushes



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
Supporting the work of the Church

“Faith and Good Works”

Supports 39 Diocesan Ministries and Programs that Serve Over 200,000 Rhode Islanders Annually

It is the goal of every Catholic Charity Appeal ministry to continue the redemptive work of Christ in our world.

What We Do:

1. We teach God’s truth
2. We love our neighbor
3. We serve with grateful hearts

Why We Do It:

1. To promote peace and justice
2. To proclaim the dignity of each person
3. To share our values

How We Do It:

1. Through 39 ministries and programs
2. Through dedicated clergy, staff and volunteers
3. Through living what we believe

Case Statement for the Catholic Charity Appeal

The Catholic Charity Appeal is the main source of support for our diocesan agencies providing for the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of Rhode Islanders each year. It is our responsibility to ensure that these agencies and programs have the resources available to help our brothers and sisters in need.



**2017 CATHOLIC
CHARITY APPEAL**

We continue the Annual Catholic Charity Fund Appeal in our Parish. Some of our parishioners have already responded to a personal appeal directly from Bishop Tobin, and soon we will make the general appeal to the entire Parish. With your help we are sure to reach our parish goal of \$85,000 this year.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
IT'S REGISTRATION TIME!!!!



Registration forms were emailed this week to families that participated in our programs last year.

If your child was not part of our program last year or you did not receive an email and

you would like to register them for the grade appropriate program, detailed information about the program and registration forms are available in the gathering space in the back of the church and at the Parish Office. They will be on our website in the near future.

Completed forms can be mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office, or placed in the collection basket at Mass. Upon your review of the documents should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office at sbc.reled@verizon.net OR 295-0387.

Registration deadlines:

June 30, 2017: for Grades 1 through 9

Was May 31, 2017: for Grade 10 (Student has completed our 2 year Confirmation Program and will be confirmed in October, 2017 (date TBA) If you have not registered please do so ASAP.

Confirmation Candidates

Reminder: Confirmation Candidates are required to sign in to record their attendance at weekly Mass in the book located in the gathering space. If you attend Mass at a different church, please return a signed bulletin to the Parish Center on a regular basis.

New Parish Website

At long last we have updated our Parish Website. Our old web page was dated and not compatible with newer technology. And so, if you have tried to go to our old website you have found that it is now "off-line".

Our new Website is: **www.stbernardnk.org**.

The new site is not yet complete, but is already to use. In future weeks we will be adding new features and displaying exciting pictures to show the many activities of our Parish. Please call the office if you have any questions.



Summer Bible Camp

June 26 - June 30, 2017 8:30 AM—11:30 AM

A weeklong, half day camp hosted at St. Bernard Church for Students entering grade K-5 in the fall of 2017. The theme is Maker Fun Factory - Created by God, Built for a purpose. There will be a variety of activities including, games, story time, crafts and snack time. Registration forms are available in the gathering space of the Church. Adult volunteers are needed as "Station Leaders" and High School Students are needed as "Crew Leaders". If you are interested please contact the Faith Formation Office at 295-0387 or sbc.reled@verizon.net as soon as possible.



St Bernard Tee-Ball

After over a 20 year hiatus, St. B's tee-ball is making a comeback! On Tuesday's May 30, June 6, 13 & 20

we will be hosting tee-ball clinics here on the Church's grounds from 5:30-6:30. Open for boys and girls ages 3-6, we hope to bring back what was once a very popular program in the parish. For more information, including volunteer opportunities and registration please contact Ed Cooney at either ecooneyjr@gmail.com or (401) 965-9724.

"From Darkness to Light"
Project Rachel Workshop

The Diocese of Providence will host a Project Rachel workshop for post-abortive women. Project Rachel is a national outreach program to aid women who have suffered the physical, spiritual and emotional trauma of abortion.

Saturday June 10, 8:30 AM 4:30 PM
Place: The Peace Barn at the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, North Providence
Call or email Carol Owens at 401-421-7833, ext. 218 or cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org