

# St Bernard Church, North Kingstown, RI



## June 11, 2017 Most Holy Trinity

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

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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

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

Phone #: 295-0387

E-mail: [sbc.bus@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:sbc.reled@verizon.net).



From the Pastor's Desk

Recently I read the results of a national survey which showed that despite a worldwide rise in religious fundamentalism, the number of Americans who label themselves as “nonreligious” has doubled in the last decade. Most of these people are young (under 30), single, highly educated, registered Democrats or Independents. They are relatively young, liberal adults who consider themselves quite spiritual, simply not attracted to organized religion. Needless to say, they attend Mass only when there is an occasion to do so, like a wedding or a funeral (and often bring their cell phones and crying toddlers with them).

While teaching religion classes to Middle School and High School students, I have often heard kids say, “Well, it doesn’t really matter. Everyone goes to heaven when they die; Jesus forgives everything we do in the end.” When I hear this I begin to ask myself the question, “Who is Jesus to these young people?” Many of them view Jesus as a nice guy who did good deeds and made everybody feel good about themselves – like right out of *Godspell* (if you can remember that far back). To them religion appears to be no more significant than a hobby and salvation is certainly not an issue.

The great French theologian, Teilhard de Chardin, was once asked why so many people did not believe in God. “They must not have heard of God in the correct way”, he answered. Could it be that we are inadvertently teaching God in the wrong way? Have we been teaching Jesus in ways that do not stimulate the religious imaginations of our young people? Have we tamed Jesus? Are we inadvertently cultivating images of a placid, all-merciful, forgiving Jesus who is a gentle giant without a personality? Such images cannot possibly rouse in our youth an all-consuming passion to follow Him. Unless they know the real Jesus, how will they be able to face a complex and problem-riddled world?

In order to reach our youth we must present a Jesus who is complete and compelling, not some docile, insipid man. Jesus felt strong emotions like anger, sorrow, fear, impatience and loneliness. Jesus began His ministry by appealing to people’s emotions by performing miracles, wondrous deeds and amazing speeches. He spoke to them of commitment, tough choices, mission and the acceptance of authority. He attracted followers so forcibly that they dropped everything to follow Him.

Since revising our Religious Education Program for Middle and High School students we have seen a very positive improvement in their interest and involvement. We have some great kids in this Parish and it is wonderful to see them entering into a more meaningful relationship with Jesus, one that is their own, not simply what others tell them they have to believe. That is why we are asking parents to register their children for our Program now and not in September. This way we can better prepare to offer these kids something of real value.

I suppose there is no simple solution to the young adult migration away from the Church. Yet as parents, teachers, and priests we must draw from our Christian tradition resources substantial enough to carry a young person through adolescence into adulthood. We must show them a Jesus who stirs their passions and engages their senses. To give youth the riches of our faith, formation must include a better understanding of who Jesus really was and the irreplaceable example of adult Catholics who take their own faith seriously. This is what we are trying to do.

*Fr. Jack*



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, June 12:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the parish*

### **TUESDAY, June 13:**

8:00 AM – *Steven & Elsie Knapik  
by Dilick Family*

### **WEDNESDAY, June 14:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the parish*

### **THURSDAY, June 15**

8:00 AM *Deceased of the parish*

### **FRIDAY June 16:**

8:00 AM – *Catherine DeMichele  
by her family*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, June 17:**

5:00 PM – *India O'Neil  
by Robert & Jane Viera*

### **SUNDAY, June 18:**

7:00 AM - *A. Norman LaSalle  
by Norma LaSalle*

8:30 AM - *Deceased of the parish*

10:30 AM – *Edward A. Courtemunche  
by Norma Welitoff and family*



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:ecooneyjr@gmail.com) or (401) 965-9724.



## OUR LADY OF SORROWS SUPPORT GROUP

Once again this Summer we are offering a 6 week Bereavement Support Group which is geared specifically for parents

who have suffered the loss of a Child. It does not matter how old you are or how long ago you suffered the loss, many have found that sharing their grief with others who have suffered a similar loss can be very productive and can help them to move from sorrow to hope. Our Lady of Sorrows Support Group fully embraces Catholic spirituality however non Catholics are welcome and may find many of the topics and the group interaction helpful. Anyone from any parish is welcome. **The Group meets at the Parish Center on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM and begins this week on June 13<sup>th</sup>.**



## The N. K. Food Pantry

**For June the Pantry needs:**

Baked Beans, Beef Soups, Non-Cheerios type Cereals, Canned & Fresh Fruits, Toothpaste & Brushes



## 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 or Contact the office at 295-0387 for more information.

## Announcements

### Upcoming Meetings

<b>Tue 6/13</b>	<b>Tee-Ball League</b> , Parish Grounds <b>Our Lady of Sorrows Support Group</b> , Parish Center	<b>5:30 PM</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Thu 6/15</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b> , Parish Center <b>Baptism Class</b> , Parish Center	<b>6:45 PM</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>

### Parish Office Summer Hours

Monday—Thursday  
9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Closed on Fridays.

### 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](http://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.

### We welcome new parishioners

If you are new to the area and would like to register in the parish, please visit us at

**[www.stbernardnk.org](http://www.stbernardnk.org)**

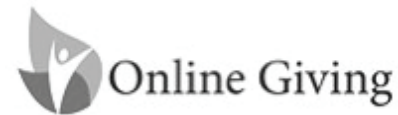
or call the parish office at 295-0387. There is a lot to get involved in here and we would love to have you join us.

### PARISH SUPPORT

	<u>June 4, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$7,907.00</b>	<b>\$6,985.00</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$1,632.00</b>	<b>\$1,283.00</b>
<b>Year To Date</b>	<b>\$470,010.00</b>	<b>\$489,431.00</b>
	<u>May 28, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$7,047.00</b>	<b>\$7,347.00</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$1,387.00</b>	<b>\$1,509.00</b>

### 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!



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](http://stbernardnk.org)**, click on “Support your Parish” and follow the link to OSV, Online Giving.

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



Registration forms were emailed a few weeks ago 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](mailto: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.



**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children between the ages of 4 and 11 are welcome to join us each week for the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 Mass. Children are dismissed to the Gathering Space for the readings and a "child friendly" homily. They return to their families at collection.



**Quo Vadis Days Camp**

Attention all high school age Catholic boys! **Do you know where your life is going? Our Lord Jesus has a great plan for you!** You are invited to attend the *Quo Vadis Days Camp* to spend time with other young men your age discovering your purpose in life while having fun. *QVD* camp is led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Providence and is supported by the Office of Vocations. The camp will include reflections from priests and laymen from around the diocese, Mass with our bishop, an outdoor challenge course and a number of other fun activities.

*QVD* will be held from **July 30 – August 2** at the **Seminary of Our Lady of Providence**. The cost of the camp is **\$25.00**.

If you would like more information, please contact **Fr. Christopher Murphy** at **(401) 331-1316** or email **FatherCJM@gmail.com**. To register online, please visit <http://qvdays.org/register/diocese-of-providence/>



**Sunday Community Dinners**

The Sunday Community Dinners are held weekly at 1st Baptist Church of Wickford, 44 Main Street. Dinners are served at 12:30 p.m. (new start time) and are open to all, **FREE**. St. Bernard's will be providing the meal on June 25 and July 23. If you would like to help, please call Chris Kosak at 294-2885 or the Parish Center at 295-0387.