

St Bernard Church, North Kingstown, RI



June 18, 2017 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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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

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.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The Body and Blood of Christ



As pilgrims on the road of life we suffer from many hungers but the greatest hunger of all is the yearning for a deeper meaning to life. This is something that no earthly bread can satisfy. In our struggle to find purpose, the Eucharist is of great help because it is an invitation to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. By setting out on the road he travelled and by doing our utmost to imitate his life of caring and serving, we are gradually brought to see the importance of placing the common good of people before our own self-interest.

If sharing in the Eucharist is to mean more than merely going to Mass and providing nourishment for our own private spiritual lives, we have to rise above the divisions and injustices of society which keep us apart and prevent us from forming a closer bond with the community of the Church. This will mean opening the doors of our hearts and of our homes and accepting people as God created them.

This solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on God's most striking gift to us and a timely reminder to renew our faith and deepen our appreciation of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. He is the living bread sent down from heaven as food for our souls to satisfy our deepest spiritual hunger. The Eucharist proclaims that Christ died for our sins so that we might have life and salvation. The Son of God could not have given us a greater proof of His love for us.

This feast also provides us with an opportunity to look again at our "table manners" when we approach this sacred meal. We hold in our hands the Body and Blood of the Lord and the way we receive Him should reflect our reverence and respect. Years ago it was rare to see anyone in Church who was not "dressed up", even the kids, and no one would dare to leave Mass early. While some still do dress up, they are in the minority. But what concerns me most is the lack of proper respect which is shown when people march up to receive Holy Communion and then walk right out the door. They never stay to say "thank you" and they never remain for the blessing. They leave Mass unfinished. It is like being invited as a guest to a dinner party and then slithering out the kitchen door before dessert is served. Now, I do understand that on a rare occasion a person might have to leave a bit early because of an emergency or some important appointment, however, most who leave early at St. Bernard's do it every week and it is always the same people. This is a bad habit, not an emergency. I am sure most of these people do not intend to be disrespectful, but in fact, they are.

Let us celebrate this great gift today and keep His holy presence with us by the way we treat the Lord when we are with Him at Mass. A little reverence goes a long way in helping us honor God, who calls us to His service by loving one another.

Fr. Jack



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, June 19:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the parish*

TUESDAY, June 20:

8:00 AM – *Michael Washko*
by Dilick Family

WEDNESDAY, June 21:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the parish*

THURSDAY, June 22

8:00 AM – *Paul Sherman*
by his family

FRIDAY June 23:

8:00 AM – *Special Intention*
by Paula Valliere

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, June 24:

5:00 PM – *Philip Valliere*
by Paula Valliere

SUNDAY, June 25:

7:00 AM – *Richard Duvielh*
by Michael Charron

8:30 AM – *Deceased of the parish*

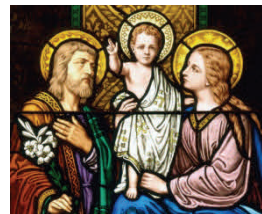
10:30 AM – *Raymond Gosselin*
by his family



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 as soon as possible.



Holy Family Memorial Rose Garden

During our recent Capital Campaign to raise funds to build the new Parish Center we promised that those who donated would be remembered in a Rose Garden. Although the pledges are still ongoing and the names will not be added until next year, we are dedicating the beautiful garden this weekend. Please take time to see the garden and it can be entered through the church exit to the right of the sanctuary. We are grateful to those who helped make it a reality.



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. The second session begins this week.



⇒ Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the recipients of this year’s St. Bernard Scholarship awards. Good luck to them and to all graduating high school seniors of the parish

Charles Compton
Rose Dowden
Timothy Healey
Colleen McKenna
Nicolas Ruggieri
Nathan Wilhelm
Joseph Zingarelli

Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Tue 6/20	Tee-Ball League, Parish Grounds Our Lady of Sorrows Support Group, Parish Center	5:30 PM 6:30 PM
Sat 6/24	Summer Bible Camp Decorating, Parish Center	9:30 AM

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.

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

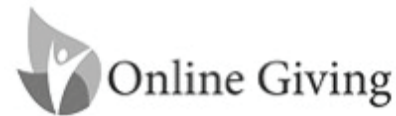
If you are new to the area and would like to register in the parish, please visit us at

www.stbernardnk.org

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 11, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$7,388.00	\$7,806.00
On Line Giving	\$2,487.00	\$992.00
Year To Date	\$479,886.00	\$497,054.00
	<u>June 4, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$7,907.00	\$6,985.00
On Line Giving	\$1,632.00	\$1,283.00



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.

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.

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 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.



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.



A FATHER'S PRAYER

O God, Giver of Life and Father of us all, help me to be the kind of father to my children that You are to me.

May I love them unconditionally, forgive them when they fail, counsel them when they doubt, lift them up when they fall, guide them in the darkness and walk beside them in the light.

Show me, Loving Father, how to teach them, to play with them, to share with them and to pray with them.

Thank You for my children; thank You for my role as a father. Amen.

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/>