

Saint Bernard Church



June 25, 2017 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 : 401-295-0387

E-mail: sbc.bus@verizon.net

Web: www.stbernardnk.org

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

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

Eucharistic 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.



During the summer months parish life quiets down and the schedule becomes a bit lighter. This summer I thought I would offer, from time to time, a series of little articles about the 10 Commandments. Each Commandment tells us something about the importance of our relationship with God and helps us understand our moral responsibility towards one another. The values of our culture are often portrayed as being somewhat morally ambiguous, and yet our Christian Faith gives us clear direction when we seek to know right from wrong. I hope you find this short series helpful.

Fr. Unsworth

“I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, YOU SHALL NOT HAVE STRANGE GODS BEFORE ME.”

The First Commandment sounds ridiculous, right? How many families are worshipping Thor or Zeus or Baal? After all, worship means giving your entire self to someone or something. Webster defines worship as “extreme devotion; intense love or veneration”. And families don’t build altars to Athena, light candles to Apollo, or bow down before graven images.

But some families do have other “gods”. Here are some questions for all of us to ask ourselves around the dinner table to test how well we live up to the First Commandment:

1. How many times this year have we skipped Sunday Mass? What did we substitute in its place – a vacation? shopping? A ball game?
2. How often do we pray in a given week? Compare that number with how many TV shows we watch in one day or how many hours we spend on social media?
3. Name the last five books we have read. How many of them are about God, Jesus, the church, prayer, or some other part of our faith?
4. Whose pictures are displayed in our home? Is there a crucifix anywhere in the house?
A question for children about the future: do you want to grow up to be like Jesus? Or do you copy only rock stars, sports figures, heroes from action movies, and others?

To help keep yourself “on track” with the First Commandment, say this little prayer once and awhile:

Lord, our only God, fix in our hearts a singular love for You. Keep our minds - so easily distracted by everyday worries, the lure of money, and other small gods – focused on the one God who can bring us peace, the one God who has given us all we need for eternal happiness. Amen.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, June 26:

8:00 AM – *Donald & Michael Miller*
by *Alberta Miller*

TUESDAY, June 27:

8:00 AM – *Joseph Lewis*
by *Dilick Family*

WEDNESDAY, June 28:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, June 29

8:00 AM – *Crew of USS Fitzgerald*

FRIDAY June 30:

8:00 AM – *Jean Reilly*
by *her husband*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 1:

5:00 PM – *Florida Bertrand & Elaine Dunn*
by *Kirkutis Family*

SUNDAY, July 2:

7:00 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM - *Raymond McDade*
by *his wife*

10:30 AM – *Michael Gallagher*
by *classmate and friend*



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.



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. 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.

Summer Bible Study



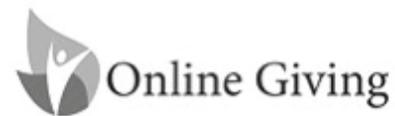
We will begin a new 6-week Bible Study series on Saturday Mornings during the summer beginning on **Saturday, July 1** and continuing through Saturday, **August 5 from 8:30 – 9:30 AM**. Our topic this week will be “What the Bible Says About Issues in the Modern World.” Our first session will explore the ways the Scriptures help us find our place in a very impersonal and technocratic world.



Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Mon 6/26	Summer Bible Camp, Parish Center	8:30 AM
Tue 6/27	Summer Bible Camp, Parish Center Our Lady of Sorrows Support Group, Parish Center	8:30 AM 6:30 PM
Wed 6/28	Summer Bible Camp, Parish Center	8:30 AM
Thu 6/29	Summer Bible Camp, Parish Center	8:30 AM
Fri 6/30	Summer Bible Camp, Parish Center	8:30 AM
Sat 7/1	McWeeney- Connor Wedding	2:30 PM

<u>Parish Support</u>		
	<u>June 18, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$6,710.00	\$6,940.00
On Line Giving	\$2,262.00	\$3,013.00
Year To Date	\$488,858.00	\$506,521.00
	<u>June 11, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$7,388.00	\$7,806.00
On Line Giving	\$2,487.00	\$992.00



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.

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.

The N K Food Pantry

For June the Pantry needs:

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

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 or you can use the Online Giving Option above. We miss you while you're away, and we miss your generosity too!

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.

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.

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/>

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
Jessica Moniz
Nicolas Ruggieri
Nathan Wilhelm
Joseph Zingarelli

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.