

# Saint Bernard Church



## July 9, 2017 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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  
**Summer Seminarian:** Mark Gadoury

### 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](mailto:sbc.bus@verizon.net)

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

**Project Rachel:** Post abortion counseling  
Tel: 401-421-7833, ext. 118

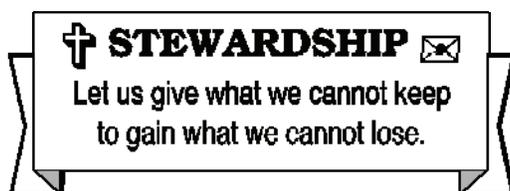
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:00 PM ~ 4:30 PM

### 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](mailto:sbc.reled@verizon.net).



For the past few decades the U.S. Catholic Bishops have been concerned with the need for our church to continue challenging its membership to fuller participation through the use of their time, talent and treasure. This approach to church support is called “Stewardship” and, although it has been around since biblical times, for many of our Catholics it is still a new concept.

We have emerged from a largely immigrant church. The early Catholics who founded our parishes and schools worked very hard to provide these beautiful structures for us. They often gave of their own time and talent to build them and a large proportion of their income, meager though it may have been, went to support their church. With the passage of time, and the many improvements we have seen in the quality of life in this great country, many Catholics - the descendants of these generous people - have directed their lives and resources in other ways. Many no longer support the church in any way, or others only occasionally. For many years the church has relied on raffles, bingo, social events, penny socials, etc. to raise extra cash when needed. This is fine, but we know something is wrong when we have to rely on these events to meet our day to day operating expenses because our regular revenue no longer meets our growing needs.

We here at St. Bernard’s, for instance have had to cope with an average increase of 4% to 6% in our **expenses** each year for the past few years because of having to heat and maintain our church as well as our obligation to pay the interest and debt remaining on the Church and Parish Center. We have added to our operating expenses since opening our new Parish Center. Our ordinary revenue, however, has not increased, and in fact, for the past year it has decreased. It is not hard to see where we are headed unless we begin to see things a little differently.

Stewardship asks us to put God’s priorities before our own. Good stewards give the first portion of their gifts of time, talent and treasure to the Lord’s work in gratitude for His many blessings. This is truly “sacrificial giving” which brings blessings and benefits to those who choose to give this way. Here are some facts that may surprise you:

Weekly giving has decreased by \$18,000 this year (June 2016 - June 2017)

Our current weekly expenses are \$10,300. Our weekly income averages \$8,600.

The monthly Building Maintenance Collection has decreased by \$3,500 annually while our maintenance costs (the church is now over 8 years old), have risen by more than \$8,000 annually.

Stewardship is not just a program for increased giving, however, it is a life-long process.

Look for more information in coming weeks as we prepare to release our Annual Financial Report and join me in thanking God for the many blessings He has bestowed on our parish through your generosity.

*Fr. Jack*



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, July 10:**

8:00 AM – *Thomas Dilick, Sr.*  
*Birthday Remembrance by his wife*

### **TUESDAY, July 11:**

8:00 AM – *Donald Lynch*  
*3rd Anniversary by Norma LaSalle*

### **WEDNESDAY, July 12:**

8:00 AM – *John Casey*  
*by Elizabeth O'Keefe*

### **THURSDAY, July 13**

8:00 AM – *Special Intention*

### **FRIDAY July 14:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, July 15:**

5:00 PM – *William Horridge*  
*by his wife, Mary Jane*

### **SUNDAY, July 16:**

7:00 AM - *Barbara Cerutti*  
*by her Family*

8:30 AM - *Barbara & Donald Yeager*  
*By Cynthia Corbrige*

10:30 AM – *Regina Pelli*  
*Birthday Remembrance by her family*



## 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.



## The N K Food Pantry

### For July the Pantry needs:

Soups, Chili, Jelly, Condiments, Canned Tuna & Chicken, Non Cheerios-Type Cereals, Canned Fruit, Elbow Macaroni and Pancake Syrup. Drop off your items in the bin at the entrance of the Church.

## 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.”



## Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
<b>Tue</b> 7/11	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows Support Group, Parish Center</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Thu</b> 7/13	<b>Morning Mass Coffee, Parish Hall</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
<b>Fri</b> 7/14	<b>Mass at South County Nursing Home</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>Sat</b> 7/15	<b>Summer Bible Study, Parish Center</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>

### We Welcome New Parishioners

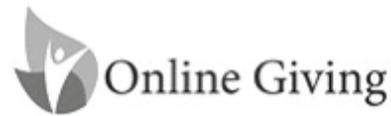
If you are new to the area and would like to register in the parish, please visit us at

**[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.



<u>Parish Support</u>		
	<u>June 25, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,862.00</b>	<b>\$7,313.00</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$1,352.00</b>	<b>\$2,850.00</b>
<b>Year To Date</b>	<b>\$497,071.00</b>	<b>\$516,360.00</b>
	<u>June 18, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,710.00</b>	<b>\$6,940.00</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$2,262.00</b>	<b>\$3,013.00</b>



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.

### 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](mailto:sbc.reled@verizon.net) OR 295-0387.

**Registration deadlines:**

**Was 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 on **October, 21, 2017 at 11:00 AM**. 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](http://www.stbernardnk.org)**.

The new site is not yet complete, but is ready to use. Check out the Photos section where you will find pictures of St Bernard's **T-Ball & Summer Bible Camp**. Please call the office if you have any questions.

**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/>

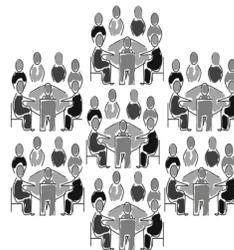


**Emmanuel House**  
**Homeless Shelter**

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.

**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 July 23. If you would like to help, please call Chris Kosak at 294-2885 or the Parish Center at 295-0387.