

Saint Bernard Church



July 16, 2017 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Pastoral Assistant: Angelo Giacchi
Administrative Assistant: Michael Saunders
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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

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.



The Message of The Fifth Commandment

“Be a person of Compassion”

*During the summer months I will be offering a series of little articles reviewing the themes of some of the 10 Commandments. I hope you find this short series helpful.
Fr. Jack*

Compassion is the practical side of love, it is love in action. The original meaning of the 5th Commandment was “do not murder.” The Israelites considered rash or senseless killing wrong. They also considered injury to the meek and innocent a serious moral evil.

The 5th Commandment also prohibits self-injury, suicide, dangerous risks, negligence, abortion, injury of the weak, mercy killing, exploitation, and both psychological and physical violence. Its message is that all life is sacred and that human beings must work together as partners to build a compassionate society.

Within every moment of life, whether of joy, despair, confusion, or guilt – God is present to you, offering you an experience of love, mercy and confidence. In every moment of life you are surrounded by a God who continues to reveal compassion. Every moment of life reveals God’s love, forgiveness, and understanding.

Because the 5th Commandment calls us to respect human life in all its forms, it is the most comprehensive of all the Commandments and takes into account many different issues relating to the value of quality of a life lived with compassion. Here are just some of the issues it deals with:

ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND TOBACCO:

The use of alcoholic beverages is one of those pleasures that should be enjoyed with caution and in moderation. Excessive drinking causes a physical and moral breakdown in the individual and ultimately harms their family as well.

The recreational use of illegal drugs, outside of a doctor’s care, is considered immoral because of the physical, emotional and mental damage that they do.

Whether cigarette smoking is immoral or not is a point of debate among theologians. Cigarettes are addictive, they are known to cause cancer and lung disease. In addition to the detrimental effects on the smoker, the smoke from cigarettes has been shown to harm non-smokers.

VIOLENCE, EXPLOITATION AND PREJUDICE:

Conflicts are a normal part of life, and it does not necessarily mean “fighting”. Resolving conflicts in a non-violent way is the true way of the Gospel.

Exploitation is taking advantage of another person or group for personal gain. It uses and abuses a person as if he or she were an object. Exploitation is one form of “bloodless violence” that is very common.

Prejudice is usually learned from parents and friends. However, we are morally responsible for our own prejudices, we cannot blame them on someone else.

Discrimination is an action that willfully denies opportunities to a group or individual because of race, creed, sexual orientation or gender.

To be continued next week.....



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, July 17:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish.*

TUESDAY, July 18:

8:00 AM – *Richard Tomlinson*
Birthday Remembrance by Norma LaSalle

WEDNESDAY, July 19:

8:00 AM – *Sara & Elizabeth Sullivan*
by Arlene Gardiner

THURSDAY, July 20

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY July 21:

8:00 AM – *Gertrude Rogers & Jeanne Goulet*
by their family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 22:

5:00 PM – *Anibal Pereira*
by the LaPerriere family

SUNDAY, July 23:

7:00 AM – *Robert Storti*
by his brother

8:30 AM – *Joseph Beatrice*
by the parish

10:30 AM – *Marie C. Taylor*
by Norma Welitoff & family



2017 CATHOLIC
CHARITY APPEAL

Catholic Charity Fund Appeal

We are grateful to all who gave so generously to this year's Catholic Charity Fund Appeal. Although the appeal lasted longer than previous years, for the first time in 3 years we are happy to report that St Bernard's has now gone over our Parish Goal of \$85,000. St. Bernard Parish can be very proud of this wonderful accomplishment in the name of all those in our diocese who will benefit from it. Bishop Tobin also extends in congratulations and his gratitude.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration



The Diocese of Providence cordially invites you and your spouse to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th or over 50 Wedding Anniversary, Sunday October 15th, 2017 at

1:00 PM at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Providence, RI. The 2017 Wedding Anniversary Celebration includes Mass, renewal of wedding vows, a personalized certificate and a reception for you and your guests. Bishop Thomas J Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist. Please call the parish office to register.

Children's Liturgy Of the Word (CLOW) WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Over the years many wonderful and generous teachers have helped us to coordinate and teach in this program which provides a Special Liturgy of the Word for young children at the 10:30AM Mass. This 20 minute program each week has a guide and outline for teachers to follow. However, recently many of our volunteer teachers have expressed a desire to "move on" and we are grateful for their help. This leaves us, however, with too few teachers to continue the program. We are looking for a few teachers and a Master Teacher to help us get this program going again in the Fall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Religious Education Office at sbc.reled@verizon.net or call 295-0387 ask for Deb Fortin.

Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Tue 7/18	Our Lady of Sorrows Support Group, Parish Center	6:30 PM
Thu 7/20	Baptism Class, (Please Call Parish Office if attending)	7:00 PM

<u>Parish Support</u>		
	<u>July 9, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$6,925.00	\$6,694.00
On Line Giving	\$1,667.00	\$1,388.00
Year To Date	\$17,833.00	\$18,390.00
	<u>July 2, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$8,172.00	\$9,674.00
On Line Giving	\$1,632.00	

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YARD SALE (PUBLIC INVITED)



On Saturday, July 29th, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM the Knights of Columbus will hold a Huge Yard Sale at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown; just

North of the Intersection of Rt. 1 and Rt. 4. There will be a large assortment of tools and indoor/outdoor household items. The Hall will be open to receive items between the hours of 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Thursday, July 27th and Friday Jul 28th. Pick up service is available by calling 295-0507. Please leave a message.

The N K Food Pantry



For July the Pantry needs:

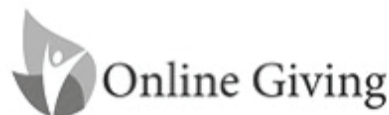
Soups, Chili, Jelly, Condiments, Canned Tuna & Chicken, Non Cheerios-Type Cereals, Canned Fruit, Elbow Macaroni and Pancake Syrup. Drop off your items in the bin at the entrance of the Church.

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.



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.

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!

Bible Camp



We extend a giant “**THANK YOU**” to all the campers, volunteers, Station Leaders, and parish families who participated in Vacation Bible School in June. We had a wonderful time at our Maker Fun Factory learning how we were Created by God and Built for a Purpose. A special thanks to Fr. Jack, Dawn Master-son, Deb Fortin, Mr. Mark, our seminarian, Mr. Angelo for their hard work in preparing for this event. Also, a special thanks to all who helped plan, design, set up, decorate, and led the station activities for the week.

Melissa Asher
Kathy Biron
Ethan Brennan
George Coronado
Liam Dowden
AM Finlay
Ben Gilmartin
Reese Grondin
Nick Hines
Sam Hines
Cameron Joyce
Abby Keegan
Jean Martish

Alison Miccolis
Colleen Miccolis
Amanda Miccolis
Lauren Nigri
Thomas Oates
Cameron Ostiguy
Catherine Schultz
Elizabeth Schultz
Victoria Schultz
Megan Sullivan
Ava Sullivan
Bob Walsh

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 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.