

Saint Bernard Church



July 23, 2017 Sixteenth 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

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
(continued from last week)*

“Be a person of Compassion”

During the summer months I will be offering a series of little articles on the meaning 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.

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. Last week we looked at Alcohol & Drug abuse as well as Violence, Exploitation and Prejudice. Here are a few more important issues the 5th Commandment deals with:

SUICIDE:

Most people, at one time or another, are tempted to lose the light of hope. Most are able to find meaning to their existence before they do something desperate. Some never do. The number of suicides in our country is rising, especially among teenagers and young adults with prescription drug overdoses. Feelings of insecurity, rejection, and frustration can lead to attempted suicide. Alerting parents and local counseling personnel may save a life and be the first step toward solving the problem responsible for the person’s depression.

ABORTION:

Abortion is the termination and removal of the human life growing inside the womb. An abortion may occur naturally, when for some unknown reason the body rejects the growth of this new life or, because of medical complications, the fetus dies in the mother’s womb. When an abortion is caused by human intervention, the intention is a conscious termination of the life of the fetus. As Catholics we believe that life itself is God’s greatest gift and that life begins at conception.

The Catholic Church condemns abortion, whether or not it is declared legal by the state. If a Catholic decides to have an abortion, or assists in procuring one, it is considered a very serious mortal sin and is best dealt with in the Sacrament of Penance.

EUTHANASIA:

Euthanasia is a willful act to end a person’s life because of incurable illness or old age. It can be carried out by the persons themselves (a form of suicide) or by another person.

When there is no hope of improving a person’s condition the Catholic Church teaches that extraordinary means need not be used to sustain a person’s life. Extraordinary means is any attempt to sustain a human life when that person would otherwise die naturally. In such cases, the Church permits the removal of any life sustaining machine. This is referred to as “dying with dignity” and is not the same as directly causing someone’s death by euthanasia.

WAR:

War is the solution proposed by governments to solve political or economic problems. Wars always involve the use of lethal weapons and usually lead to the large-scale slaughter of human life. The Gospels clearly state that we are called to be peace-makers (*Matthew 26:52*). Excessive violence, or willful torture of another human being is always immoral. One is permitted to use only enough force to resolve the situation as quickly as possible, with as few casualties as possible. Nations and individuals must always attempt peaceful, nonviolent means of resolution before engaging in physical conflict.

ENTERTAINMENT:

Much is being said these days about the adverse effects on young people of the excessive violence found in movies, the media and video games. We must be mature and responsible in what we allow, or don’t allow our children to see and do. Remember, our kids are watching us as well!



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, July 24:

8:00 AM – *Theresa Manidis*
by *Elizabeth O’Keefe*

TUESDAY, July 25:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEDNESDAY, July 26:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, July 27

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY July 28:

8:00 AM – *Benjamin Dabrowski*
by *his family*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 29:

5:00 PM – *Pompeii & Marie Francese*
by *their daughter*

SUNDAY, July 30:

7:00 AM - *Thomas Flatley*

8:30 AM - *Lawrence M. O’Connell*
by *his family*

10:30 AM – *Mary McCarthy & Dorothy Roberts*
by *Eileen & Richard Sherman*



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>		
Sun 7/23	Knights of Columbus Installation Mass, Church	2:00 PM
Tue 7/25	Our Lady of Sorrows Support Group, Parish Center	6:30 PM

<u>Parish Support</u>		
	<u>July 16, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$6,787.00	\$6,294.00
On Line Giving	\$3,052.00	\$3,363.00
Year To Date	\$27,707.00	\$26,971.00
	<u>July 9, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$6,925.00	\$6,694.00
On Line Giving	\$1,667.00	\$1,388.00

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:

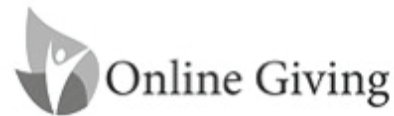
Soups, Chili, Jelly, Condiments, Canned Tuna & Chicken, Non Cheerios -Type Cereals, Canned Fruit, Elbow Macaroni and Pancake Syrup. Drop off your items in the bin at the entrance of the Church.

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!

Faith Formation Program
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
IT'S REGISTRATION TIME!!!!



Registration forms were emailed a several 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:

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**.

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/>

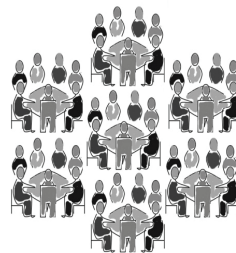


Emmanuel House
Homeless Shelter

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