

Saint Bernard Church



July 30, 2017 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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Administrative Assistant: Michael Saunders
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Rel. Ed. Office Manager: Deborah Fortin
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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.



*The Message of
The Seventh Commandment*

“Thou shall not steal.”

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

More than 20 years ago I read a great little book by Robert Fulghum entitled, *“All I really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten.”* He states that as a small child he learned to pick up things he dropped, put back things he took, clean up his own mess and don’t take things that are not yours. The Seventh Commandment, however, is not only about honesty in our own personal behavior, but also the behavior of corporations, institutions, and governments as well.

If we were to list some of the important sins this commandment forbids they would include: *plagiarism, theft, embezzlement and shoplifting.* But there are also many subtle ways we break this commandment. For instance, when we take information from the internet and then try to pass it off as our own work we are stealing. When we back into someone’s car, causing damage, and driving away without leaving a note we are taking money from that person who has to pay for repairs.

Regardless of what form the theft takes, those who take from others damage the harmony of society. In the days of Moses, there were no police or prisons. If a person was caught stealing the donkey or ox of another and that person relied on that animal for his livelihood, the thief was often put to death. Even today in some countries governed by strict Islamic law a thief could lose his or her hand for stealing.

The teaching of our Church is that those who steal, in whatever form it might take, must perform restitution (returning what you have stolen). You need to give it back or make it right. The Church also asks us to consider the needs of others and not just ourselves. The spirit of the Seventh Commandment is to remember to always be a person of generosity and to remember that the world’s good were intended to be shared by all.

Today in Africa we are hearing of the death of thousands of men, women and children who are starving because of war and famine. They are a part of our global family and they are our responsibility too. God entrusted the human family to manage the resources of the universe. Our moral duty is to care for all of God’s creation. Our response when people are hungry and desperately poor is two-fold. First we must help ease their hunger by making a contribution as our means allow. Secondly, we must work to change the conditions that cause such poverty to exist.

The Seventh Commandment calls us all to be good stewards. That means that we have the will and intelligence to be in charge and not to dominate or overpower, but to create a just and reasonable society, using the earth’s resources. It is up to us to see that the goods of the earth are distributed in a just and charitable way to every person in the world.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, July 31:

8:00 AM – *Michael Long*
by Daniel & Madeline O’Leary

TUESDAY, August 1:

8:00 AM – *Ethel & William Burns*
by the Babat family

WEDNESDAY, August 2:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, August 3

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY August 4:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, August 5:

5:00 PM – *Felix, Celestina & Irene Giorgio*
by Margaret Taft

SUNDAY, August 6:

7:00 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM - *Normand Vadenais*
by his family

10:30 AM – *Aldo Papa*
by the Mansella Family

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. and are open to all, **FREE**. St. Bernard’s will be providing the meal August 20, September 17, October 15, November 12 and December 10.

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

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.

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!



Our Children’s Liturgy Of The Word is taking a break until **September**.

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

PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS



Last year at our Parish Festival in mid-August, we struggled to find enough people to help organize it and the numbers who attended were very disappointing. We have again encountered a problem in finding volunteers, largely because families are still away on vacation during that time in the Summer.

If you are interested in helping us plan a fun-filled and family-oriented event for the Fall, perhaps a “Family Fall Festival” we would be happy to speak to you. It would be good to have some event that will gather our parishioners together and help us celebrate all the good things our Parish does for us. If you would like to be a part of it, please call the office this week at 295-0387.

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

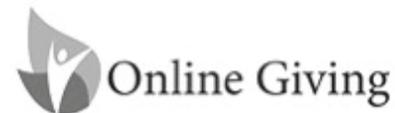
www.stbernardnk.org

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.

Parish Support

	<u>July 23, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$6,125.00	\$6,676.00
On Line Giving	\$1,462.00	\$627.50
Year To Date	\$35,294.00	\$34,275.00

	<u>July 16, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$6,787.00	\$6,294.00
On Line Giving	\$3,052.00	\$3,363.00



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.

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

The registration deadline for all programs has passed. All registration forms will now require a late fee of \$25 per family.

Detailed information about our programs and registration forms can be found on our website: www.stbernardnk.org/faith-formation, in the gathering space in the back of the church and at the Parish Center.

Completed forms can be mailed, dropped off at the Parish Center 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.

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.

The Haitian Project

Needs office volunteers!

The Haitian Project is looking for volunteers to help out with various office and outreach tasks in our North Kingstown office, located in the Mill at Lafayette, each week!

If you are interested or for more information, please call (401) 351-3624 or email development@haitianproject.org.



MATTHEW 19:14



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.