

Saint Bernard Church



August 6, 2017 The Transfiguration of the Lord

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

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Administrative Assistant: Michael Saunders
Elementary Faith Formation: Dawn Masterson
Rel. Ed. Office Manager: Deborah Fortin
Music Director: Alison Shea
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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

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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 Eighth Commandment*

“Respecting the truth”

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

In the world of morality, sometimes what is not said is more important than what is said. The Eighth Commandment, **“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”**, includes the sins of lying, deception, hypocrisy, and slander. But the heart of the commandment isn’t about forbidding certain acts – it is about being a person of integrity who respects and lives the truth.

As human beings we are naturally motivated to tell the truth, and we have to be motivated to tell a lie. Some lie to cover up a wrongdoing, some lie to avoid being punished; others lie to make themselves appear to be more important than they really are. Well-meaning people sometimes lie to avoid confronting someone with an unpleasant truth. No matter what the motivation, to tell a lie is still a sin.

The Eighth Commandment requires us to always respect the reputation of others. Spreading a negative rumor about someone never serves any good purpose. Though a bit of gossip may be true, when we pass on that information without a reason, we injure someone’s reputation and we call that the sin of **detract-
tion**, because it detracts from that person’s good name. If you pass on or create a rumor or story that is not true, you are “bearing false witness against your neighbor”, an even more serious sin which is called **cal-
umny**, or **slander**.

Today we are all called to respect another person’s confidentiality. Counselors, therapists and doctors must not reveal what you tell them in confidence, except in unusual cases when keeping the secret might cause serious harm to you or someone else. Private information that could lead to prejudice against a person is confidential, unless a serious reason exists to tell it. It is, however, ethically correct to reveal confidential information when a person is in danger of causing serious harm to himself or someone else as in the case of a suicide. The only place where a person’s secrets are completely safe is in the Sacrament of Penance where a priest can never tell anyone what he has heard, even in the most serious circumstances.

Finally, it is also important that our society tell the truth in advertising, in news reporting on TV or in the press and in politics. We all have to make daily choices about truthfulness. When you are a person of integrity, telling the truth is your strength – a good habit that will serve you well. Jesus said, *“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”* (John :31-32)



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, August 7:

8:00 AM – *John Manidas*
by *Elizabeth O’Keefe*

TUESDAY, August 8:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEDNESDAY, August 9:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, August 10

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY August 11:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, August 12:

5:00 PM – *John & Rose Giacchi*
by *their family*

SUNDAY, August 13:

7:00 AM - *Barbara & Henry Welch*
by *their family*

8:30 AM - *Carl Battaglia*
by *his sister*

10:30 AM – *Regina Pelli*
by *her 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

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Thu 8/10	Morning Mass Coffee, Parish Hall	8:30 AM

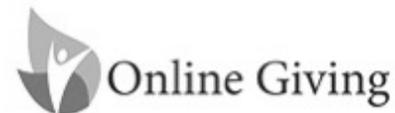
<u>Parish Support</u>		
	<u>July 30, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$6,239.00	\$6,663.00
On Line Giving	\$1,332.00	\$858.50
Year To Date	\$42,864.00	\$42,770.00
	<u>July 23, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$6,125.00	\$6,676.00
On Line Giving	\$1,462.00	\$627.50

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.



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!

The N K Food Pantry



FEED THE HUNGRY

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.

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.

Baptisms



On Sunday, July 30, 2017

Caroline Grace Reilly

Brody Edward Xavier

Claire Diana Gallagher

were welcomed to our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate their parents.

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.



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.