

Saint Bernard Church



August 20, 2017 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 9th & 10th Commandments
“Be satisfied with what you have.”*

During the summer months I have offered a series of little articles reviewing the themes of some of the 10 Commandments. With this final installment, I hope you have found this short series helpful.

Fr. Jack

On August 8th the Church celebrated the feast of St. Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221). At the age of 14 he went to the university to study theology and became a priest. When a famine hit where he was studying, he sold his possessions and books so he could feed the poor. When traveling through Europe he was disturbed by the growing number of people who were listening to a new heresy called “Albigensianism”. In a nutshell, what this heresy said was that the world and all that is in it is bad and only God is good. Dominic tried to convince people that God’s creation was good but that sometimes it was misused by humans who did bad things. Eventually he realized that the only way to convince people of the truth was to live it. He founded the Dominican Order of Preachers and instructed them to live humble, simple lives. He was right. People always learn more from an example of virtue and humility than they do from lectures.

The 9th & 10th Commandments remind us that God provides for us all that we need. There is no reason for us to be jealous or greedy for possessions or popularity or power. We Americans are not only conditioned to be consumers, but also to desire things we don’t want or need. Every home is full of stuff that we don’t use and has to be thrown out to make room for more stuff. Our landfills are full and our desires are still not met. These 2 last Commandments call us to live a simple life without the burden of having to seek more than we deserve or require.

The greatest example of living the simple life was given to us by Jesus himself. He never owned a house or any other kind of property. He relied on the generosity of others and always had everything he needed. He taught his disciples to share their goods with each other and to make sure that the poor and the sick were cared for. This example was reinforced through the ages by great people who followed Jesus. We have the example of St. Dominic, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Theresa of Calcutta, and countless more. And like all the saints these Commandments call us to live a virtuous life. Perhaps this prayer, taken from “*The Catholic Youth Handbook for Youth*” (St. Mary’s Press) will help you:

*Good and gracious God,
When I feel the lure of excess and crave too much of a good thing,
help me to develop temperance, the self-control that gives my life
balance and wholeness.
When I feel driven to act on impulse, give me prudence,
the wisdom to stop and think before I act.
When I find that I am preoccupied with myself, my own wants and worries,
help me to see others with eyes of compassion and to reach out to them.
When I face obstacles to living morally that tempt me to move away from You,
give me fortitude, the courage to overcome the temptation. Amen.*



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, August 21:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

TUESDAY, August 22:

8:00 AM – *Thomas Flatley*
Month's Mind

WEDNESDAY, August 23:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, August 24

8:00 AM – *Catherine & Melvin Sherman*
by their grandchildren

FRIDAY August 25:

8:00 AM – *Ann Elizabeth Costa*
by a friend

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, August 26:

5:00 PM – *Claire & Bernard Sherman*
by their family

SUNDAY, August 27:

7:00 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM - *Carlo & Dorothy Ciummo*
by their daughter

10:30 AM – *Robert Padmos*

First Anniversary by his family



BECOMING
CATHOLIC-

BEING CATHOLIC

**We will soon be starting our
2017-2018 RCIA program.**

We invite you to contact the office if you or some adult you know would like to complete their initiation into full membership in the church by receiving Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation.

Come and see!



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>		
	No Scheduled Meetings This Week	

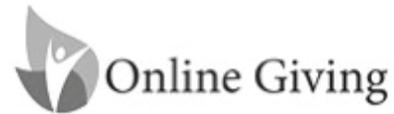


PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS

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.

<u>Parish Support</u>		
	<u>August 13, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$6,867.50	\$6,967.00
	<u>August 6, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$7,162.50	\$6,676.00
On Line Giving	\$2,092.00	\$1,282.50



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 N K Food Pantry



For August the Pantry needs:

Progresso Soups, Crackers, Corn, Coffee, Shelf Milk, Pancake Syrup, Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, Relish). 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.



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 **today** 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.

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. 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.