

Saint Bernard Church



August 27, 2017 21st 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

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.



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

With the beginning of a new School Year, we have been making preparations for our own Religious Education Program in order to improve the quality of the program and the effectiveness of the valuable time your family spends with us. I am grateful to our Program Director, Mrs. Dawn Master-son and the Office Manager, Deb Fortin for their hard work and dedication to the children of the parish. In its entirety our program is known as our “***Family Faith Formation***” and we have made a few modifications to that program so that it is more “family friendly” and is able to involve parents as well as children.

FOCUS ON GRADES 1 – 5: This program is designed for parents and their children together. Grades 1 and 2, which is preparation for First Holy Communion meets on one Saturday each month for 2 hours and engages the children in a full spectrum of activities to help them understand the mysteries of our Faith. Grades 3, 4 and 5 will meet once each month by first gathering at a special “Children’s Liturgy” at the 8:30 AM Mass and followed by class and special activities until 11:30 AM.

Middle School Program: (Grades 6 & 7) will meet one Sunday evening each month at 5:00 PM. Their program involves media, class discussion and activities and concludes with our monthly Youth Mass at 6:30 PM.

Confirmation Program: (Grades 8 & 9) will meet one Sunday each month at 5:00 PM and will be offered a course on the faith and moral life. Sessions will begin with a presentation for the entire group and then break up into small discussion/activity groups and concludes with our monthly Youth Mass at 6:30 PM. Candidates are also required to “sign-in” the Mass book each Sunday and to also participate in a Project of Community Service. Confirmation is celebrated in the Fall of the Sophomore year of High School.

Finally, I encourage you, if you have not yet done so already, to register your family for this program right away. Most of our families are already registered. I also encourage you to consider volunteering to help with this exciting program. Working with families and children is one of the most enriching and joyful activities we have in our Parish. You will not regret volunteering. And, finally pray for the success of our program.

Fr. Jack





Mass Intentions

MONDAY, August 28:

8:00 AM – *William Santos*
by *Linda & Sal Sanfilippo*

TUESDAY, August 29:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEDNESDAY, August 30:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, August 31

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY September 1:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, September 2:

5:00 PM – *Albert & Jeanne Smaha*
by *Mary Cooney*

SUNDAY, September 3:

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

10:30 AM – *Robert Bender*

by *the Ferriola 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	

A Day of Remembrance **September 9**

The Office of Life and Family Ministry invites you to gather at the Guardian Angel Plot – Baby Land at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 550 Wampanoag Trail, Riverside on Saturday, September 9 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. This special prayerful event is dedicated to all babies that have died from an abortion, a miscarriage, stillbirth, and early infant death. It will include reflections, the Rosary and other prayers for all the babies. This event is being held simultaneously with the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. For more information, contact Carol Owens at 421-7833 x 218 or email: cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org.

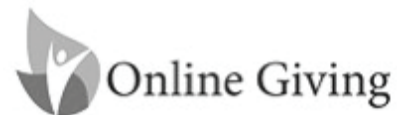


PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS

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 20, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$6,333.50	\$6,967.00
	<u>August 13, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$6,867.50	\$6,967.00



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**

Religious Education Schedules

First Communion 1 & 2: (Grades 1 & 2)

Parent Meeting: September 18th 5:30-6:30pm in the Parish Center

First Class: September 30th 9:00am - 11:00am in the Parish Center (8:45am arrival time)

Grades 3,4,5:

Parent Meeting: September 18th 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Center

First Class: October 1st 8:30am-Children's Mass-9:30-11:30am Class in the Parish Center

Grades 6 & 7 and Confirmation 1 & 2: Grades 8 & 9

Parent and Student Meeting: September 17th 6:00-6:30pm in the Parish Center followed by a Teen Mass at 6:30pm.

First Full Class October 22nd 5pm in the Parish Center. Concluding with a Mass at 6:30pm which all students must attend.

If you have not yet registered please do so as soon as possible. Detailed information about our programs, registration forms, and schedules can be found on our website: www.stbernardnk.org/faith-formation, in the gathering space in the back of the church and the Parish Center. Completed forms can be mailed, dropped off at the Parish Center or placed in the collection basket at Mass.

Confirmation Candidates for 2017:

Candidate and Sponsor Meeting: September 10th 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Center

Confirmation Retreat: October 1st 12:30-5:00pm in the Parish Center

Confirmation Rehearsal: October 16th 6:30-7:30pm in the Church

Confirmation: October 21st 11:00am in the Church

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.



Someone is Waiting

Please consider becoming a member of the Special Religious Development Ministry. SPRED is a parish small faith community of catechists and persons with cognitive and developmental disabilities. The community fosters the inclusion of persons with different abilities and challenges into the life of our parish.

The diocesan SPRED office provides training that helps catechists to understand how to share their faith with people with cognitive and developmental disabilities. Please call Martha Dwyer, 295-1437, if you would like more information about SPRED as a catechist or for someone with cognitive or developmental disabilities. There are so many waiting to be welcome!

Sunday Community Dinners



The Sunday Community Dinners are held weekly at First 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 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.

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.

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.