

# Saint Bernard Church



## September 3, 2017 22nd 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

**Address:** 275 Tower Hill Road  
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**E-mail:** [sbc.bus@verizon.net](mailto:sbc.bus@verizon.net)  
**Web:** [www.stbernardnk.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:sbc.reled@verizon.net).



## ***LET THE CHURCH***

### ***SAY “AMEN”!***

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*Amen* is one of the few words in our religious vocabulary that remains in Hebrew, like *Alleluia* and *Hosanna*. It is virtually impossible to translate. Various attempts have been made, for example, “so be it”, “truly”, or, more archaic still, “verily”. Biblical scholars in this century have studied closely the ancient roots of many Hebrew words. Their scholarship indicates that, if translated literally, *amen* would actually mean something like, “I will drive my tent peg into that”.

To grasp the force of such an expression, we need only consider the ancient nomadic and desert culture in which the Hebrew language developed. A desert can be a ravishingly beautiful but very treacherous place: brutally hot by day, viciously cold at night. In such an environment, the place chosen to anchor one’s tent determines whether this shelter will withstand the desert winds that can come so suddenly. It is a matter of life and death. Do the pegs of the tent grasp shifting sand or stable solid soil?

Seen in this light, *Amen* is much more than the intellectual assent or approval that many sources seem to assign to it. *Amen* is a cry of complete reliance, of heartfelt abandonment to something or someone that is true and trustworthy. By it, Christian people declare the solid ground of our being – and that is Christ.

I try to make the heartfelt conviction of that two-syllable word my own. *Amen* is our cry of belonging to Christ, the one whose promises can be fully trusted, who is the shelter and a guiding star in the desert we sometimes make of our lives.

## ***A Helping Hand for the Victims of Hurricane Harvey***

There are many people asking “How can I help?” and “What can I do?” for those who are suffering the loss of life and homes in Texas and Louisiana this week. There are many organizations collecting money for “relief”, but not all of them are legitimate or completely trust worthy. RI Attorney General, Peter Kilmartin, has provided a list of those charities that have the best reputation for making sure that these donations go directly to the victims. He mentions ***Catholic Relief Services*** as one of them.

Next weekend we will provide an opportunity for you to help by having a special Collection for this relief effort and the monies will be collected from all the Parishes of the Diocese and will then be sent directly to Catholic Relief Services in your name. Simply make checks out to: ***St. Bernard Church – Hurricane Relief***. Donations may also be made at the Parish Office Monday through Thursday between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.



### ***We welcome new parishioners to St. Bernard Parish.***

If you are new to the area and would like to register in the parish, please visit us at [www.stbernardnk.org](http://www.stbernardnk.org) or call Parish office at 295-0387. There is a lot to get involved in here and we would love to have you join us.



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, September 4:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**TUESDAY, September 5:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**WEDNESDAY, September 6:**

8:00 AM – *Maria & Joseph Cerilli*  
*by Alberta Miller*

**THURSDAY, September 7**

8:00 AM – *Margaret Lazarski & Katherine Lewis*  
*by their family*

**FRIDAY September 8:**

8:00 AM – *Special Intention*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, September 9:**

5:00 PM – *Albert Smaha*  
*by friends Dee & Sandy*

**SUNDAY, September 10:**

7:00 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*

10:30 AM – *Dee Anne Devine*

*15th Anniversary by her mother & brother*



**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 10th.**

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](mailto:sbc.reled@verizon.net) or call 295-0387 ask for Deb Fortin.

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## Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
<b>Mon 9/4</b>	<b>Labor Day: Parish Office Closed</b>	
<b>Fri 9/8</b>	<b>Mass: South County Nursing Home</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>



### Baptism

On Sunday, August 27, 2017

**Charles Henry Howard, IV**

was welcomed to our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism.

We congratulate his parents.

### 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](mailto:cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org).

### The NK Food Pantry

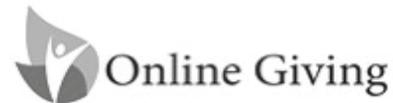


#### *For August the Pantry needs:*

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.

### Parish Support

	<u>August 20, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,333.50</b>	<b>\$6,967.00</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$1,972.00</b>	<b>\$2,630.50</b>
	<u>August 27, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,581.00</b>	<b>\$7,458.00</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$1,442.00</b>	<b>\$2,018.50</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$72,442.00</b>	<b>\$73,136.12</b>



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](http://stbernardnk.org), click on “Support your Parish” and follow the link to OSV, Online Giving.

### 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.

**Faith Formation Program**  
**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Religious Education Schedules

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

**Parent Meeting:** September 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30pm in the Parish Center

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

**Grades 3,4,5:**

**Parent Meeting:** September 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Center

**First Class:** October 1<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00-6:30pm in the Parish Center followed by a Teen Mass at 6:30pm.

**First Full Class** October 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Center

**Confirmation Retreat:** October 1<sup>st</sup> 12:30-5:00pm in the Parish Center

**Confirmation Rehearsal:** October 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm in the Church

**Confirmation:** October 21<sup>st</sup> 11:00am in the Church



**Join Adult Choir**

Have you always liked to sing? Are you looking for a new way to worship at church? The Adult Choir is always looking for new

members to come sing with us.

**Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:45 PM starting September 14th.**

No experience necessary, just your desire to sing!

If you have any questions, please see our Music Director, Alison Shea or any of our choir members.

\*\* Stay tuned for upcoming information on Teen and Children's Choirs

**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!



*May the Lord bless the work of your hands.*