

Saint Bernard Church



September 17, 2017 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor
Rev. Charles Maher, Weekend Assistant
Rev. Albino Barrera, OP, 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
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.



Once upon a time, a long time ago, I was a real, normal teenager and a student at East Providence High School. My parish was Sacred Heart in EP and I had many friends in the parish CYO. There was a rule at that time which demanded that all public school students who wanted to belong to the CYO had to attend religious instructions on Sunday evenings. Needless to say I hated it!!! My indignation was not aimed at the priest who made the rule, but rather at the classes I had to attend. You see, there was no real curriculum for us in those days; after all, we had all made our Confirmation in the 8th grade. We would be herded into a classroom and a well-meaning volunteer teacher would read to us the editorial page of *The Providence Visitor*.

Religious Education has come a very long way. Today we have benefited from the work of many talented religious educators who, over the past 35 years, have developed worth-while programs to help our young people grow in their knowledge of the Catholic faith they share with all of us. I am grateful to our Director of Faith Formation, Mrs. Dawn Masterson, and a part-time Religious Ed. Office Manager, Mrs. Deb Fortin. Because of their efforts, we are able to provide a quality religious education for more than 150 children in our Sacramental Programs and many more in our Adult Faith Formation Programs.

Our Religious Education and Youth Ministry Programs have an annual budget of more than \$99,000.00 and uses the time and talent of many volunteer teachers and aids. We are very proud of the fact that we did not have to ask for many volunteers this year – good teachers are coming forth each week to offer their services simply because they want to be a part of our program. Together with the wonderful volunteers we are now providing our children with the positive experience they so greatly deserve. On behalf of all of us, I thank them for sharing this important mission of the Church with us.

We are now in the final preparations for our Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year 2016-17. In reviewing the reports, and you may have also noticed in the weekly budget contribution summaries in the weekly Bulletin, that our revenues are down significantly from last year. This is a very important issue that concerns us all. If we cannot improve this situation we will be forced to make drastic cuts to funding for our parish programs. We can identify many different reasons for this problem and that is why it is so difficult to deal with. In the coming weeks we will be sharing with you some of the concerns the Finance Council has identified as issues we must, as a parish begin to deal with. Beginning next week, I will share with you some of these important concerns so that, together, we can put the parish back on a healthy fiscal path.

ST. BERNARD PASTORAL COUNCIL

Last week we announced the formation of our New Pastoral Council, a Board that will meet 4 times each year and whose membership will help us to plan for the pastoral needs of the Parish. We are looking for 2 At-Large members who would like to serve for a 2 year term. If you are interested, simply call the parish office (295-0387) and give your name. At the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, October 1 the two names will be drawn by lottery to determine the 2 new members.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, September 18:

8:00 AM – *Donald Broderick*
by his family

TUESDAY, September 19:

8:00 AM – *Mildred Mudge*
by her daughters

WEDNESDAY, September 20:

8:00 AM – *Fenwick Gardiner*
22nd Anniversary by his family

THURSDAY, September 21

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY September 22:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, September 23:

5:00 PM – *Elinor Byrne*
by her family

SUNDAY, September 24:

7:00 AM – *Henry & Carol Welch*
by their family

8:30 AM – *Roberta Casco*
by Dr. Frank Connor

10:30 AM – *Felicisimo Fuentes, Jr.*
by Ester Fuentes & The Overly Family

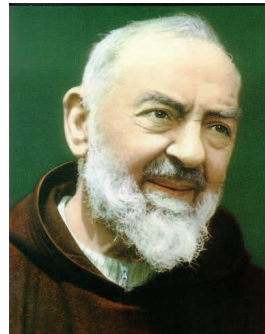
The N K Food Pantry

For September the Pantry needs:



FEED THE HUNGRY

Hearty Soups, Cereals - Please no Cheerios or Corn Flakes, Saltine type crackers, Cake & Brownie Mixes, Pancake Syrup, Condiments (ketchup, mustard & relish), & Toothpaste, Shampoo, & Razors



National Tour Of Padre Pio's Relics

Catholics in Rhode Island have a rare opportunity to view relics of the renowned 20th century mystic and healer, Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina – better known as Padre Pio – at St. Thomas More Church in Narragansett, on Sunday, October 1, 2017. The event is the last New England stop of a national tour to commemorate the 130th anniversary of Padre Pio's birth, and the 15th anniversary of his canonization. Relics will be on display for veneration from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM. The event is free and open to the public and will be live simulcast (10:00 AM – 6:00 PM EST) at <https://livestream.com/STM/PadrePio> and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreRI/>. Please make note that parking will only be at Narragansett High School, 245 S. Pier Rd, Narragansett with free trolley service to the church.



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!



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 **TODAY** 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.

Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Sun 9/17	Grades 6, 7, 8, & 9 Parent & Student Meeting followed by Teen Mass, Church	6:00 PM
Mon 9/18	First Communion 1 & 2, Parent Meeting, Parish Center	5:30 PM
	Grades 3, 4, & 5 Parent Meeting, Parish Center	6:30 PM
Wed 9/20	Cub Scout Den Meeting, Parish Hall	6:00 PM
Thu 9/21	Msgr. Clarke Faculty Retreat, Parish Center	8:30 AM
	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Parish Center	6:45 PM

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Begins on September 27

The Office of Life and Family will begin their 40 Days of Life Campaign on this date. Please share one hour of your time during the campaign to pray outside of Planned Parenthood on the Cranston Women's Medical Center. We are also asking those of you who are not able to join us in our public prayer vigils to consider pledging a Rosary for 40 Days to end abortion. For information please call Carol Owens at 421-7833 x 218 or email: cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org.

Online Giving

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.

<u>Parish Support</u>		
	<u>September 3, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$6,687.50	\$6,371.00
ACH	\$1,672.00	\$1,923.00
	<u>September 10, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$7,341.50	\$7,434.00
ACH	\$2,322.00	\$2,682.50
YTD	\$89,678.50	\$89,940.62
Hurricane Relief	\$10,434.10	

Sr. Priest Retirement Fund

This week's second collection supports the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. If you forgot to make a donation and would like to support this effort that provides critical resources for priests in their retirement years, please visit www.srpriest.org to make an online donation using a secure server or mail your offering to Sr. Priest Retirement Fund, Office of Stewardship & Development, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI. 02903. Thank You for your support of this critical effort to provide for senior priests in their retirement years—years many priests continue to spend very active in ministry.

13th Annual Hunan Life Guild Day

This year's event will be held on Saturday, September 30, 9:00 AM—2:30 PM. At SS Rose & Clement parish in Warwick. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and Rev. Timothy D. Reilly, Chancellor, will be the homilist for the 9:00 AM Mass. Following the Mass there will be a reception with the Bishop in the parish center with a conference that will include educational talks reflecting life-based issues, an overview of diocesan pastoral care programs available for women and men, and opportunities to become involved in diocesan programs. All are invited to attend the Mass but pre-registration is required for the conference that will follow and the cost is \$25.00 per person. Deadline to register is September 25. Call Carol Owens at 401-421-7833 x 218.

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 & 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:

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



St Bernard's Flu Clinic

Get Your Flu Shot

Sunday, October 8
8:00 AM—12:00 PM
Parish Hall

Divorced? Separated?

The Office of Life and Family will offer the "Funding Hope" Program at St. Pius Church, 44 Elm St., Westerly, RI., Wednesday evenings, 7:00 PM—8:30 PM, October 11 through December 13, except November 1st and 22nd.

The meetings will be held in the conference room on the right side of the altar. This free support group embraces our Catholic faith and provides a peaceful place for sharing, healing, and for discussion topics related to separation/divorce. Registration, contact: Peter A. Magnotta at 401-421-7833, x 217.



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



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.

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.