

# Saint Bernard Church



## October 1, 2017 26th 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](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

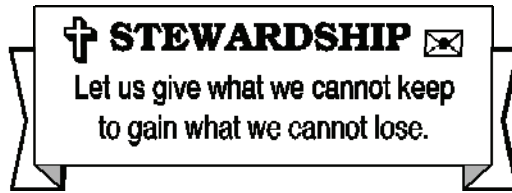
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:00 PM ~ 4:30 PM

### 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).



For the past few decades the U.S. Catholic Bishops have been concerned with the need for our church to continue challenging its membership to fuller participation through the use of their time, talent and treasure. This approach to church support is called “Stewardship” and, although it has been around since biblical times, for many of our Catholics it is still a new concept.

We have emerged from a largely immigrant church. The early Catholics who founded our parishes and schools worked very hard to provide these beautiful structures for us. They often gave of their own time and talent to build them and a large proportion of their income, meager though it may have been, went to support their church. With the passage of time, and the many improvements we have seen in the quality of life in this great country, many Catholics - the descendants of these generous people - have directed their lives and resources in other ways. Many no longer support the church in any way, or others only occasionally. For many years the church has relied on raffles, bingo, social events, penny socials, etc. to raise extra cash when needed. This is fine, but we know something is wrong when we have to rely on these events to meet our day to day operating expenses because our regular revenue no longer meets our growing needs.

We here at St. Bernard’s, for instance have had to cope with an average increase of 4% to 6% in our expenses each year for the past few years because of having to heat and maintain our church as well as our obligation to pay on the debt still existing on the church. Now we have added to our operating expenses when we opened our new Parish Center. Our ordinary revenue, however, has not increased, and in fact, for the past year, has actually decreased. It is not hard to see where we are headed unless we begin to see things a little differently.

Ten years ago Fr. Dennis Reardon and the Finance Council introduced Stewardship to the parish. It was their hope that this new approach to fund-raising would help us increase our income, but more importantly, bring to all our parishioners a greater awareness of their role in the life and future of the parish. Stewardship asks us to put God’s priorities before our own. Good stewards give the first portion of their gifts of time, talent and treasure to the Lord’s work in gratitude for His many blessings. This is truly “sacrificial giving” which brings blessings and benefits to those who choose to give this way.

Stewardship is not just a program for increased giving, however, it is a life-long process. The message of stewardship reminds us to put God first in our lives, being detached from material possessions and sharing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with the church and the poor in gratitude for all that God has given us. Christian stewardship is not an option for Catholics - it is how we express our membership in the Body of Christ.

Look for more information in coming weeks as we prepare to release our Annual Financial Report and join me in thanking God for the many blessings He has bestowed on our parish through your generosity.

*Fr. Jack*

### **ST. BERNARD PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Over the last few weeks we have been announcing 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. (for a full description of the new Council and its membership, go to our web site, [www.stbernardnk.org](http://www.stbernardnk.org) and look for the Parish Bulletin of September 10<sup>th</sup>).



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, October 2:**

8:00 AM – *Patricia Beagan*  
by *Paulette Beagan*

### **TUESDAY, October 3:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **WEDNESDAY, October 4:**

8:00 AM – *Rev. Frederick Halloran*

### **THURSDAY, October 5:**

8:00 AM – *Rev. Charles Downing*

### **FRIDAY October 6:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, October 7:**

5:00 PM – *Deceased members of the Raynon Family*  
by *Cherrie, Ferdinand & Emmanuel Guerzon*

### **SUNDAY, October 8:**

7:00 AM – *Mariann Callahan*  
by *Robert & Jane Viera*

8:30 AM – *Stephen Fiorentino*  
by *the Scelsa Family*

10:30 AM – *Beverly Layden*  
by *Jack Layden*



## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children between the ages of 4 and 11 are welcome to join us each week for the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 Mass. Children are dismissed to the Gathering Space for the readings and a "child friendly" homily. They return to their families at collection.



## Baptisms

On Sunday, September 24,  
2017

**Shawn William McCormick**

**Liam Clifford Ryan**

**Jude Joseph Therrien**

**Luke John Therrien**

were welcomed to our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism.

We congratulate their parents.



## 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!

## Diocese to Host Annual Red Mass

The annual Red Mass will be held on Wednesday, October 5, at 5:30 pm at Holy Ghost Church in Providence, with Auxiliary Bishop Robert C. Evans as the main celebrant. The Red Mass is held annually for those who work in judiciary and other areas of public service in Rhode Island. Father John Connaughton, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Bridgeport, will be the guest homilist.

During the Mass, the Bishop requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice, and offers the opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession. All are welcome to attend this special celebration. The Mass is sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society, a not-for-profit, national public interest law firm dedicated to restoring respect in law for life, family, and religious liberty.

## Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
<b>Sun 10/1</b>	<b>Middle Grades, 3, 4, 5 Children's Mass Class, Parish Center Confirmation Retreat Retreat Ends</b>	<b>8:30 AM 9:30 AM 12:30 PM 5:15 PM</b>
<b>Wed 10/4</b>	<b>Cub Scout Den Meeting, Parish Hall Teen Choir, Parish Center</b>	<b>6:00 PM 6:15 PM</b>
<b>Thu 10/5</b>	<b>Adult Choir Rehearsal, Parish Center</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>

### Respect Life Month begins with Life Chain Sunday

The 1st Sunday in October is traditionally the beginning of Respect Month. We encourage participation in our local Life Chains from 2—3 PM for a time of prayer to end abortion peacefully. Together, we can make a difference and turn darkness into light. For more information and locations of Life Chains in the Diocese of Providence, contact Carol Owens at 421-7833 x 218.

### October 14th ROSARY RALLY **To Honor the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Appearance**

We invite you to join us in a Public Square Rosary on Saturday, October 14th from 12 noon until 1 PM on the grounds of St. Mary's Church, 437 Carolina Back Rd, Carolina, RI. This will be one of thousands of Rallies taking place across our Nation. It was on May 13<sup>th</sup> 1917, in the midst of the horror of WWI that Our Lady first appeared to three shepherd children at Fatima in Portugal. Please join us to offer our prayers to Our Blessed Mother to turn our nation and the World back to God. For information, contact Mary Ann Pignataro at [mmacp@verizon.net](mailto:mmacp@verizon.net), 401-792-0310 or 401-523-2262

### ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

Please drop off your **GOOD, USED COATS** at the Church or Parish Office to be distributed to those in need. For more information or to help, please contact the Parish Office at 295-0387.

<u>Parish Support</u>		
	<u>September 17, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,289.50</b>	<b>\$7,288.00</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$2,457.00</b>	<b>\$2,367.50</b>
	<u>September 24, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,800.50</b>	<b>\$7,048.50</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$1,502.00</b>	<b>\$2,758.47</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$125,808.00</b>	<b>\$126,084.59</b>

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

### Admissions Open House **Msgr. Clarke School**

**October 22nd from 12-2pm**

It's not too late to transfer, or come check us out for next year. Come see the school that's been providing Faith Based Academic Excellence for 50 years!

Contact Sara Marshall, Advancement Director:

[smarshall@monsignorclarkeschool.org](mailto:smarshall@monsignorclarkeschool.org)

### K of C BREAKFAST **(PUBLIC INVITED)**

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, October 8th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled/Fried Eggs, Bacon, French Toast, Home Fries, Apple Crisp, Baked Beans, Hot and Cold Cereal, Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.00; \$5.00 for children 12 and under; children 6 and under are free.

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

Religious Education Schedules

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

**Next Class:** November 4th 9:00am - 11:00am in the Parish Center (8:45am arrival time)

**Grades 3,4,5:**

**First Class: Today,** October 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30am-Children's Mass-9:30-11:30am Class in the Parish Center  
**Next Class:** November 5th

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

**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.

**Confirmation Candidates for 2017:**

**Confirmation Retreat: Today** October 1<sup>st</sup> 12:30-5:15 pm 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

**St Bernard's Flu Clinic**



Get Your Flu Shot  
Sunday, October 8  
8:00 AM—12:00 PM  
Parish Hall

**The N K Food Pantry**



**For September the Pantry needs:**

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

**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.



**Teen Choir**  
**Practice Begins Wednesday October 4th at 6:15pm**

The Teen Choir is our Contemporary Music Group for grades 6th through 12th. Our mission is to sing Christian contemporary music in a fun casual atmosphere. In addition to our various masses and events, the choir will be participating at some of the Sunday Night Youth Masses and are looking for some musicians to join the group. So if you like to sing or play an instrument please consider this group. Service hours will be rewarded for participating. Please see or email Alison Shea for more information:  
**alison.shea72@gmail.com**



**Children's Youth Choir**  
**Practice Begins Wednesday October 11th at 5:30pm**

If you like to sing then you should consider joining the Children's Choir, which takes place in a fun faith filled environment. The choir participates in the Children's masses at 8:30, as well as different celebrations throughout the year like Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and 1st Communions. For the older singers (5th grade and up) there are opportunities for assisting Miss Alison. Help is always welcome with leading rehearsals, preparing folders, assisting during the youth Masses and cantor opportunities to name a few. Please see our Music Director Alison Shea for any questions or concerns you may have.

**Catholic Women's Conference**

***The Lord Is My Strength  
In Him My Heart Trusts***

**Saturday, October 7, 2017**  
**8:30 AM to 2:00 PM**

***Featuring Lisa Cotter and Allison Gingras***

The day begins with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Evans and will include inspiring dynamic and encouraging talks, live music, prayer, swag bags, morning coffee and lunch. The Women's Conference will be held at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. For more information and to register, please visit **www.discovercatholicfaith.org/womens-conference**, or call the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation at 401-278-4646.