

Saint Bernard Church



October 8, 2017 27th 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.

From the Pastor's Desk



The month of October has traditionally been “*Respect Life Month*” for Catholics in this country. This observance has grown out of the concern and outrage over the disrespect for life shown for many years, and especially since the Roe vs. Wade decision in the early 70’s. We have used this month as a reminder to all of us of our responsibility as a church to defend the dignity and gift of life in all people, and especially in the unborn. Pope John Paul has warned us that we are living in a “culture of death” and that we, who are the church, must promote a culture of life.

In our culture, the human cost of abortion has been extremely high. The deaths by abortion of more than 40 million children have had a corrosive effect on our attitude toward life itself. Instead of families, neighbors and communities helping women welcome and care for their children, they have been left to the mercy of an industry which makes its profits from killing unborn children. And, after an abortion, a woman is left alone to bear the grief of her baby’s death. She may also have no one to turn to for comfort, often because she concealed her pregnancy from family and friends, or because they encouraged her to have the abortion.

Everyone is affected by the hardening of the heart which comes when a culture tolerates killing. In denying that human life is sacred, abortion undermines the very concept of human rights. Human life can be violated in many ways: when we tolerate violence of any kind, treat others unjustly, or neglect those who are alone, in need or despair.

That is why the teachings of the Church call us to be a “people of life”, people who respect and actively promote life. Parents face the challenge of raising their children to welcome new life as a gift from God, to respect those who are advanced in years and to comfort the sick and the lonely. Political leaders have a responsibility to make courageous choices in support of life, especially through legislative measures that protect those who are mortally threatened. Bishops, priests and catechists are called to teach and proclaim the Gospel of life in its entirety.

We can build a culture of life in the Third Millennium. To transform society, we are called to live and celebrate the Gospel of Life in our daily lives, lives marked by self-giving love for others.

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, there is still time. Simply call the parish office (295-0387) and give your name. At the 10:30 AM Mass next weekend 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 and look for the Parish Bulletin of September 10th.)



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 9:

8:00 AM – *Joseph Giordano*
by *Madeleine & Daniel O’Leary*

TUESDAY, October 10:

8:00 AM – *Anne Delaney*
by *her daughter*

WEDNESDAY, October 11:

8:00 AM – *Deborah Smith*
by *Heritage Gardens Homeowners*

THURSDAY, October 12:

8:00 AM – *James Hambly*
by *his family*

FRIDAY October 13:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*
2:00 PM - *Mass at South County Nursing Home*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 14:

2:30 PM—*Nuptial Mass*
5:00 PM – *Deceased of the Parish*

SUNDAY, October 15:

7:00 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM - *Mary Quinn*

by *her family*

10:30 AM – *Anita Sutherland*

by *Dorothy Madusky*



ANNUAL YARD SALE

St. Francis de Sales Church, 381 School Street, North Kingstown, RI is holding its annual indoor Yard Sale on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15, from 8:00am to 1:30pm, rain or shine. Items include jewelry, housewares, toys, games, electronics, CD's, furniture, books, baked goods, 50/50 raffle and more! Please join us for a great time and great bargains!



St Bernard’s Flu Clinic

Get Your Flu Shot
Today

8:00 AM—12:00 PM
Parish Hall



Bishop Hendricken Open House

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 22nd, from noon to 3:00

PM. Information on admissions and financial aid as well as academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 739-3450 ext 162.



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



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!

Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Sun 10/8	Flu Clinic, Parish Hall	8:00 AM To 12:00 PM
Mon 10/9	Columbus Day Holiday Parish Office Closed	
Wed 10/11	Children Choir , Parish Center Teen Choir, Parish Center	5:30 PM 6:15 PM
Thu 10/12	Morning Mass Coffee, Parish Hall Adult Choir Parish Center	8:30 AM 6:45 PM

<u>Parish Support</u>		
	<u>September 24, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$6,800.50	\$7,048.50
ACH	\$1,502.00	\$2,758.47
	<u>October 1, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$7,629.50	\$7,340.00
ACH	\$1,777.00	\$1,463.50
YTD	\$126,444.50	\$126,450.59

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.

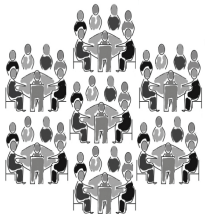
October 14th ROSARY RALLY To Honor the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Appearance

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 13th 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, 401-792-0310 or 401-523-2262

K of C BREAKFAST (PUBLIC INVITED)

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, today 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.

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 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.

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.

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:

Next Class: November 5th 8:30am-Children's Mass-9:30-11:30am Class in the Parish Center

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

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

Confirmation Candidates for 2017:

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 October the Pantry needs:

Canned Vegetables: corn, beets, green beans & spinach, Crackers, Stuffing Mix, Canned Pumpkin, Gravy in a can/jar, not packets.



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.

Haunted Labyrinth 2017

October 6-8, 13-15, 20-22 and 27-31

Open 7:00-10pm and Admission \$12.00

Rejoice in Hope Youth Center, 804 Dyer Avenue, Cranston, RI

943-8686 or www.hauntedlabyrinth.com

Rain or Shine/Indoor Waiting

Proceeds to benefit Rejoice in Hope Youth Center-

Please bring this ad with you and receive \$1.00 off)

Thank you for supporting Catholic Youth Ministry!



Teen Choir

Practice Began 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.

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.

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.