

Saint Bernard Church



October 15, 2017 28th 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.



In the next 2 weeks all of our active parishioners will receive a copy of the Annual Financial Report for our Parish for the fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2017. This report is a summary of all our income and expenses for the past year. (A more detailed report can be seen at any time by going to the Parish web-site: www.stbernardnk.org). This report is an accounting of your generosity to the parish and my stewardship of the parish for the past year. It is very difficult to summarize the details of a non-profit corporation with an annual income of **\$650,000.00**. Suffice it to say that nothing would be possible without the extraordinary generosity of our parishioners who enable us to do the good work that we do here.

Here are some of the ways your donations are doing a great deal of good.

In addition to our present out-reach ministries to the Haitian Project and the Scholarship Fund, we have also entered into a "Partnership of Charity" with the *Emanuel House Homeless Shelter* in South Providence, providing material and financial support. We do this because the Lord has asked us to help the poor. As you give a portion of your income to us, we will give a portion of our income to the homeless at the Emanuel House.

Our total cost of the Parish Religious Education Program, which includes salaries and office expenses as well as textbooks and supplies for 182 children and adults came to a total of **\$65,952.00** while income from registration was only **\$17,600.00**.

Our parish provided tuition assistance to many children from the parish who attend local Catholic Elementary Schools totaling **\$18,000.00**.

Our parishioners gave in gifts and pledges over **\$86,000.00** this year for the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal, exceeding our Parish goal for the first time in 3 years!

While there is much good news to share with you, there is also a serious matter that we as a parish must contend with. This year, for the first time, we are anticipating a deficit of **\$20,500.00** in our budget for this fiscal year. This is the largest deficit in several years and, if this situation continues we may not be able to meet the obligation of our **\$120,000.00** annual payment on the principal and interest of our parish loan. Our total indebtedness to the Diocese now stands at **\$2.9 million**. This is not a good situation, for it indicates that the number of families joining the parish is growing while the number of families supporting the parish is shrinking. We are asking that families make a "financial commitment" to the parish by opening an ACH account. For this there are clear and easy instructions on the Parish Web-site. In this way, even if you are away for a weekend, we do not lose your contribution.

Once again this year, we are also asking that you be generous to our **Annual Collection**, which begins soon. Given our present situation, this collection is more important than it ever was so that we can assure the financial stability of our parish. Quite frankly, we have nowhere else to turn - the parish is only as strong as those who support it, and at the present time we are truly in need of everyone's help.

Finally I would like to thank all those who have been so kind to me after my talk last weekend concerning my health issue. I am very sure that much of God's healing will come to me through your prayers and that gives me new confidence that my upcoming treatments will be successful. I am also grateful to you because, although we have many challenges facing us now, I am sure that together we will begin to see our Parish grow and become stronger and stronger.

Fr. Jack

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.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 16:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

TUESDAY, October 17:

8:00 AM – *Thomas Delaney*
by his daughter

WEDNESDAY, October 18:

8:00 AM – *Elfrida & J. Francis Haggarty*
by their daughter Arlene

THURSDAY, October 19:

8:00 AM – *Marc Saccoccio*
by Douglas & Ellen Nannig

FRIDAY October 20:

8:00 AM – *Mass of Thanksgiving*
by the Simeone Family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 21:

5:00 PM – *Patricia LaFreniere*
by her children

SUNDAY, October 22:

7:00 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM - *Victoria Byron*
by Claudia Russo

10:30 AM – *Gene McDermott*
10th Anniversary by his 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!

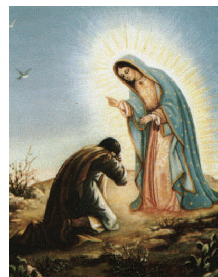


ST. BRNARD PARISH CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2017

On Saturday, October 21st Bishop Thomas Tobin, DD will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for 38 young members of our Parish. We welcome these candidates into full communion in the Church and in our Parish.

Elizabeth Baierlein
Ethan Brennan
Michael Ciarniello
Henry Compton
Emma Conticello
Joseph D'Alfonso
Emily Daylor
Sophia Daylor
Nicholas De Ruosi
William Dowden
Carson Dussinger
Shea Ewing
Benjamin Gilmartin
Ashley Hauser
Robert Hauser
Dominick Hines
Annabelle Iredale
Brianna Jones
Abigail Keegan

Rachel Lacroix
Zoe Longley
Lauren McEwen
Robert McKay
Alison Miccolis
Robert Millar
Abigale Morin
Jacqueline Morley
Lauren Nigri
Clara Oates
Emma Overly
Catherine Schultz
Elizabeth Schultz
Victoria Schultz
Ryan Shea
Emily Taylor
Erin Taylor
Kyle Zalabowski
Andrew Zarrella



Silver Rose

The Silver Rose is coming to St. Bernard's Church on Friday night, October 27th at 7:00 P.M. The Silver Rose is in honor of Juan Diego who witnessed the miracle of seeing the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a beautiful ceremony being sponsored by the NK St. Francis Knights of Columbus, Council 2011. This is open to all members of the parish. If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Grand Knight, Jay Masterson at jaymasterson.rikoc@gmail.com.

Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Mon 10/16	Confirmation Rehearsal, Church	6:30 PM
Wed 10/18	Children Choir , Parish Center	5:30 PM
	Cub Scout Den Meeting, Hall	6:00 PM
	Teen Choir, Parish Center	6:15 PM
Thu 10/19	Adult Choir Parish Center	6:45 PM
	Baptism Class, Parish Center	7:00 PM
Sat 10/21	Confirmation, Church	11:00 AM
Sun 10/22	Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation)	5:00 PM
	Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1&2)	5:00 PM

<u>Parish Support</u>		
	<u>October 1, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$7,629.50	\$7,340.00
ACH	\$1,777.00	\$1,463.50
	<u>October 8, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$7,246.00	\$6,948.00
ACH	\$1,741.00	\$2,517.50
YTD	\$135,431.50	\$136,041.09

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.



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/

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.



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** 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



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 Began 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.