

Saint Bernard Church



October 22, 2017 29th 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.



Recently I was reminded of a story about a black African missionary who “won over” a whole congregation during a Mission Sunday sermon in an American parish. The preacher began, in broken English, by talking about how he had noticed that kids in all corners of the world just *love* bubble gum. And, if you can succeed in talking a child into giving you a piece of his or her gum, you have indeed found a true and loving and generous friend. “Today,” concluded the missionary, “I ask you for *your* bubble gum.”

The result of his sermon was very impressive, and he turned out to be an extremely effective fund-raiser for his missionary order. But how much should we give when the basket is passed on Sunday? How deeply should we dig into our pockets? How much can we be reasonably expected to give? One answer, I suppose is, “How much bubble gum do you have?” Children know very well that when their parents give them hands full of gum, (or toys, or candy, etc.) they are supposed to share it with their siblings and friends.

One recent study, quoted by the national Catholic Stewardship Council, shows that American Catholics are giving between 1% and 2% of their salaries to the parish. The council believes that for most people of other Christian denominations 5% would be a more acceptable norm to follow. If that is the case, then a Catholic who makes \$250 a week would be giving \$12.50 in the budget each week. And what about giving to other charities – missions, Catholic Charity Fund, etc? Again, “How much bubble gum do you have?”

Each month I, like most of our parishioners, receive budget envelopes, (actually I have an ACH so that my contribution can be automatically deducted from my bank account). Why? Because I too benefit from God’s graces received through the ministry of our parish. I also see the obligation each of us has to give something back to God for all He has done for us.

Our parish is a celebrating, worshipping, serving community of believers. Just like a large family, it gathers together and celebrates a common purpose and is sent out to serve the world. But the holy things that happen here happen in a real world of physical needs – utility bills, cost of religious education, insurance, etc., just like in your own homes. The parallels for the parish and your own family are obvious, and I won’t belabor them. Suffice it to say that charity begins at home and it costs money to keep the parish’s home going.

Soon all the registered families of our parish will receive a copy of the Annual Parish Financial Report for the fiscal year which ended on June 30th. At that time we will be asking you to consider the level at which your family supports the work of our parish family and to help us correct our deficit by giving to the Annual Collection. Take some time to look over our Financial Report and study the real need our parish faces in its day-to-day operations. Consider contacting the office to begin having your weekly contribution automatically deducted from your bank account so that when you are not here your gift is still given. Then look around and take inventory of your bubble gum – you may find it just the gift you need to give back to God.

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 23:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

TUESDAY, October 24:

8:00 AM – *Maurice Paiva*
by his family

WEDNESDAY, October 25:

8:00 AM – *Patrick McShane*
by his daughter Molly

THURSDAY, October 26:

8:00 AM – *Paul McAdam*
by his wife

FRIDAY October 27:

8:00 AM – *Paul Delaporte*
by the Campagnone family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 28:

5:00 PM – *Marsha Provost*
by her family

SUNDAY, October 29:

7:00 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM - *James Casala*
40th Anniversary by his family

10:30 AM – *Deceased Members of the Trabucco Family*



St. Bernard Parish Confirmation Class of 2017

On Saturday, October 21st Bishop Thomas Tobin, DD celebrated 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

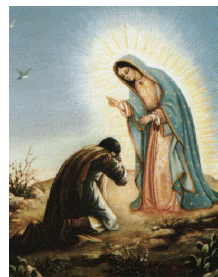
Rachel Lacroix
Zoe Longley
Lauren McEwen
Robert McKay
Alison Miccolis
Robert Millar
Abigale Morin
Jacqueline Morley
Lauren Nigri
Clara Oates
Emma Overly
Catherine Schultz
Elizabeth Schultz
Victoria Schultz
Ryan Shea
Emily Taylor
Erin Taylor
Kyle Zalabowski
Andrew Zarrella



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!



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

Upcoming Meetings

Wed 10/25	Children Choir , Parish Center Teen Choir , Parish Center	5:30 PM 6:15 PM
Thu 10/26	Adult Choir Parish Center	6:45 PM
Fri 10/27	Silver Rose Ceremony , Church	7:00 PM

Parish Support

	<u>October 8, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$7,246.00	\$6,948.00
ACH	\$1,741.00	\$2,517.50
	<u>October 15, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$7,508.00	\$6,377.00
ACH	\$1,541.00	\$1,657.50
YTD	\$144,480.00	\$144,075.00

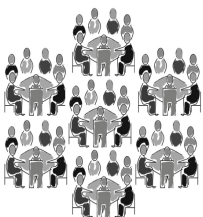


Wedding Anniversaries

Last Sunday, October 15th, 203 married couples attended a special Wedding Anniversary Mass with the Bishop at the Cathedral in Providence. At that Mass, couples, who were celebrating significant anniversaries, renewed their vows and received the blessing of the Church on their special day. The following couples from St. Bernard's Parish were with them:

Anthony & Nancy Scelsa	40 years
William & Barbara Arnold	60 years
Raymond & Eleanor Vallee	60 years
Harry & Norine Keenan	60 years

We congratulate them and thank them for the great Christian witness they have given to all of us.



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 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.

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.

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.



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

Next Class: November 19.



If your family, or any family you know, needs help with gifts this Christmas, please contact the parish center at 295-0387 or email: sbc.pa@verizon.net.

The Prout School

in Wakefield invites families to the annual Admissions Open House for prospective students today Sunday, October 22nd from 1:00pm -4:00pm and Thursday, November 9th from 6pm-8:00pm. For more information, please contact Admissions Director, Sharon DeLuca at 789-9262, ext 514 or go to www.theproutschool.org

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!

Quilt Raffle - Last Call

On November 12 at the 8:30 Mass we will select a winner of this year's version of the St. Bernard Scholarship quilt. This year's sampler quilt, our 34th, features 12 traditional patchwork and applique squares. Tickets are still being accepted until November 10th and more are available by calling Kathy at 294-9351. Thank you for your continuing support.

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

"Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace," is a weekend women's retreat that will take place at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat, in Farmington, Connecticut. It begins Friday evening on **November 3, 2017 at 7:00pm to Sunday, November 5 at 12:00 PM**. The powerful and timely theme is taken from the well-loved Peace Prayer of St. Francis. The Retreat concludes with Mass at 11:00 am followed by brunch. Families and friends may join retreatants for Mass and brunch. Offering is \$250. To register and view our other available Theme Retreat dates: contact OLC at 860-677-8519, olcretreat@sbcglobal.net or visit www.ourladyofcalvary.net.