

# Saint Bernard Church



## October 29, 2017 30th 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

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**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).



*I came across this article I wrote a few years ago, and thought you might like to see it again.*

I read somewhere that Halloween has become the 2<sup>nd</sup> most popular American Holiday (2<sup>nd</sup> only to Christmas). Over the past several years it has become more and more common for people to decorate their homes and to have large parties, while children still go around the neighborhood “Trick or Treating”. But where did it all begin and is it related at all to the Christian feast of All Saints.

Thanks to EWTN’s web site, I have found a great thumbnail summary of what Halloween is and how it originated. It traces its origins to ancient pagan customs, although the name itself is derived from “All Hallow’s Eve”, and old English term signifying that the night is the vigil of the Feast of All Saints. Halloween originated chiefly among the Druids of ancient pre-Christian Ireland, Britain and France. The British paid tribute to the sun god by lighting bonfires in thanks for the light that made possible their harvests and also to mark the start of the winter. More significant was their homage of the *Lord of Death* who supposedly gathered together the souls of the dead from throughout the year on this night, called *Samhain*. Additionally the night was believed to be a time when demons and foul spirits roamed the world to celebrate the return of the cold and dark. Poor mortals were tormented by the evil spirits and tried to buy their freedom by offering food and assorted treats. *Samhain* was thus marked by terrible noises, tricks and pranks.

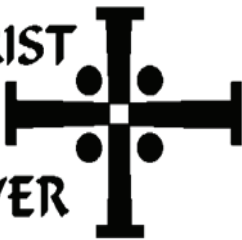
Most of the common images of Halloween – the jack-o-lantern, masked figures, bonfires and the famous cry “trick or treat” all originated from these customs. The jack-o-lantern probably began in Central Europe as a symbol of the cemetery caretakers and the lamps they carried.

Halloween became a fixture in the United States in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, introduced by the waves of immigrants, most notably the Irish. Over the years it ceased its superstitious overtones in favor of a night of fun for children. In Mexico, “*The Day of the Dead*” is celebrated and has its beginnings with the native indigenous peoples of Mexico and the influence of the Spanish who colonized there.

The close proximity between Halloween and All Saints Day is actually a coincidence. All Saints Day is the feast that celebrates all the Christian Saints. It was celebrated in the church as far back as 370 AD, but not in November. It was moved to November 1<sup>st</sup> by Pope Gregory IV sometime before 844 AD because at that time of year many pilgrims came to Rome to celebrate the feast of the Saints, and, because it was harvest time, there was enough food to feed all the pilgrims. *Happy Halloween!*

*Fr. Unsworth*

**IN CHRIST  
WE  
LIVE  
FOREVER**



## **ALL SOULS MEMORIAL MASS**

*A special Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 PM for all those who died in the parish during the past twelve months. The names of those whose funeral Masses were celebrated here will be remembered and we invite all their families and friends to remember them in this beautiful way.*



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, October 30:**

8:00 AM – *Paul Bailey*  
*16th Anniversary by his family*

### **TUESDAY, October 31:**

8:00 AM – *John & Kathleen Casey*

### **WEDNESDAY, November 1:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Patruno Family*  
*by their family*

7:00 PM *Lon Jamison*  
*by his family*

### **THURSDAY, November 2:**

8:00 AM – *Daniel McGuire*  
*by his family*

### **FRIDAY November 3:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Santa Merita Family*  
*by family & friends*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, November 4:**

5:00 PM – *Tomasina DiBiasio*  
*by her family*

### **SUNDAY, November 5:**

7:00 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*

10:30 AM – *Stephen Fiorentino*  
*by the Scelsa 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 Bernard Parish Pastoral Council

As we have announced, our Parish is establishing a new Pastoral Council. As we explained earlier the Council is not a governing council, but a consultative council. Its purpose is to see to the implementation of the ministries and services provided by the parish and to support our parishioners in living out the grace of their Baptism and Confirmation. Soon, we will be initiating a new Council and it will be made up of representatives from various groups and organizations and ministries of the Parish. The membership will include the following:

### Ex-Officio:

<i>Fr. Unsworth,</i>	<i>Pastor</i>
<i>Angelo Giacchi,</i>	<i>Pastoral Assistant</i>
<i>Michael Saunders,</i>	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
<i>Dawn Masterson,</i>	<i>Dir. Religious Education</i>
<i>Deborah Fortin</i>	<i>Rel. Ed. Office Manager</i>
<i>Alison Shea,</i>	<i>Music Ministry</i>

### Liturgical Ministers & Choir:

*Marie-Claire Peakman*

### Parish Charities & Outreach:

*Joanne Roby*

### Evangelization & Respect Life:

*James & Jean Martish*

### Religious Education:

*Patty Hines*

### Youth Ministry:

*Camron Ostiguy*

### Parish Facilities:

*Thomas Orsi*

### Knights of Columbus:

*Thomas Mulligan*

### At-Large members

*Celeste Jones, Christopher Joyce*  
(Chosen by lottery)

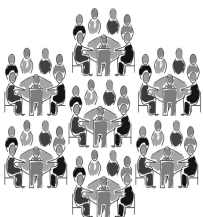
Orientation Meeting: Sunday, 11/5 at 5:30 PM

## Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
<b>Mon</b> 10/30	SPRED, Parish Hall	6:00 PM
<b>Wed</b> 11/1	Children Choir, Parish Center Cub Scouts, Parish Hall	5:30 PM 6:00 PM
<b>Thu</b> 11/2	Adult Choir Parish Center	6:45 PM
<b>Sat</b> 11/4	First Communion 1 & 2 Class Parish Center	8:45 AM
<b>Sun</b> 11/5	Middle Grades: 3, 4, 5 Children's Mass Class, Parish Center	8:30 AM 9:30 AM

### Someone is Waiting

Please consider becoming a member of the Special Religious Development Ministry. SPRED is a parish small faith community of catechists and persons with cognitive and developmental disabilities. The community fosters the inclusion of persons with different abilities and challenges into the life of our parish. The diocesan SPRED office provides training that helps catechists to understand how to share their faith with people with cognitive and developmental disabilities. Please call Martha Dwyer, 295-1437, if you would like more information about SPRED as a catechist or for someone with cognitive or developmental disabilities. There are so many waiting to be welcome!



### 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.

### Parish Support

	<u>October 15, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Basket</b>	\$7,508.00	\$6,377.00
<b>ACH</b>	\$1,541.00	\$1,657.50
	<u>October 22, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Basket</b>	\$7,596.50	\$6,810.38
<b>ACH</b>	\$1,601.00	\$1,617.80
<b>YTD</b>	\$154,794.00	\$152,568.47

### 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.

### ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

In the coming week all the registered and active members of our Parish will receive a copy of the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2017. Next week we will give a summary of this report and we urge you to take a moment to read it. We are also making our **Annual Collection Appeal**, the single most important collection held in our Parish each year. This Collection helps us bridge the gap between our ordinary income and our growing expenses. We thank you for all your generosity and for helping us make this such a great Parish Community.

### 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**

**Next Class:** November 19th 5pm in the Parish Center. Concluding with a Mass at 6:30pm which all students must attend.



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](mailto:sbc.pa@verizon.net).

## **The Prout School**

in Wakefield invites families to the annual Admissions Open House for prospective students Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8:00pm. For more information, please contact Admissions Director, Sharon DeLuca at 789-9262, ext 514 or go to [www.theproutschool.org](http://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 29-31

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

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

943-8686 or [www.hauntedlabyrinth.com](http://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](mailto:olcretreat@sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.ourladyofcalvary.net](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.net).