

Saint Bernard Church



November 5, 2017: 31st 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
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 1952, when the (then new) Our Lady of Fatima Hospital opened in North Providence, my mother's sister, my Aunt Ruth, became the "Head of Nursing Services" and was very much involved with the early mission of the Hospital which was to serve God's people through the healing professions. Catholic Hospitals were opening all over the country and we were in the fore front with our new facility. Now, and very sadly, that mission of Catholic Health Care has not survived the complicated world of medical insurance and the pressure form for-profit hospitals.

We are all aware of the crisis now faced by many retired nurses from that hospital who are threatened with the loss of part of their pensions. It is a very complicated issue and it is not easy to understand what responsibility the Diocese of Providence has in all this. So, I am grateful to Fr. Francis Kayata of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish for sharing with me the explanation he gave to his parish and has graciously allowed me to share with you.

In 1965, the Diocese of Providence, as a corporate reality, ended its management of St. Joseph Hospital and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital. At that time, St. Joseph Health Care Services was formed from these two hospitals and this new corporation was distinct from the Diocese of Providence. Thus a brand new corporation was formed for the operation of these hospitals.

In 2009, it was realized that independent community hospitals were not going to survive. This is when St. Joseph Hospital merged with Roger Williams Hospital and formed a brand new corporation called, "Charter Care". Since St. Joseph Health Services was losing millions of dollars a year this merger with Roger Williams was done with the intent of keeping the hospital open, to ensure the care of those in need, and to preserve the jobs of many.

At that time *this merger was enthusiastically supported by the Nurses Union and the RI Department of Health*. In effect, this is when any Diocesan management and administration of St. Joseph Hospital (and our Lady of Fatima Hospital) **ended**. Even before the Hospital was taken over by *CharterCare Corporation*, the pension plan of St. Joseph Health Services was managed by an independent non-diocesan corporation. In 2014, *CharterCare Corporation* was sold to *Prospect Medical Holdings* of California, a **for-profit**, health care corporation. *Prospect Medical* at this time infused a lot of money into the hospitals for renovations, staffing, etc.; which further removed the Diocese from any involvement in the hospital. At the time of this sale to Prospect, the St. Joseph pension fund was **92% funded**, which is very good.

Therefore it would appear that *Prospect Medical Holdings* and *Mr. Samuel Lee*, CEO and Chairman of the Board, of this billion dollar for-profit corporation are the ones we must look to for answers and to explain how in 3 years of his corporation's ownership of the hospital this, once healthy pension fund, is now in trouble. It is most certainly our fervent hope that a just solution to his most tragic and emotional situation may be found.

I hope that this offers some clarity in the situation and we all continue to hope and pray that these good nurses and health-care providers who have given their lives to the healing profession will be treated justly by those who are now responsible for their pension fund.

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, November 6:

8:00 AM – *Tullio Calori*
by his family

TUESDAY, November 7:

8:00 AM – *Albert E. Holt, Jr.*
40th Anniversary by his daughter

WEDNESDAY, November 8:

8:00 AM – *Deceased Members of the Miller & Cerilli families*
by Alberta Miller

THURSDAY, November 9:

8:00 AM – *Otto Goldstin*
by Douglas & Ellen Nannig

FRIDAY November 10:

8:00 AM – *Edward O’Keefe*
2:00 PM - *Mass at South County Nursing Home*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 11:

5:00 PM – *Tina Rogers*
by her mother

SUNDAY, November 12:

7:00 AM - *Thomas Flatley*
by Janet Flatley

8:30 AM - *Donald Broderick*
by his family

10:30 AM – *Kathleen Schmidgal*
Robert W. & Agnes Jones
Lawrence Pizzano, Jr.
Daniel P. Lovett
by the Gibbons Family



Baptisms

During the month of October, 2017

Marin Riley Chase

Hannah Ruth Dean

Amelia Lyn Healey

Olivia Danielle Healy

Nathan Michael Salvias

were welcomed to our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism.

We congratulate their parents.

North Kingstown Veteran’s Day Annual Parade November 11 at 10:00 AM

Parade marchers will start forming at 9:00 AM at Wilson Park and the parade will start at 10:00 AM. The parade route follows West Main and Brown Streets through Wickford village to Boston Neck Road and then onto Fairway Drive to the North Kingstown High School for the concluding ceremonies which are expected to begin at 11:00 AM

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.



Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Sun 11/5	Middle Grades: 3, 4, 5	
	Children's Mass	8:30 AM
	Class, Parish Center	9:30 AM
	Pastoral Council, Parish Center	5:30 PM
Wed 11/8	Children Choir, Parish Center	5:30 PM
	Cub Scouts, Parish Hall	6:00 PM
	Teen Choir, Parish Center	6:15 PM
Thu 11/9	Adult Choir Parish Center	6:45 PM

<u>Parish Support</u>		
	<u>October 22, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$7,596.50	\$6,810.38
ACH	\$1,601.00	\$1,617.80
	<u>October 29, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$6,234.50	\$6,306.00
ACH	\$1,556.00	\$1,373.50
YTD	\$162,789.50	\$160,182.97

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.



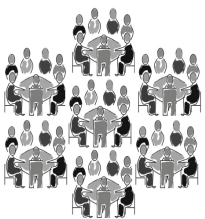
ONE WARM COAT®

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.

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.



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.

Faith Formation Program **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Religious Education Schedules

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

Next Class: December 2nd 9:00am - 11:00am in the Parish Center (8:45am arrival time)

Grades 3,4,5:

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

Next Class December 3rd

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.



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, November 12th, from 7:30 to 10:30.

Eggs - Scrambled or Fried, Sausage Patties, Pumpkin Pancakes with Pumpkin butter, Baked Beans, Hot and Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.00; children 6 and under are free.

Knights Memorial Mass

A Memorial Mass for our deceased Brother Knights of St. Francis Council will be held on November 7th, at 7 pm at our Council Hall at 1265 Tower Hill Road in North Kingstown. Mass will be celebrated by our own Brother Knight and newly ordained priest Fr. Steve Battey and our Chaplain Fr. Nick Smith. All family members of our deceased Brother Knights are invited to attend. A light collation will be held at the conclusion of the Mass.

The Prout School

in Wakefield invites families to the annual Admissions Open House for prospective students 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

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.

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.

The N K Food Pantry

For November the Pantry needs:

Hearty soups and stews, canned green beans, spinach, and beets, canned tomatoes, crackers like Ritz or Saltines stuffing mix, cereal, condiments (ketchup, mustard, etc...)