

Saint Bernard Church



November 12, 2017 32nd 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.



*“It is essentially the parish which gives the Church concrete life, so that she may be open to all. Whatever its size, it is not merely an association. It must be a **home** where the members of the Body of Christ gather together, and, are open to meeting God the Father, are full of love, and embrace the Savior, Parish members are incorporated into the Church by the Holy Spirit at the time of their Baptism, and are ready to accept their brothers and sisters with fraternal love, whatever their condition or origins.”*

- Saint John Paul, II

We, like many parishes around the country, are struggling with serious issues. Some are trying to adjust to a great influx of new immigrants. Others do not have a full time priest and are able to offer Mass only a few times a month. Some parishes in the inner cities are barely surviving because of a lack of funding; while others, in the South, Southwest and Midwest are growing so rapidly that they cannot build churches fast enough.

We in the Northeast, the “rust belt”, are experiencing a great downsizing in the Church. Within the past year the Archdiocese of New York announced that they will be closing 33 parishes and 112 parishes will merge. Large parishes, schools and institutions built during the booming years of the 1950’s and 1960’s are too large to fully utilize and too old to maintain. Many of our Catholics are either moving to other parts of the country or are no longer supporting the church, leaving a relatively small number of parishioners to bear the burden of taking care of large and ageing properties.

In the future many adjustments will have to be made to the way we fund and operate our parishes, but the essential purpose of a parish remains what St. John Paul II called it, a “*home where the members of the Body of Christ gather together....*”

At St. Bernard’s Parish are truly blessed to have a number of families who have been here many years and who have been the “pillars” of our parish. Together with many newly registered families who bring new life to the parish, we enjoy the participation of a large number of people, who together make this one of the most active parishes in the area.

If a parish is to succeed, however, we must first have good communication among the members of the parish. At this time the most effective tool we have for this purpose is the Parish Bulletin. It amazes me how many people don’t read the Bulletin and then tell us that things are happening that they “don’t know about”. This seems even stranger when, on rare occasions, there is a small typographical error in the Bulletin and the parish office gets 8 phone calls telling us about it. Even families who go away for the weekend, can go to our web site and read the latest bulletin on-line.

Soon our newly formed Pastoral Council will hold its first formal meeting. One of the concerns to be addressed is how to better communicate with our parishioners so that everyone feels they are included. It will be a challenge, but I truly believe it can be done. And we ask for your prayerful support.

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, November 13:

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

TUESDAY, November 14:

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

WEDNESDAY, November 15:

8:00 AM – *John Casey*

THURSDAY, November 16:

8:00 AM – *Joanne Corr*
by Douglas & Ellen Nannig

FRIDAY November 17:

8:00 AM – *Hazel Turley*
by her family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 18:

5:00 PM – *Philip & Pauline Valliere*
by their daughter

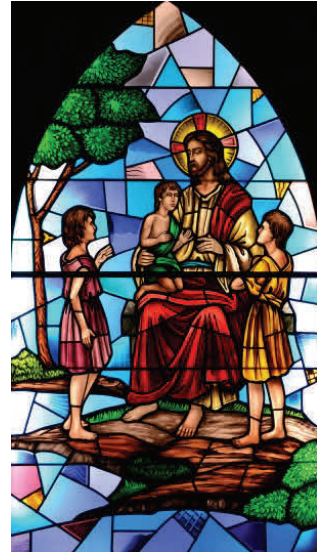
SUNDAY, November 19:

7:00 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*

10:30 AM – *Deborah Smith*

by George & Eva Silva



ANNUAL COLLECTION

This past week a copy of the Annual Parish Financial Report was mailed to all of our active parishioners along with an appeal for our **Annual Collection**. This is the single most important collection of the year because it helps us meet the many needs we have which are not funded by the regular Sunday Collections. Please be as generous as your means allow, and we ask in a special way that those who do not contribute regularly to the support of the parish might consider using this as an opportunity to make at least one annual gift to your parish and donations will be accepted until December 31st. A more detailed version of the Finance Report is available on the Parish Web Site and you are always welcome to call the office with any questions you might have.

November Month of the Holy Souls

The Church designates the month of November as a special time to remember those who have died. At the front of the Church, framed and on an easel, there is a listing of the names of all our parishioners whose Funeral Masses were celebrated here during the past year. We have also placed there “The Book of the Dead”, and we invite you to list in that book the names of all your dear ones who have passed to Eternal Life and who you would like to have us all pray for during this special time. The Book will be there until December 1.



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>		
Mon 11/13	SPRED , Parish Hall	6:00 PM
Tue 11/14	Our Lady of Sorrows Support Group , Large Conference Room	6:30 PM
Wed 11/15	Children Choir , Parish Center Cub Scouts , Parish Hall Teen Choir , Parish Center	5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM
Thu 11/16	Adult Choir Parish Center Baptism Class , Parish Office	6:45 PM 7:00 PM
Sat 11/18	Pastoral Council , Parish Center	9:00 AM



Veterans' Day Weekend
Pray for those who have served so valiantly.
Our Parish Office will be open on
Monday, November 13.

Parish Support

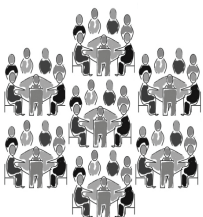
	<u>October 29, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$6,234.50	\$6,306.00
ACH	\$1,556.00	\$1,373.50
	<u>November 5., 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$9,537.50	\$9,696.00
ACH	\$2,246.00	\$1,975.50
YTD	\$176,453.00	\$173,371.97

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 Of-

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** 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.

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...)

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)

Save the Date:

Christmas Eve "Live Nativity Pageant"
More details to be sent to families via email.

Grades 3,4,5:

Next Class December 3rd
8:30am-Children's Mass-9:30-11:30am Class in the Parish Center

Grades 3, 4, 5 Advent Celebration:

Friday, December 1st 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

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.

Reminder: Confirmation Candidates are required to sign in to record their attendance at weekly Mass in the book located in the gathering space. If you attend Mass at a different church, please return a signed bulletin to the Parish Center on a regular basis.



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.

Bishop Hendricken Open House

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, November 19th, 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.



Looking to give back? The Haitian Project needs volunteers in the Rhode Island area!

The Haitian Project is in need of individuals to join our community of volunteers and help out with various office and outreach tasks in our North Kingstown office, either regularly or occasionally.

To volunteer or for more information:
(401) 351-3624
development@haitianproject.org

Thank you for your support of our work for Haiti's brighter future through Catholic education!

For more information on THP, visit
www.haitianproject.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.