

Saint Bernard Church



November 19, 2017 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor
Rev. Charles Maher, Weekend Assistant
Rev. Albino Barrera, OP, Weekend Assistant

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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

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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.



As the Thanksgiving Feast approaches we are a grateful parish for all those who have been so good to us and so very generous with their time and talents. We are grateful to all who serve: Our hard-working Parish Staff and Office Volunteers, Teachers and Group leaders in our Religion Classes, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Ushers, Pastoral and Finance Council Members, Volunteers for our many events, Scholarship Committee, Youth Group, Choir, both adult and teen, our faithful Money Counters and our many benefactors and donors. And to all who are so good to their parish in many ways, we say – **THANKS!**

We joke about Thanksgiving Day as being a day of football, stuffed turkeys and stuffed people. It is also a holiday we can be justly proud of as Americans. It is a moment set aside for grateful recognition of God's important place in our lives. It is even more interesting in a country where we honor most the self-sufficient individual – the man or woman who can “do it all by themselves”, like John Wayne did. How odd of us to stop congratulating ourselves for one day and turn to another, or rather “The Other” and recognize what He has done for us and what great gifts He has given to us.

It is also interesting that Thanksgiving Day has become not only a national holiday for Catholics but an unofficial Holy Day. But then again, it should not surprise us for the Mass is a very proper place for “giving thanks”. The word “Eucharist”, which is of Greek origin, means “thanksgiving”. Our entire Mass is a prayer of thanks to the Lord for His goodness to us, so why not celebrate it around God's table before sitting around our tables at home. We are God's family and we have good reason to give thanks. May your family holiday meal be truly joyful and filled with peace, the peace that comes first from the Lord's Table.

Fr. Jack

WE THANK YOU LORD.....

*For remembering and forgetting,
For patient friends and challengers,
For the hands of nurses and surgeons,
For love letters and Shakespeare,
For those who died in senseless wars,
For police officers, fire fighters and candy strippers,
For priests and teachers and religious women and men
 who taught us how to recognize God's love,
For our mothers and fathers, and the sisters and
 brothers we fought with in love.
For the children who have gone their life's way,
For poets and prophets and dreamers,
For those who ask “How?” and “Why?”
 and “Why not?”
For those who dare and those who guard,
For those who have forgiven us,
And those we must forgive today.*

AMEN, AND A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 20:

8:00 AM – *Special Intention*

TUESDAY, November 21:

8:00 AM – *Special Intention*

WEDNESDAY, November 22:

8:00 AM – *Audry & Bernard Casey*

THURSDAY, November 23: THANKSGIVING

8:30 AM – *Mass of Thanksgiving*

FRIDAY November 24:

8:00 AM – *Ann Kosak*
by her family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 25:

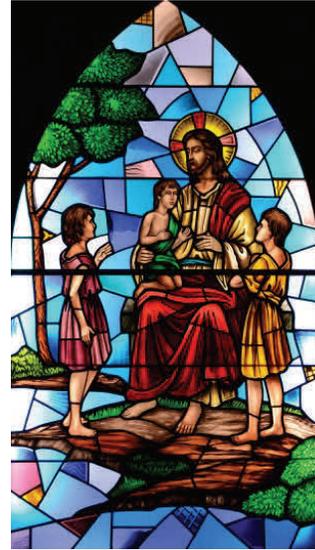
5:00 PM – *Donald Barker*
10th Anniversary by his wife

SUNDAY, November 26:

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Vito & Elda Coppa*
by their family

10:30 AM – *Dee Ann Devine*
Birthday Remembrance
by her mother & brother



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.

*Join us for our parish Mass of Thanksgiving
on Thursday at 8:30 AM.*

*The Parish Office will be closed on
Thursday And Friday because of the Holiday.*

Daily Mass on Friday will be celebrated at 8 AM



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.

Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Sun	Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation)	5:00 PM
11/19	Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1&2)	5:00 PM

Scholarship Quilt

Congratulations to Karen Walsh, winner of the 2017 scholarship quilt. Thank you all who continue supporting the Scholarship Fund and a special thank you to ladies who made this year's gorgeous quilt possible; Kathy Biron, Peg Fitzpatrick, Loretta Krebel, Pat Livernois, and Karen Walsh

<u>Parish Support</u>		
	<u>November 5, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$9,537.50	\$9,696.00
ACH	\$2,246.00	\$1,975.50
	<u>November 12, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$9,503.50	\$6,279.00
ACH	\$2,531.00	\$2,464.50
YTD	\$188,427.50	\$182,468.47



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Holidays are a time of plenty for some and a time of need for others. Let us remember those who do not have enough and who struggle to feed their families during these festive days. Please bring to Church with you (even after Thanksgiving Day) non-perishable food items so that we can share them with those in need. All donations will help support the North Kingstown Food Pantry.



Save the Date!

St Bernard Parish
Family
Christmas Party

Sunday December 17

4:00–7:00PM in the Parish Hall

More Details to Follow

Bay View Academy Open House

St Mary Academy – Bay View's Upper & Middle Schools, grades 6-12, invite you to Open House **TODAY**, Sunday, November 19th at noon. To find out more about the benefits of an all-girls, Catholic education for Grades 6 – 12, or to pre-register for Open House, go to bayviewacademy.org

Bishop Hendricken Open House

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open House **Today** 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.

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:

Sunday 12/24/2017, 4:00 PM Mass
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass "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

TODAY: 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.

Annual Coat Drive



ONE WARM COAT®

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.

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 December 10. If you would like to help, please call Chris Kosak at 294-2885 or the Parish Center at 295-0387.

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.

Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter

We are always in need of **new socks, bath towels, and backpacks, twin-sized bedding, hats, gloves, and cans of coffee, etc.** Drop off items at the Parish Center or contact the office at 295-0387 for more information.