

Saint Bernard Church



November 26, 2017 Feast of Christ the King

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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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North Kingstown, RI 02852
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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.



Today's Gospel reminds us of the end of time by drawing our attention to the last moments of Christ's earthly life. He was crucified on the cross between two thieves, for claiming to be a king, yet the only crown he wore was braided with thorns.

While earthly kings rule from palaces, Christ the King reigns from the cross. His Kingdom is not a place, but a people who give their hearts lovingly to Him by shaping their lives according to His will.

For those among us who have lost sight of the truth that heaven is our final destination, the feast of Christ the King invites us to start living our lives as Jesus taught us to live them. In all we do we seek to grow more like Christ, for He becomes our King only when we give Him our allegiance. In practice we often withhold that loyalty. How many of us can truthfully say of family life that Christ is the head of our house, the unseen guest at every meal and the silent listener to every conversation.

To recognize Christ as the King of our lives may mean a change of heart, like the good thief hanging on the cross next to Jesus, and a more honest approach in our way of living. The Kingdom of Christ is made real by allowing God to do His work in us and through us. May we find the courage to begin to answer His call and find our rightful place in His Kingdom.

Fr. Jack

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Bernard's Family Christmas Party



Sunday, December 15th from 4 PM to 7 PM in the Parish Hall

Our newly formed ***Community Outreach Committee***, a group of enthusiastic parishioners have offered to host a Parish Family Christmas Party. This event will have a nominal entrance fee and is intended for ALL our parishioners – families with children, young adults and high school students and the more “seasoned” members of the Parish. There will be a variety of activities for all ages including a Christmas Carol Sing-along, plenty of refreshments and a “Secret Santa Shop” for the little ones. Please set this date aside and plan to spend at least part of that evening with us so that our Parish Family can celebrate together these great days of Christmas Cheer.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 27:

8:00 AM – *Joseph Montecalvo*
by his family

TUESDAY, November 28:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEDNESDAY, November 29:

8:00 AM – *Carla Hepp*
by George & Beverly Hathaway

THURSDAY, November 30

8:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY December 1:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 2

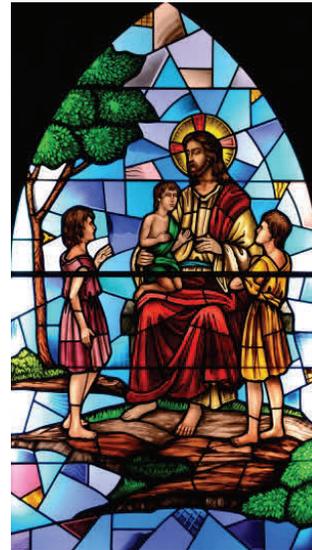
5:00 PM – *Milton Tarbox*
by his wife, Ellen Bradley

SUNDAY, December 3:

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *George Duane Martensen*
by George & Beverly Hathaway

10:30 AM – *Deborah Smith*
by the Gibbons Family



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.



Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Mon 11/27	SPRED , Parish Hall	6:00 PM
	Finance Council , Small Meeting Room	6:30 PM
Wed 11/29	Children Choir , Large Meeting Room	5:30 PM
	Teen Choir , Large Meeting Room	6:15 PM
Thu 11/30	Adult Choir Parish Center	6:45 PM
Fri 12/1	Grades 3, 4, & 5 Advent Celebration , Parish Hall	5:30 PM
Sat 12/2	First Communion 1 & 2 Class Parish Center	8:45 AM
Sun 12/3	Middle Grades: 3, 4, 5 Children's Mass Class , Parish Center	8:30 AM 9:30 AM

<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

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.

Monsignor Clarke School

Annual Christmas Festival December 3rd from 9-3PM

Local vendors and artisans will be selling amazing items at the school just in time for Christmas! Gift Basket Sale; Book Fair, Hourly Raffles and Themed Baskets. In addition, lunch, snacks and drinks are available as well as delicious baked goods at the Bake Sale Fundraiser. Kids play area with crafts and games and a chance to visit with Santa!



Holiday 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.

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

Next Class: December 10th 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.



Thank You for fulfilling a gift tag. Due to the time it takes Santa's elves to sort, check, bag and distribute the gifts, we ask that you wrap or bag the gift, attach the tag and return it to the Church by December 18, unless otherwise noted on the tag. For some individuals it will be their only gift so we need time to process them well before Christmas. If you find you cannot, for any reason, fulfill your item, please return the tag to the tree or the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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

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.

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.

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.