

# Saint Bernard Church



## December 10, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

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

**Pastoral Assistant:** Angelo Giacchi  
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**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

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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).



Most of us do not like to wait. I hate to wait in line at the bank or the grocery store. I *really* don't like to wait at the Registry of Motor Vehicles – that is truly a wait I can live without. Our entire culture tells us to expect things quickly, with McDonalds-like simplicity and speed. We have forgotten how to wait.

I can remember as a High School student waiting to go to downtown Providence (if anyone can remember what it was like before the Malls!). The only way for me to get there was on the bus, and so I would wait on Waterman Ave. in East Providence for the “Hope Tunnel” bus to take me to Kennedy Plaza. Waiting for that bus never really bothered me because it was all I knew. Today I would find it very difficult to stand and wait while others sped by in their SUVs. I find that I used to be much better at waiting back then, when I had somewhere to go and I didn't care how long it took to get there.

Today very few people have any time to wait. We hurry from one activity to another and, while we are at one appointment, we are wondering if we'll be late for the next. Time is not our friend, it is like a fire lapping at our heels. Perhaps this Advent Season can offer us an opportunity to learn once again the beauty and joy of waiting.

In Advent the Church gives us an annual time of waiting, especially with Mary during her pregnancy. The Advent readings give an encouraging message of patience. They tell us not to be afraid, that good times are coming. By listening to these messages, we can use this time to learn how to wait, to watch and to listen for reminders of God's presence. We can look on our waiting as a time to grow in holiness.

### **Church Lights and Organ:**

During the Holiday Season we love to see the lights blink and twinkle on the trees, but we're not so thrilled when they blink in Church. We have been experiencing major problems with the lighting system in the Church. It is a very sophisticated system and much of it is out of order and cannot be fixed because the manufacturer no longer services them. In addition there are a number of ballasts and bulbs burnt out which need replacement. We have arranged to have the lights on the lower part of the church (where the problem is the greatest) fixed before Christmas. We are also working to find a decent instrument to replace our electronic piano/organ before Christmas as well. We are planning to purchase a simple one to use until we find a permanent replacement that is worthy of the church. The one we purchase now will eventually become the “practice piano” and will be located in the Parish Hall.

Finally, I hope to see you next Sunday afternoon at the Parish Christmas Party. I will be there from 4 until 7 PM, but Santa, our special guest, will arrive (in a very impressive way) around 5:15 PM. Don't miss it.

*Fr. Jack*



### ***Christmas Mass Schedule***

Please make a note that, because Christmas falls on a Monday, the Sunday Morning Masses on Christmas Eve are the Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. Attendance at the morning Mass fulfills the Sunday Obligation, but is not a Christmas Mass. In other words, you are asked to attend Mass twice, on Saturday or Sunday morning for the Sunday Mass and on Sunday evening or Monday morning for the Christmas Mass.

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 PM - Family Liturgy  
6:00 PM - Christmas Eve Mass  
10:00 PM - Traditional Midnight Mass

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25<sup>th</sup>.**

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, Decemebr 11:**

8:00 AM – **James O’Dell**  
by *Daniel & Madeleine O’Leary*

### **TUESDAY, December 12:**

8:00 AM – **Robert Koch, Sr.**  
by *Beverly Hathaway*

### **WEDNESDAY, December 13:**

8:00 AM – **Donald Miller**  
by *Alberta Miller*

### **THURSDAY, December 14:**

8:00 AM – **Elena Sanfilippo**

### **FRIDAY December 15:**

8:00 AM – **Thomas Delaney**  
by *his family*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, December 16**

5:00 PM – **Susan Smith**  
by *her family*

### **SUNDAY, December 17:**

7:00 AM - **Bernard & Audrey Mae Casey**  
by *the Quimby family*

8:30 AM - **Neil O’Donnell**  
4th by *his family*

10:30 AM – **Joshua Zalabowski**  
by *his family*



## Advent Reflection

Rev. Joseph Creedon, Parish Priest Emeritus of Christ the King Parish, Kingston, RI has written: “Advent 2017– Will it Be a Carousel that Goes Round and Round or a Faith Experience that Goes Deeper and Deeper?”  
These daily reflections are available

at: <https://adventreflection.wordpress.com>

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.



## St. Bernard’s Family Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 4 PM to 7 PM in the Parish Hall**

Our Parish Community Outreach Committee is sponsoring a **Parish Family Christmas Party** on Sunday, **December 17<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 PM in the Parish Hall**. Entrance is free and we are inviting all the members of our Parish Family, young and “older”. There will be a variety of activities for all ages including a Christmas Carol Sing-along, Gift Basket Raffles, Cookie Decorating, plenty of refreshments and a “Secret Santa Shop” for the kids. We will also have a **Visit From Santa** at 5:15 PM and he will stay to talk to the kids who want to meet with him. 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.



### **Bring your Christmas Treats to the Party!**

If you are planning to join us for the Parish Family Christmas Party, we would love to have you bring with you some of your favorite home-made Christmas Cookies and other treats to share with us. It will be a wonderful exchange of the very best Holiday Cookies in Town.

## Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
<b>Sun 12/10</b>	<b>Grades 6 &amp; 7 (Pre-Confirmation)</b> <b>Grades 8 &amp; 9 (Confirmation 1&amp;2)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Mon 12/11</b>	<b>SPRED, Large Conference Room</b> <b>Family Christmas Party Decorating, Parish Hall</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Tue 12/12</b>	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows , Large Conference Room</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Wed 12/12</b>	<b>Children Choir, Large Meeting Room</b> <b>Cub Scouts, Parish Hall</b> <b>Teen Choir, Large Conference Room</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>6:15 PM</b>
<b>Thu 12/14</b>	<b>Morning Mass Coffee, Parish Hall</b> <b>Adult Choir Large Conference Room</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> <b>6:45 PM</b>

### The Empty Manager

The Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family Ministry and R.I. Right to Life will be co-sponsoring a prayerful event on Saturday, December 16 from 10 – 11:00 AM at Planned Parenthood, 175 Broad Street, Providence. We will be caroling and praying in the peaceful vigil as we continue our efforts to create awareness of the abortion industry in our state and our country. Abortion hurts two people: the mom and the baby! Call 421-7833 x 218 for more information or to RSVP.

### 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.

### Parish Support

	<u>November 26, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,786.50</b>	<b>\$6,704.50</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$1,583.00</b>	<b>\$1,337.50</b>
	<u>December 3, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$8,859.00</b>	<b>\$9,248.50</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$1,913.00</b>	<b>\$1,927.50</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$216,956.50</b>	<b>\$211,425.00</b>



### 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 non-perishable food items so that we can share them with those in need. All donations will help support the North Kingstown Food Pantry.

### 2018 March for Life

The Office of Life and Family Ministry will be sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, DC for the Annual March for Life and the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion. The cost for the overnight ride is \$83.00 per person and will leave RI on Thursday, January 18th. This year's trip will take us to the Capital One Arena for the Youth rally and Mass. There will be confession, Rosary, popular Catholic recording artists, presentations and a Mass for Life. For more information and to register, call Carol Owens at 401-421-7833 x 218. Registration and payment must be received by January 10, 2018.

### 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.

**Faith Formation Program**  
**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**Weather related Class Cancellations!**

Please log on to [www.turnto10.com](http://www.turnto10.com), the local TV/  
Radio Channels and our website  
[www.stbernardnk.org](http://www.stbernardnk.org) for updates

Religious Education Schedules

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

**Next Class:** January 6th 9:00am - 11:00am in the Parish Center (8:45am arrival time)

**Grades 3,4,5:**

**Next Class:** January 7th

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

**Grades 6 & 7 & Confirmation 1 & 2: Grades 8 & 9**

**Class Today:** December 10th 5pm in the Parish Center. Concluding with a Mass at 6:30pm which all students must attend.

**Next Class:** January 28th

**Reminder:** Confirmation Candidates are asked 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.

**Advent Celebration December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Many children from our Faith Formation Program (Grades 3,4,5,) attended the Advent celebration. They enjoyed learning about the Advent season and preparing for Christmas through fun games and activities. A special thanks to those parents who helped make the event a success: Daniela Quilliam, Tricia Rules and Allison Shea and our Confirmation students: Sam East-er, Kseniya Farrell, Liam Farrell, Matthew Gravier, Leah Hauser, Stephen Hauser, Madison Jones, Ethan Masciarelli, Kate McEwen and Katherine Speltz. We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas!

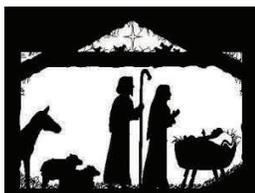
**Sunday Community Dinners**

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** December 10th. 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.

**Christmas Vigil Mass**



**Christmas Eve  
Children's Mass**  
with a special program for the  
children  
December 24, 2017 at 4pm

For those children who have been assigned a role in the children's program:  
There will be a **REHEARSAL**  
on Tuesday Dec. 19 at 6:00 pm in the Church.  
We will be fitting costumes, rehearsing parts, and practicing the readings.  
Please arrive on time.