

# Saint Bernard Church



## December 24, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent

**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  
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**E-mail:** [sbc.bus@verizon.net](mailto:sbc.bus@verizon.net)  
**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).

## *Christmas 2017*

Dear Friends:

On behalf of our Parish staff,  
we extend to you best wishes for a Holy Christmas.  
We warmly welcome all who will come to celebrate this  
glorious Feast.  
We welcome the stranger, the traveler and guest!  
We welcome our students, home from college for a good  
Winter's rest!  
We welcome parishioners who moved far away but join us  
this week as old friends and guests!  
We welcome all who have not been active of late in their  
Catholic Faith; and hope they will find new hope and  
inspiration this Christmas to come back again and again!  
We welcome our faithful parishioners, loyal and true;  
May the Lord bless you for all that you do!  
Welcome to all! May our gathering this Christmas  
gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds.  
We are, after all, one People of God –  
redeemed by His Light.  
May we walk by the Light and live by the Light –  
together in love.



On behalf of our entire Parish Staff, we wish you and your families a very Blessed Christmas!

*Fr. Jack*

*Angelo Giacchi, Pastoral Assitant*

*Michael Saunders, Administrative Assistant*

*Dawn Masterson, Director of Elementary Grades Faith Formation*

*Deb Fortin, Religious Education Office Manager*

*Alison Shea, Director of Music*

*Michael Allen, Director of Facilities*



### *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, December 25:**

8:30 AM: *Deceased of the Parish*

10:30 AM: *Deceased of the Parish*

### **TUESDAY, December 26:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **WEDNESDAY, December 27:**

8:00 AM – *Maurice Quinlan*

*by his family and friends*

### **THURSDAY, December 28:**

8:00 AM – *Neal Schultz*

### **FRIDAY December 29:**

8:00 AM – *William Arnold Jr.,*

*Birthday Remembrance by his family*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **SATURDAY, December 30**

5:00 PM – *Richard F. Collier, Jr.*

*by his family*

#### **SUNDAY, December 31:**

7:00 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM - *Lawrence O'Connell*

*by his family*

10:30 AM – *Jean Reilly*

*10th Anniversary by her family*

#### **January 1, 2018: New Year's Day**

10:30 AM: *Deceased of the Parish*

## 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.



### ***A Family Prayer before the Manger***

*Loving God, as we stand before this manger, help us to make a place for Your Son in our home and in our hearts. Help us to welcome Him by being kind to one another and reaching out to those who need us. May we make a fitting home for Him, who has prepared a home for us in His Eternal Kingdom. We thank You for the great gift of Jesus, in whose name we pray. AMEN.*



## Announcements

### Upcoming Meetings

No Meetings this Week		
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### FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

We are accepting donations for flowers to decorate the Altar for Christmas. Donations may be made in memory of loved ones. The names of the deceased will be published within the next few weeks.



### 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.

### 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>

### Parish Support

	<u>December 10, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,247.50</b>	<b>\$7,845.50</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$2,438.00</b>	<b>\$2,260.50</b>
	<u>December 17, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$7,713.00</b>	<b>\$7,714.50</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$2,633.00</b>	<b>\$2,012.50</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$236,355.00</b>	<b>\$231,206.47</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**

**Next Class:** January 28th  
5pm in the Parish Center. Concluding with a Mass at 6:30pm which all students must attend.

**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.



Thanks to your overwhelming generosity , more than 600 gifts were distributed through our **Giving Tree**. We have received numerous notes and calls from agencies and families expressing their heartfelt gratitude to us for making their Christmas easier in the face of their hardships.

*God Bless you!.*

**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.

**There will be NO CLOW 12/24 and 12/31**

**Christmas Vigil Mass**

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

