

Saint Bernard Church



December 31, 2017 The Holy Family of Jesus

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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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



In an age when many feel that healthy family life is disintegrating at a rapid rate, perhaps we can use this Feast of the Holy family to see if the many changes traditional families are now undergoing are really for good or bad. Certainly, no one would deny that families today do not look like the family our grandparents grew up in. The ideal remains a two parent family. However, many families have only one parent as caretaker of the children with an extended family of grandparents, aunts and uncles pitching in to help. Whatever the family looks like, there are some traits that might help us tell if a family is truly a healthy and Christian family.

The great Russian author Tolstoy once wrote “All happy families resemble one another”. Perhaps there is some truth in what he said, as least as far as what makes them “healthy” is concerned.

A healthy family has a **strong sense of family**. Even if family members move a thousand miles from home and relatives, they still retain a feeling of caring and closeness. Its hallmarks are its hospitality to one another, its concern for its elders, and its sharing of family legends, characters and a sense that “we are family”.

A healthy family **demands responsibility from each member along with respect**. When children are given chores and are responsible for homework they have a sense of pride in the fact that they have made a contribution to the family. Respect shows itself in families that never humiliate children, embarrass them or discuss their shortcomings with others. Children are honored, while expected to handle responsibility and thus be a productive part of the family.

A healthy family **develops trust**. Parents in the healthy family don’t allow themselves to get boxed in by the “you don’t trust me” game. And children know they can trust their parents to want and to do what is best for them. It’s a two-way word so that their children can trust them. It’s a two-way gift, trusting and being trusted.

A healthy family **prays**. The strongest glue for holding any family together is prayer. Children learn that, like their parents, God is a loving parent who cares for them and loves them unconditionally. The more families talk to God and worship Him in the assembly of the Church the more they understand themselves as an extension of God’s love. Now that’s a healthy family!

Fr. Jack

THANKS FOR THE PARTY

On Sunday, December 17th we celebrated our Parish’s first Annual Parish Family Christmas Party. It was a great success and we all had a wonderful time getting together to celebrate the holidays with one another. We are truly grateful to the Event Committee who worked very hard to make it all happen:

*Nancy & Tony Scelsa
Gerry Grabowski
Kerry Bamford*

*Paul & Dawn Marcaccio
Irene Romanelli
Bob & Karen Walsh and*

the great kids from our Confirmation Program and Stephanie Giacchi, our cookie decorator.

Thank you also to the many people who donated items for us to eat or to win at raffles.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 1: Solemnity of Mary:

10:30 AM: *Deceased of the Parish*

TUESDAY, January 2:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEDNESDAY, January 3:

8:00 AM – *Maurice Quinlan*
by his family and friends

THURSDAY, January 4:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY January 5:

8:00 AM – *James Francis Haggarty*
by his daughter Arlene

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 6

5:00 PM – *Virginia LeClair-Knapton.*
by her family

SUNDAY, January 7:

7:00 AM - *Emmett & Phyllis Knapton*
by their family

8:30 AM - *Deceased of the Bowen Family*

10:30 AM – *Michael Gallagher*
by the Gibbons family

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Because New Year's Day, the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, falls on a Monday it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Therefore there will be no vigil Mass on Sunday night. Our only Mass for New Year's Day will be on

Monday, January 1 at 10:30 AM.

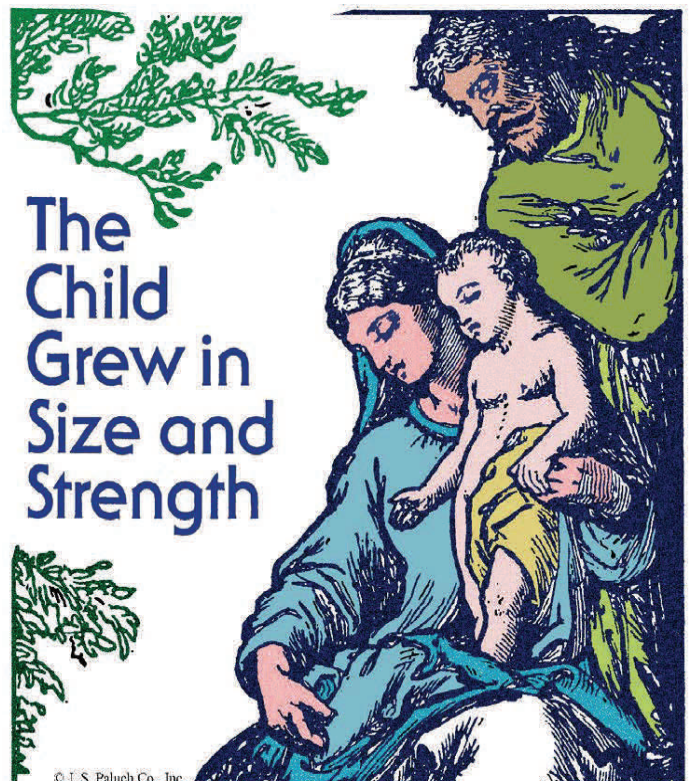


Blessing of the New Year

God of time and of eternity,
with Christmas joy we praise you
for the year gone by
and for the year we have begun.

It is a year of new beginnings!
Your son comes among us
to bring glad tidings to the poor
and to proclaim a year
acceptable in Your sight.
Knit us in harmony and love,
we who are flesh of His flesh.

Fill this holy year with mercy and
compassion,
with prosperity and accord,
as we join the angels
in proclaiming Your praise:
Glory in heaven and peace on earth,
now and forever. *AMEN.*



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Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Sat 1/6	First Communion 1 & 2 Class Parish Center	8:45 AM
Sun 1/7	Middle Grades: 3, 4, 5	8:30 AM
	Children's Mass Class, Parish Center	9:30 AM
	Boy Scout Court of Honor , Parish Center	3:00 PM

<u>Parish Support</u>		
	<u>December 17, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$7,713.00	\$7,714.50
ACH	\$2,633.00	\$2,012.50
	<u>December 24, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$8,127.00	\$8,762.50
ACH	\$1,668.00	\$1,707.50
YTD	\$260,021.00	\$248,891.47

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.

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.

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

Faith Formation Program
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Weather related Class Cancellations!

Please log on to www.turnto10.com, the local TV/
Radio Channels and our website
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.

Christmas Eve
Children's Program

There were angels on high,
Shepherds from far away,
And Animals gathered,
To see Mary and Joseph
Celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus!
A special Thank You to everyone who
played a role in this year's program,
the youth readers
And the Children's Choir.



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An Invitation to Pray
for All Human Life

The Office of Life and Family Ministry will sponsor the "Annual Respect Life Mass" on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at St. Paul Church in Cranston. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist. The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will remain on the altar during Mass and will be available for veneration at the reception that will immediately follow the mass. For more information or to RSVP contact: Carol Owens, 401-421-7833 x 218.

Missionary Image of Our Lady of
Guadalupe

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting many parishes in the Diocese of Providence from January 6 to January 29, 2018. All are invited to attend the various Masses, Holy Hours, Presentations and Veneration opportunities during this time. For a schedule of the visits, please visit: www.dioceseofprovidence.org or email: cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org or call Carol Owens at 401-421-7833 x 218.

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 45th 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.

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 TODAY