

Saint Bernard Church



January 7, 2018 The Epiphany of the Lord

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
Adolescent Faith Formation: Christina Pichette
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
North Kingstown, RI 02852
Phone : 401-295-0387
E-mail: sbc.bus@verizon.net
Web: 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

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Behold, in the depths of the night,
under our eyes a Star appears.
Someone leads us step by step
toward the source of light.

Abraham the believer
took this route before us;
joyous, we go toward the Child
whose new Day we have seen.

The call from a distant rendezvous
rings in our heart,
the Father will secretly, up till the end,
lead us toward His son.

Already the city of David
appears before our eyes;
The quest in our hearts we follow
in your light, Lamb of God.



– J. Crestien

HOUSE BLESSING FOR EPIPHANY

Epiphany is a day to make our homes glitter with the Christmas joy and the gifts of the Magi. Orthodox Christians bless their homes on this day and say the following prayer. You might want to bless your house today with these simple words:

God of Bethlehem and of Cana, God of Jordan's leaping waters. In baptism you bring us into your family. You wed us, embracing us as your beloved.

May we fill this home we have made with kindness to one another, with hospitality to guests, and with abundant care for every stranger.

By the gentle light of a star, guide home all who seek You on paths of faith, hope and love, where we will join the angels in proclaiming Your praise: Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen.

NEW DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION PROGRAMS

We are very pleased to welcome to St. Bernard's our new Director of Adolescent Faith Formation. Her name is **Christina Pichette** and she will work with teachers, students and parents of our Middle School and Confirmation Programs. She will also assist us in establishing a new program for Post-Confirmation High School students.

Christina comes to us with a very rich background. She is a graduate of Assumption College and received her Master's Degree in Theological Studies at Providence College. She has worked in the field of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry at parishes in Worcester, Boston and Portsmouth. During the summer of 2016 she led a group of teens to World Youth Day in Poland where they had a chance to meet and pray with Pope Francis. Recently she and her husband re-located to East Greenwich and we are very happy that she was able to become a part of our program. We wish her well and look forward to wonderful 2nd half of the year with Dawn Masterson working with the elementary grades and Christina Pichette directing the middle and high school grades.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 8:

8:00 AM: *Deceased of the Parish*

TUESDAY, January 9:

8:00 AM – *Margaret Lazarski*
by her family

WEDNESDAY, January 10:

8:00 AM – *Catherine Lewis*
by her family

THURSDAY, January 11:

8:00 AM – *Leo Lemoi*
by Karen & Wayne Brousseau

FRIDAY January 12:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 13

5:00 PM – *Bernard P. O’Fallon-Knapton*
by his family

SUNDAY, January 14:

7:00 AM - *Thomas Flatley*
6 Month Anniversary by his wife

8:30 AM - *Maurice Paiva*
by his family

10:30 AM – *Robert F. Whiton*
by the Gibbons family

K of C BREAKFAST **(PUBLIC INVITED)**

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, January 14th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Eggs - Scrambled or Fried, Bacon, Toast, Home Fries, Baked Beans, Pancakes, Hot and Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served.

The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.



Baptism

On Sunday, December 31, 2017

Maddox Michael Thomsen

was welcomed to our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism.

We congratulate their parents.

Circle of Prayer

The Parish Circle of Prayer has been restarted after a computer malfunction deleted all the data. If you have someone you would like to have prayed for, please contact Gerry Grabowski and leave her your name, your email address and your prayer request. The members of our “Circle of Prayer” will then add that name to their prayer lists and will pray for them daily. Please remember, however, that the person who is being prayed for must give permission for you to give out their name for publication. Please contact Gerry at gerrygrabowski700@gmail.com.



Magi from the east arrived

Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Sun 1/7	Middle Grades: 3, 4, 5 Children's Mass Class, Parish Center	8:30 AM 9:30 AM
	Boy Scout Court of Honor, Parish Center	3:00 PM
Wed 1/10	Cub Scout Den Meeting, Parish Hall	6:00 PM
Thu 1/11	Morning Mass Coffee, Parish Hall	8:30 AM

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.

The N K Food Pantry

For January the Pantry needs:

Crackers, Cereal, Hearty soups like beef stew, Hygiene items: deodorant, soap, shampoo & conditioner, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, feminine hygiene pads & tampons, diapers, and adult diapers

Parish Support

	<u>December 24, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$8,127.00	\$8,762.50
ACH	\$1,668.00	\$1,707.50
	<u>December 31, 2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Basket	\$5,240.55	\$7,692.00
ACH	\$1,213.00	\$1,543.50
YTD	\$269,382.50	\$260,148.09

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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: February 3rd 9:00am - 11:00am in the
Parish Center (8:45am arrival time)

Grades 3,4,5:

Class Today: January 7th
8:30am-Children's Mass-9:30-11:30am Class in the
Parish Center
Next Class: February 4th

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.

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
January 21, February 18, March 18 and April 8. If
you would like to help, please call Chris Kosak at
294-2885 or the Parish Center at 295-0387.

The Prout School

To accommodate demand, The Prout School in
Wakefield will now offer a third test date for the
High School Placement Test (HSPT) at Prout on
Saturday, January 20, 2018. To register, go
to www.theproutschool.org. For more information
on The Prout School or to arrange for a tour or
Shadow visit, contact Admissions Director Sharon
DeLuca at 789-9262, Ext 514.

An Invitation to Pray
for All Human Life

The Office of Life and Family Ministry will sponsor
the "Annual Respect Life Mass" on Saturday, Janu-
ary 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 Provi-
dence 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: c-owens@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 spon-
soring a bus trip to Washington, DC for the Annual
March for Life and the 45th Anniversary of the Su-
preme 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.