

Saint Bernard Church



January 21, 2018 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Address: 275 Tower Hill Road
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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.



Last Sunday the church began a season called “Ordinary Time”. The title does not evoke great feelings of passion or excitement, but we should not let its simplicity fool us. Most of the Liturgical year we are in Ordinary Time and the liturgical color is green. It lasts about 34 weeks all together and very few Catholics really understand it as clearly as the great seasons of Lent or Easter, which interrupt it between February and May.

Ordinary Time puts the spotlight on Jesus and what it means to be his follower. The many Sundays of Ordinary Time help us learn what discipleship means as we follow Jesus through His earthly ministry.

The long journey of discipleship during Ordinary Time is our invitation to live as Jesus did, to enter into the rhythm of life as he did—dying and rising. Two challenges present themselves to us during this liturgical season: first, to hear the call and follow in Jesus’ footsteps of dying and rising and, second, to see this dying and rising in all the ordinary circumstances of life. For example, money may be tight for the family. This means that everyone must “die” to their wants and make do with less. But it can also mean that the family must take time to talk together, work things out, perhaps spend more time together which can lead to the “new life” or stronger relationships within the family.

Enjoy this “ordinary” season and don’t miss out on the great opportunity it offers us to grow in our faith and become better disciples of the Lord.

Fr. Jack



Please Be Careful!!

This winter has been extremely cold and icy and we know that more cold and snow will surely come. Because this winter is extremely long and cold it is easy to forget to be careful. The area around St. Bernard Church is especially difficult to keep clear from ice in winter weather. Our church has been built facing the north and the sun never shines on our front entrance. What melts during the day, re-freezes at night.

We always do our best to keep the walks clear, but it is never going to be perfect (unless we turn the building around to face the South), and so we ask you all, when it does snow please use extreme caution and good common sense when coming to church. Please be thoughtful of others and lend a hand to those who are in danger of falling (especially our seniors).

Finally, please be careful during this bad flu season to be sure that if you are not feeling well, or if there is illness at home, please refrain from shaking hands in Church. By all means be friendly, but it is alright to refrain from shaking hands at the sign of peace and simply say: “Peace be with you, I have a cold.”



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 22:

8:00 AM: *Deceased of the Parish*

TUESDAY, January 23:

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

WEDNESDAY, January 24:

8:00 AM – *Albert Krebel*
5th Anniversary by his family

THURSDAY, January 25:

8:00 AM – *John Griffin*
by his family

FRIDAY January 26:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 27

5:00 PM – *Deborah Smith*
by Claudette Guillemette

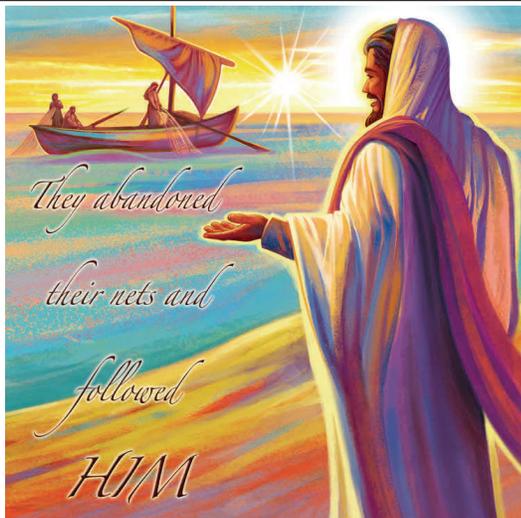
SUNDAY, January 28:

7:00 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM - *Thomas Savoie*

10:30 AM – *Millicent Williams*
by her husband

6:30 PM **Monthly Mass for the Youth of the Parish**



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MID-WINTER PARISH NEWS

With the advent of the flu season we have emptied the Holy Water Font to prevent the spreading of germs from hand to hand. We also ask that, if you are not feeling well you refrain from shaking your neighbor's hand, a simple "peace be with you!" will do.

Regarding stormy weather and daily Mass: we are initiating a new policy that if the public schools in North Kingstown are closed because of bad weather, our daily 8 AM Mass is also cancelled. We hope this will prevent people from venturing out in dangerous conditions just so see if we are open.

New External Defibrillators (AED). In October the general assembly passed a bill requiring "all places of public assembly" with a capacity of more than 300 people, to install an AED device with easy access to those who might need it in an emergency. Recently, through the generosity of two parishioners, we have purchased two of these Defibrillators: one for the Church and one for the Parish Hall. While we hope to never have to use them, we are happy to comply with this new law for the protection and safety of our parishioners. Before we schedule training sessions for the use of these new devices, we would like to know who is already trained. If you have this training and your certification is up to date, please call us at 295-0387 or e-mail us at sbc.bus@verizon.net. Please tell us what Mass you usually attend so that we can compile a list of certified users for each Weekend Mass.

Coffee & Donuts

Come spend some time with us **TODAY** Sunday, January 21st after the 10:30 AM Mass for coffee and donuts in the parish center. Enjoy some social time with your fellow parishioners.



Announcements

| <u>Upcoming Meetings</u> | | |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Wed 1/24 | Cub Scouts, Parish Hall, Adult Choir, Large Conference Room | 6:00 PM 6:45 PM |
| Sun 1/28 | Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation) Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1&2) | 5:00 PM 5:00 PM |

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., are open to all, and **FREE**. St. Bernard's will be providing the meal **TODAY** 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.

St. Bernard's Annual Auction Saturday, March 10th from 6-10pm.

It is being hosted at the Quonset 'O' Club and promises to be "a night among the stars".

We are rolling out the red carpet for a fun night of silent and live auction and games of chance.

This year has a Hollywood flair you won't want to miss.

Ways you can help:

- Save the Date and plan to attend
- Ask your friends & reserve a table
- Donate your empty baskets for our raffle items
- Buy a star for our Hollywood walk
- Donate items for our auction and raffles

Have your child return their designated donation item to their next Faith Formation class

Stay tuned for an upcoming bulletin insert for more details.

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.

| <u>Parish Support</u> | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>January 7, 2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
| Basket | \$6,848.00 | \$4,268.50 |
| ACH | \$1,658.00 | \$1,592.50 |
| | <u>January 14, 2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
| Basket | \$7,601.00 | \$8,214.00 |
| ACH | \$1,872.00 | \$2,777.50 |
| YTD | \$278,659.50 | \$266,009.09 |

Treasures From Our Tradition

“One of the most unusual Catholic churches in the world is in Amsterdam: Our Lord in the Attic, or as the locals say, “Ons Lieve Heer op Solder.” What looks like a beautiful narrow brick mansion alongside a canal is a clever disguise for a very well-preserved seventeenth-century home and a secret church. During the Reformation, the Netherlands was divided into Protestant Holland and the Spanish Netherlands, now known as Belgium, a Catholic stronghold. Protestant reformers seized all the Catholic parishes in Holland and “de-Catholicized” them. New laws forbade the celebration of the Mass in public. St. Nicholas Church was renamed “Old Church” by the new owners, and the dispossessed Catholics got to work “hiding” St. Nicholas Parish in the upper floors of this mansion. Other Catholics did the same thing, but this is the only hidden church that survives today. Sunday Mass is still celebrated here.

It’s a beautiful hideaway, with nothing spared in regard to marble, gilding, a pipe organ, and classic Dutch painting. A few steps away, the Old Church, begun in 1250, stands emptied of the statues and carvings of its Catholic days, its windows replaced by plain glass. The new tenants gave up when it came to the ceiling, which is still painted with saints, biblical scenes, and merchant ships. The Dutch reformers were tolerant sorts, and as long as the Catholics kept out of sight, they were out of mind. Catholicism was at last tolerated in Holland after 1853, but in 1924 when the International Eucharistic Congress was held in Amsterdam, processions of Catholics were still forbidden in the streets. Today, Roman Catholics are about 19 percent of the population, and there’s no need for any of them to hide in the attic.

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:

Next Class: February 4th
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.

Open House

Monsignor Clarke School will be having an Open
House on Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 12- 2PM. We
welcome students of all faiths from 18 months to grade
8. If you are interested in learning more about the
school, please visit www.monsignorclarkeschool.org
or call Sara Marshall (401) 789-0860.

The NK 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

**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: cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org or call Carol Owens at
401-421-7833 x 218.

On Friday January 26, The Image of Our Lay of Gua-
dalupe will be visiting St. Francis de Sales Church,
381 School St., North Kingstown. There will be:

9:00 AM: Mass, Rosary, Presentation ,Veneration

3:00 PM: Divine Mercy

6:00 PM: Presentation

7:00 PM: Benediction

Annual Pro-Life Rally

The Rhode Island State Right to Life Committee is
sponsoring the Annual Pro-Life Rally on Wednesday,
January 24, 2018 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the
Rhode Island State House Rotunda. The Rhode Island
Abortion industry is doubling down on their most
aggressive campaign in years. Join us to remember
the 60 million victims of Roe v Wade and to encour-
age your legislators to stand against the extreme abor-
tion agenda. Questions? Call 521-1860 or email info@rirtl.org.

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.

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.