

# Saint Bernard Church



## January 28, 2018 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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**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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**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).



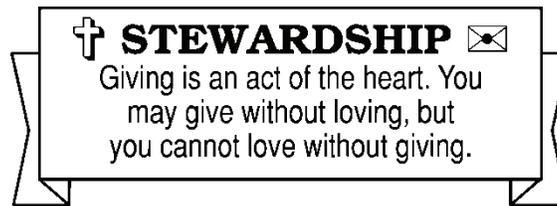
From the Pastor's Desk

A few years ago I was stopped at a traffic light behind a car that was sporting a bumper sticker proclaiming, “*I survived Catholic schools*”. The source of this cynical remark is, of course, the now nearly mythical Catholic schools of the 1950’s and 60’s. These schools supposedly were heavy with guilt and knuckle rapping nuns. I attended Sacred Heart School in East Providence during the 1950’s and early 60’s and later Catholic College and University. My experiences were quite different from those expressed in the sarcastic bumper sticker. I can tell my share of Catholic school stories, but more powerful than any sense of limitation in the Catholic schools of yesterday is my conviction that there was something special about those years and the education I received from the dedicated religious women of that time.

In the early 1950’s the people of St. Bernard parish opened a parish school because they felt the same way. They wanted a school where God was a powerful presence – thick in the air, quiet and warm in the classrooms and vibrant when the playground bell rings with the laughter and shouts of children. Unfortunately, limited numbers of students forced its closing in the 1970’s, but the spirit of that school still lives in our Religious Education Program.

Why do so many parents continue to send their children to Catholic Elementary and High Schools? They do so because a Catholic school is a blend of academic excellence with an out-in-the-open Catholic Christian perspective on life and the world. A Catholic school doesn’t function as if God were simply a matter of personal opinion.

This week the American Church celebrates **Catholic School Week** and I invite you to visit one of our local Catholic Schools to see for yourself what a difference a faith-filled atmosphere combined with academic excellence can do for any child.



When the Finance Council was working out a parish budget for this fiscal year, I was surprised at how great a percentage of our parish income goes into keeping the buildings open and functioning. If you reflect on your own household budget, you’ll probably see why keeping the place warm, tending to routine maintenance of the house and, all those special things for family celebrations can eat a big chunk of most family budgets. The hard truth about the church is that, although those who contribute to St. Bernard’s are very generous, many Catholics in New England seem hesitant to contribute adequately to their Church. At the same time, however, they still look to the Church, especially its leaders and ministers, to “be there” for Sunday Mass, service to the sick and hurting, weddings, funerals, schools and the rest. We need to rediscover why parish contributions are important and essential for the life of the Church and why the parish needs our help on all levels.

In teaching His disciples, Jesus sometimes used the example of a steward. He wanted His followers to think of themselves as stewards for the Kingdom of God. What this means is that the disciple is called to be a “partner” with God in His work on earth. For each of us, that involves taking responsibility to see that God’s work gets done. While here at St. Bernard’s Parish we are doing well because of your generosity, it is also no wonder that parishes are closing and dioceses and Church organizations in Rhode Island are reducing staff. For Catholics, our funding problems are connected to our failure to understand our responsibility to be “stewards” of the time, talent and treasure God has given us.

Finally, I am very grateful to those who provided for us a wonderful “**Coffee-and**” after the 10:30 AM Mass last weekend. Many people expressed their happiness to have an opportunity to experience a sense of community with other parishioners. It was especially enjoyed by new members of the Parish. I am happy to announce that this will now become a monthly event. Our next one is planned for February 11th.

Fr. Jack



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, January 29:**

8:00 AM: *Meghan Cooney*  
*by her family*

### **TUESDAY, January 30:**

8:00 AM – *Michael Nagle*

### **WEDNESDAY, January 31:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **THURSDAY, February 1:**

8:00 AM – *Eilene McGuire*  
*by her family*

### **FRIDAY February 2:**

8:00 AM – *Catherine & Philip Haggarty*  
*by Arlene Gardiner*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **SATURDAY, February 3**

5:00 PM – *Steven Hernandez*  
*by his family*

#### **SUNDAY, February 4:**

7:00 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM - *Mary Anne Liberatore*  
*by the Welitoff family*

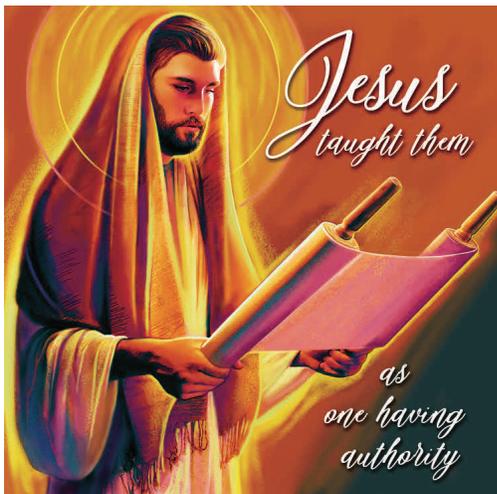
10:30 AM – *J. Lawrence Paquet*  
*by the Gibbons family*

## 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](mailto: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.



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### K of C BREAKFAST (PUBLIC INVITED):

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Special Valentines Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, February 11th, from 7:30 to 10:30.

Eggs - Scrambled or Fried, Toast, Home Fries, Sausage links, Belgian Waffles, Baked Beans, Chocolate dipped strawberries Hot and Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.

## Announcements

### Upcoming Meetings

<b>Sun</b> 1/28	<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</b> 1/29	<b>SPRED, Parish Hall</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed</b> 1/31	<b>Cub Scouts, Parish Hall</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Thu</b> 2/1	<b>Adult Choir, Large Conference Room</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
<b>Sun</b> 2/3	<b>Middle Grades: 3, 4, 5</b> <b>Children's Mass</b> <b>Class, Parish Center</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>

### ***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.



### Parish Support

	<u>January 14, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$7,601.00</b>	<b>\$8,214.00</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$1,872.00</b>	<b>\$2,777.50</b>
	<u>January 21, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$8,451.50</b>	<b>12,555.00</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$1,993.00</b>	<b>\$1,372.58</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$301,968.50</b>	<b>\$291,063.09</b>

### Treasures From Our Tradition

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.

**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:** 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

**Lent Celebration** scheduled for February 9th has been  
canceled.

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

**Class: TODAY** January 28th

5pm in the Parish Center. Concluding with a Mass at  
6:30pm which all students must attend.

**Next Class:** February 11, 2018

**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 **TODAY** 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](http://www.monsignorclarkeschool.org) or call Sara Mar-  
shall (401) 789-0860.

**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

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**2018 Lenten Campaign**

Our Focus: Prayer – Fasting - Community Outreach  
Begins: Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 to Palm Sunday,  
March 25, 2018. Vigil Days and Time: Mon.-Sat. –  
7am to 7pm. Planned Parenthood, 175 Broad St, Provi-  
dence. The mission of the campaign is to bring together  
the Body of Christ in a focused 40-day campaign of  
prayer, fasting, and peaceful activities as we seek  
God's favor in turning hearts and minds from a culture  
of death to a culture of Life, thus bringing an end to  
abortion. Pray outside of an abortion facility...pray at  
church...pray at work...pray in the car...pray at home!  
This program is sponsored and facilitated by: the Dioc-  
esan Office of Life and Family Ministry and Rhode  
Island Right to Life. For more information contact Car-  
ol Owens, Diocesan Director at 421-7833.218

**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  
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.

**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.

**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.



**LIGHTS,**



**CAMERA,**



**AUCTION!**

You are cordially invited to the St. Bernard Church 8th Annual  
**GALA AUCTION**

*"A night among the stars"*

Saturday, March 10, 2018

6-10pm at the Quonset 'O' Club

200 Lt. James Brown Road North Kingstown, RI 02852

*Silent / Live Auction*

*Games of Chance. Movie Trivia. Popcorn Bar*

**TICKET SALES BEGINS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES,  
FEBRUARY 3rd & 4th**

\$34 per ticket / \$65 per couple

\$250 for a table 8

3 course, 2 choice meals

(Chicken Marsala or Baked Stuffed Sole)

Open seating with the exception of reserved tables

This is an adult only event

The committee will be at each Mass, collecting RSVP cards,  
selling tickets & stars, collecting donations & answering questions.



**YOU CAN BE A STAR!**

A monetary donation will get your name on a star that will be displayed at church till the event and on our Hollywood Walk entrance during the night of the event.

If you can not attend this event, please consider supporting the event by purchasing a star for our Hollywood Walk of Stars.

# Ways you can help:

- ★ Save the Date and plan to attend
- ★ Ask your friends & reserve a table
- ★ Donate your empty baskets for us to fill
- ★ Buy a star for our Hollywood walk
- ★ Donate items for our auction and raffle
- ★ Have your child return their designated donation to their next Faith Formation class

Possible Items to Donate for the Auction include:

Hollywood themed items

Movies (New DVDs; Blue-Ray)

Wine and/or Food baskets (coffee, candy, popcorn), Coolers

Outdoor Games / Camping Supplies

Sports Collectable items/tickets

Concert or Entertainment Tickets

Gift Certificates (Amazon, Apple)

Restaurant and Shopping Gift Certificates

Power Tools, Toolbox, Equipment

TVs, Electronics, iPads, Devices, Gaming Systems

Jewelry, Handmade Quilts, wreaths

Travel, Timeshares, Golf

Or let us ask your contacts - just tell us who to call!

Please contact Ed Zajac at 268-3860 or [EZAJAC2@yahoo.com](mailto:EZAJAC2@yahoo.com)

*Items can be dropped off at the Parish Center during office hours (M-Th, 9am-4pm)*

*Thanks for your generosity!*