

Saint Bernard Church



February 4, 2018 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor
Rev. Charles Maher, Weekend Assistant
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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.



I wrote this article a few years ago and thought it might be worth repeating this year too.

If sports and athletics were a religion, then Basketball would be a sacrament and Super Bowl Sunday would be its high Holy Day. Americans sometimes take their allegiance to a favorite sports team so seriously, that they behave as if it were their religion. This year we were careful to set up our CCD class schedule to accommodate the Super Bowl. We have no doubt that if kids had to choose between their favorite sporting event and their religion, sports would win hands down.

A good friend of mine, Fr. Costanza, the pastor of Christ the King parish in Kingstown, is both creative and articulate. Leave it to him to find a way to tie the Super Bowl to our understanding of religion and the Church.

We are all familiar with St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor.12:12-30) where Paul describes the Church as the Body of Christ, and we are its members. St. Paul begins this way: *"As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also is Christ."*

Fr. Costanza re-wrote it by taking Paul's words and adapting them for Super Bowl Sunday. If St. Paul had written this himself, it would read like this:

For the team is one and has many players, and all the players of the team, though many, are one team. Indeed, the team does not consist of one player, but of many. If the defensive end would say, "Because I am not the quarterback, I do not belong to the team," that would not make him any less a part of the team. And if the right tackle would say, "Because I am not a wide receiver, I do not belong to the team," that would not make him any less a part of the team. If the whole team were tackles, where would the running backs be? If the whole team were running backs, where would the kickers be? And if the whole team were kickers, where would the cornerbacks be? But as it is, the coach has arranged the players of the team, each one of them, as he chose. If all were quarterbacks, where would the team be? As it is, there are many players, yet one team. The quarterback cannot say to the tackle, "I don't need you." Nor can the defensive ends say to the running backs, "We don't need you." On the contrary, if one player suffers, the team suffers together with him; if one player is honored, the team rejoices with him.

Have a great Super Bowl Sunday and remember you are as important to Christ as Tom Brady is to the Patriots!

Fr. Jack

2017 Annual Contribution Statements

Statements have been mailed out to all our parishioners. This year the tax deductible contribution statement contains payments made on your capital campaign pledge. There will be only one tax deductible contribution statement issued. If you have any questions we would be happy to help you, simply call our office at 295-0387.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 5:
8:00 AM: *Edward Keenan*

TUESDAY, February 6:
8:00 AM – *Mary Sweck*
by her daughter

WEDNESDAY, February 7:
8:00 AM – *Anthony Soscia*

THURSDAY, February 8:
8:00 AM – *Francis Nannig*
by his family

FRIDAY February 9:
8:00 AM – *Maria Mainelli*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 10
5:00 PM – *Donald Barker*
by his wife, Margherita

SUNDAY, February 11:
7:00 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*
8:30 AM - *Meghan Cooney*
by her family
10:30 AM – *Michael Ruggieri and*
Madeline Healey
by the Ruggieri family

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.



Baptisms

On Sunday, January 28, 2018

Sophie Michelle Girard

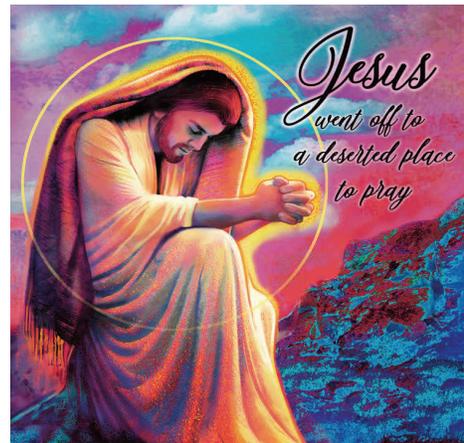
Reef Thomas Korecky

were welcomed to our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism.

We congratulate their parents.

Coffee & Donuts

Come spend some time with us next Sunday, February 11th after the 10:30 AM Mass for coffee and donuts in the parish center. Enjoy some social time with your fellow parishioners.



St. Bernard Scholarship Fund

Applications are now available on the Parish web site www.stbernardnk.org and at the Parish Office for graduating high school seniors of the Parish. Four \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded in June 2018. To be considered, completed applications must be returned to the Parish Office by April 15, 2018.

Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Sun 2/4	Middle Grades: 3, 4, 5 Children's Mass Class, Parish Center	8:30 AM 9:30 AM
Wed 2/7	Children's Choir, Large Confer- ence Room Cub Scouts, Parish Hall	5:30 PM 6:00 PM
Thu 2/8	Morning Mass Coffee, Parish Hall Adult Choir, Large Conference Room	8:30 AM 6:45 PM
Sun 2/11	Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation) Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1&2)	5:00 PM 5:00 PM

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.

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.

Representatives from the committee will be at the Masses collecting RSVP cards, selling tickets and Stars, collecting donations and answering questions.

Parish Support

	<u>January 21, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$8,451.50	12,555.00
ACH	\$1,993.00	\$1,372.58
	<u>January 28, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,527.00	\$7,627.50
ACH	\$1,693.00	\$1,187.41
YTD	\$310,249.50	\$302,378.09

Treasures From Our Tradition

We're reading St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul's day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul's heart; he wrote to them sometimes "with many tears" (2 Corinthians 2:4).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There's a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries.

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

Grades 3,4,5:

Class: TODAY February 4th

8:30am-Children's Mass-9:30-11:30am Class in the
Parish Center

Next Class: March 4th

Lent Celebration scheduled for February 9th has been
canceled.

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

Next Class: February 11, 2018

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.

NKHS Senior Project

My name is Laura Kralicky and I am a senior at North
Kingstown High School. For my senior project, I am
making care packages for the homeless and donating
them to the McAuley House in Providence. I am doing
a drive to collect feminine products and toiletries for
those packages for the next two weeks. If you are able
to donate any items, please place them in the box at the
parish center during office hours. I am holding an
event on February 25th from 2:30 – 4:30 PM in the
NKHS cafeteria to assemble the care packages. All are
welcome to attend. Thank you for your help and dona-
tions!

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.