

Saint Bernard Church



February 11, 2018 Sixth 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

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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.



WHY THE RCIA?

With many mainstream religions experiencing a decline in attendance, it might be well to look into the reasons someone joins a church. According to research that reviewed the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*, the trends across the U.S. reveal people who become Catholics do so for a number of reasons:

1. They are engaged to marry Catholics and want to share their faith.
2. They are young parents who are expecting their first child and want to raise the child in a faith community.
3. They were baptized in the Catholic Church but were not brought up or educated in that religion.
4. They are attracted by the example of other Catholics.
5. They have experienced grief or tragedy in their lives and are seeking to make sense of it.
6. They are looking for answers to life and death questions.

The initiation of adults is for the life of the whole Church and parish not just for converts. The presence of catechumens journeying toward initial conversion in our parish models for us the deeper conversion to which we are all called. Conversion, after all, is not a once-in-a-lifetime thing. We all experience God's call to turn around, change our lives and improve our relationship with the Lord. We all call new members to the Church when we encourage those who are seeking God in their lives and when they see us being faithful to our relationship with Him.

CONFIRMATION FOR OLDER CANDIDATES: While the full **RCIA** program for catechumens begins in September and concludes with Baptism at the Easter Vigil, we know that there are many young adults who are Baptized and who have made their First Communion but have not yet received Confirmation. Perhaps they were not available to do so when classes were held, or other activities in High School caused them to leave the program uncompleted. Whoever you are, we would like to offer a *special program of preparation for anyone who would like to complete their Confirmation Preparation this year* and be confirmed this year. If you or a family member or friend would like to take advantage of this new program or need more information please contact Angelo in the Parish Office sometime before February 20th.

Fr. Jack

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations

A gentle reminder that Church law requires abstinence from meat, meat soups or other dishes made from meat (for those 14 and older) on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, Good Friday is a fast day. Adults between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less: that means, take no solid food between meals and only one meal that day should be a full one. Those with special health restrictions should always follow their doctor's advice before fasting.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 12:

8:00 AM: *Gary Barolet*
by his family

TUESDAY, February 13:

8:00 AM – *Donald Miller*
13th Anniversary by his wife Alberta

WEDNESDAY, February 14: Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*
12:00 PM—*Prayer Service with Ashes*
7:00 PM—*Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, February 15:

8:00 AM –*Irene Gunn*
by the Nannig family

FRIDAY February 16:

8:00 AM – *Teresa & Luigi Trabucco*
5:00 PM - *Stations of the Cross*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 17

5:00 PM – *Joseph Moretti*
by his wife

SUNDAY, February 18:

7:00 AM - *Ann Canning*
by her family

8:30 AM - *Antonietta DiNardo*
by Daniel & Madeleine O'Leary

10:30 AM –*Eric Gouveia*
Birthday Remembrance



ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses on Ash Wednesday February 14 will be celebrated at 8 AM, and 7 PM. Ashes will be distributed during all the Masses. There will also be a prayer service with distribution of Ashes at 12 Noon.

LENTEN WEEKDAY MASS will be celebrated at 8 AM daily (Monday–Friday).

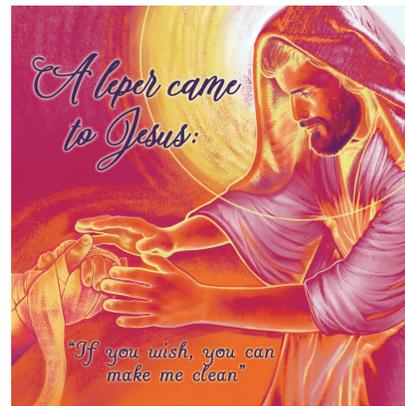
STATIONS of the CROSS will be prayed each Friday of Lent at **5 PM in the Church.**

Coffee & Donuts



Come spend some time with us **TODAY** 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.



K of C BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Special Valentines Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, **TODAY** 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.

St. Bernard Scholarship Fund

Applications are now available on the Parish web site www.stbernardnk.org/ministries/scholarship 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 2/11	Coffee & Donuts, Parish Hall	11:30 AM
	Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation)	5:00 PM
	Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1&2)	5:00 PM
Mon 2/12	SPRED, Parish Hall	6:00 PM
Wed 2/14	Children's Choir, Large Conference Room	5:30 PM
Thu 2/15	Adult Choir, Large Conference Room	6:45 PM
	Baptism Class, Parish Office	7:00 PM
Sat 2/17	Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby, Parish Hall	9:00 AM

Lenten Bible Study

During the Season of Lent, Fr. Unsworth will lead a 4-week study of St. Paul's "**First Letter to the Corinthians**". This letter addresses the challenges faced by this early church community and in many ways it also is a reflection on the current issues and problems the Catholic Church is facing today.

These issues will be examined and those who participate will come away with a much better understanding of this great Letter by St. Paul which is rich in meaning for today's Catholic.

Sessions will be held on 4 consecutive Wednesdays in Lent beginning on **Wednesday, February 21 from 8:30 AM, until (9:30 AM)**. The Study will then be repeated on 4 consecutive Thursday evenings (for those who cannot come in the morning), **beginning on Thursday, February 22 from 7 PM until 8 PM**). All are welcome.

Parish Support

	<u>January 28, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,527.00	\$7,627.50
ACH	\$1,693.00	\$1,187.41
	<u>February 4, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$7,426.00	\$6,606.50
ACH	\$1,968.00	\$1,837.50
YTD	\$319,643.50	\$360,822.09

Treasures From Our Tradition

Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well.

Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission.

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:

Next Class: March 4th
8:30am-Children's Mass-9:30-11:30am Class in the
Parish Center

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

Class TODAY: February 11, 2018
5pm in the Parish Center. Concluding with a Mass at
6:30pm which all students must attend.

Next Class: March 18th

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.

The N K Food Pantry

For February the Pantry needs:

Pancake syrup, jelly, ketchup, hygiene items: tooth-
paste, toothbrushes, shampoos & soap, chili or kidney
beans, spaghetti sauce and apple sauce.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE LENTEN
KICK-OFF RALLY

Join us for the 12:05 Mass and Distribution of Ashes at
the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul.

Following Mass and with a "special blessing" we will
gather outside the Cathedral with the Ancora Mobile
Ultrasound Clinic leading us on our walk to Planned
Parenthood, 175 Broad St. for a short rally and medita-
tion on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

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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

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 si-
lent 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.