

# Saint Bernard Church



## February 18, 2018 First Sunday in Lent

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

**Pastoral Assistant:** Angelo Giacchi  
**Administrative Assistant:** Michael Saunders  
**Elementary Faith Formation:** Dawn Masterson  
**Youth Ministry 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  
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**Web:** [www.stbernardnk.org](http://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](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).



## *2018 Catholic Charity Fund Appeal*

Because of two weeks of snowy weekends, the annual *Catholic Charity Fund Appeal* begins next weekend and, once again this year, we are being asked to help our needy brothers and sisters throughout the Diocese of Providence through our contributions and pledges. This year our parish goal is **\$85,000**. Last year we exceeded our goal by more than \$3,000 and this year, if we exceed the goal the parish will receive some of it back for our own parish needs. I have every confidence we will reach or exceed this goal as we did last year.

Our annual appeal supports many necessary and important ministries in the Diocese, among them are programs for Marriage and Family Life, Child Day Care Centers, Homes for the Aged, Immigrant and Refugee Services, Hispanic Ministry, Youth Ministry and Inner City Catholic Education.

We are all given opportunities to practice our faith through works of charity each day and we are called in a special way to practice that charity during this holy season of Lent. The Catholic Charity Fund Appeal is one of the most effective ways for us to fulfill that mission for it allows us to help others in a simple and generous way.

This year we will once again be asking you to make your donation or pledge at one of the weekend Masses next week or any week during Lent. We will continue to utilize the “In-Pew Solicitation” method, which was so very successful last year. If you are not prepared to make your donation or pledge next week, you may take home a pledge envelope and return it any weekend.

I also encourage all who have never given to Catholic Charities before to consider a gift this year. It is a very effective way to give generously to those in need right here in our own State and neighborhood. Even a pledge of \$15 or \$25 a month can make a great difference and help us quickly reach our goal.

I join with Bishop Tobin and parishes throughout the Diocese in asking that you come to Mass next weekend prepared to make a generous contribution. We also ask that you pray for the success of this year’s Appeal, for your prayers and generous donations help our Diocese accomplish God’s work in Rhode Island for our brothers and sisters, our neighbors in need.

*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 19:**

8:00 AM: – *Mary McDermott*  
by *Dan & Madeleine O’Leary*

### **TUESDAY, February 20:**

8:00 AM – *Rose Giacchi & Paolo DiBiasio*  
by *their family*

### **WEDNESDAY, February 21**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **THURSDAY, February 22:**

8:00 AM – *Florence Carter*  
by *Dan & Madeleine O’Leary*

### **FRIDAY February 23:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*  
5:00 PM – *Stations of the Cross*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, February 24**

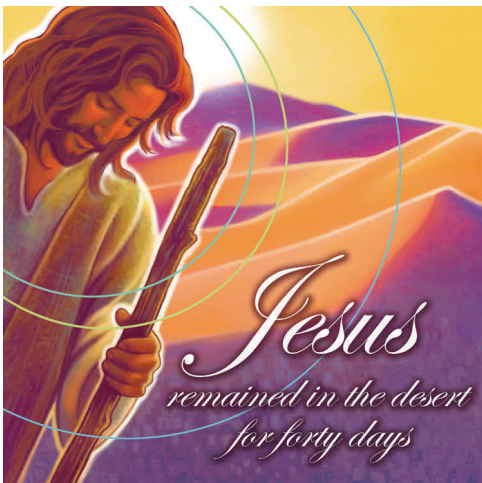
5:00 PM – *Philip Valliere*  
*9th Anniversary by his daughter Paula*

### **SUNDAY, February 25:**

7:00 AM – *Mr & Mrs James Hardiman*  
by *the Kieke family*

8:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

10:30 AM – *Deceased Members of the Monpoya Family*  
by *their family*



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## Lenten Lunches

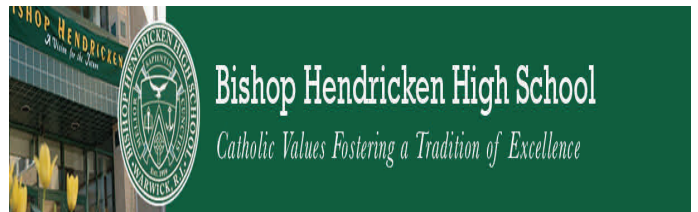
The North Kingstown Clergy Association will once again be holding Lenten Luncheons on each Wednesday during Lent. Everyone is invited to and encouraged to attend.

- 2/21 First Baptist Church in Wickford  
44 Main Street , Wickford
- 2/28 FBC North Kingstown-Allenton  
1135 Tower Hill Rd, North Kingstown
- 3/7 St Bernard’s Catholic Church  
275 Tower Hill Rd, North Kingstown
- 3/14 St. Paul’s Episcopal Church  
55 Main St., Wickford
- 3/21 St Francis de Sales Catholic Church  
381 School St., North Kingstown

## 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.



**Bishop Hendricken High School** will hold an **Open House on Sunday, March 4th, from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.** Information on Academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities, will be available. The entrance exam for prospective 8th, 9th or 10th grade students will be held on Saturday, April 7th, at 8:30 AM. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 739-3450 ext. 162.

## Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Mon 2/19	<b>President's Day Parish Office Closed</b>	
Wed 2/21	Lenten Bible Study, Parish Center	8:30 AM
	Children's Choir, Large Conference Room	5:30 PM
Thu 2/22	Adult Choir, Large Conference Room	6:45 PM
	Lenten Bible Study, Parish Center	7:00 PM
Sat 2/24	Pastoral Council, 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.

<u>Parish Support</u>		
	<u>February 4, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$7,426.00</b>	<b>\$6,606.50</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$1,968.00</b>	<b>\$1,837.50</b>
	<u>February 11, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$7,232.50</b>	<b>\$6,171.00</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$2,327.00</b>	<b>\$2,397.50</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$329,869.00</b>	<b>\$319,396.59</b>

### Treasures From Our Tradition

The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It's the cardinal who has been given the "title" of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope's homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent.

Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later. In the year 1219 the pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the "Order of Preachers," commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory.

### 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.

**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:** 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**

**Next Class:** March 18th

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.

**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  
**TODAY** 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**

**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 Scholarship Fund**

Applications are now available on the Parish web site  
[www.stbernardnk.org/ministries/scholarship](http://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.

**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 Sun-  
day morning Masses collecting RSVP cards, selling  
tickets and Stars, collecting donations and answering  
questions.