



Saint Bernard Church

February 25, 2018

Second Sunday in
Lent

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

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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.

From the Pastor's Desk



There came a point in the ministry of Jesus when events took a turn for the worse and a decision had to be made regarding its future direction. Accompanied by three of his closest associates, Peter, James and John, Jesus retired up the mountain to seek the guidance of God the Father in quiet prayer. In the midst of this prayer the disciples were enveloped by a cloud and experienced a radiant glimpse of God's dazzling splendor and saw Jesus appear with Moses, the great law-giver and Elijah, the prophet.

The purpose of the transfiguration on the mountain was to make the apostles aware of the divine presence in the man with whom they walked and talked and to establish beyond all doubt in their minds that Jesus was the Son of God. The taste of the master's future glory helped prepare them first to experience his suffering and passion. Experience teaches us that nothing worthwhile in life is ever simple or straight forward. The message of the transfiguration is that there is a connection between suffering and death and the resurrection and glory. When things are difficult and the road is very long, it is good to remember that there is no short cut to glory. Real happiness and peace of mind only come after Calvary because the cross and suffering are inescapable.

The transfiguration speaks of the gradual process of change that takes place in our lives when, like the apostles, we accompany Christ on the road to Calvary. We become so taken up with the everyday concerns of living that we often lose sight of the end to which we have been called. At times we are dragged down with feelings of failure and worthlessness but suddenly a piece of good news, a spark of joy, changes our outlook and we see our lives in a new and better light.

Lent affords an opportunity, through prayer and fasting, for putting the house of our soul in spiritual shape. It teaches us that the road to heaven is by the sweat of our brow through the daily chores of work and putting up with the frustrations and disappointments of family life. The gospel tells us that a successful relationship with Jesus can improve us and make a difference to our lives. Jesus does not change the world but He can transform our hearts if we let Him. We all grow brighter the more we are turned into the God-like image we are meant to reflect. The transfiguration is about letting the glory of God shine through us so that others can catch a glimpse of that glory.

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 26:

8:00 AM: – *Anna Keenan*

TUESDAY, February 27:

8:00 AM – *John Moran*

by Dan & Madeleine O’Leary

WEDNESDAY, February 28

8:00 AM – *Joan Keenan*

THURSDAY, March 1:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY March 2:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

5:00 PM – *Stations of the Cross*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 3

5:00 PM – *William McLaughlin*

by his family

SUNDAY, March 4:

7:00 AM – *Joshua Zalabowski*

by his family

8:30 AM – *Robert Madusky*

by his wife and son

10:30 AM – *Norman Wrigley*

by the Gibbons family



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CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

The annual *Catholic Charity Fund Appeal* begins today 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**. I have every confidence we will reach or exceed this goal as we did last year. Some of our parishioners have already responded to the appeal in the advanced campaign and now we turn to all of our parishioners.

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.

During the Holy Season of Lent we are asked to seek opportunities each day to practice our faith through works of charity. 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.

We will continue to utilize the “In-Pew Solicitation” method, which was so very successful last year. Envelopes are available in the pews and we invite you to feel free to take home a pledge envelope and return it any weekend during the Lent and Easter Season.

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 all our fellow Rhode Islanders who will benefit from this year’s appeal 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



Jesus was
transfigured
before them

Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Wed 2/28	Lenten Bible Study , Parish Center	8:30 AM
	Children's Choir , Large Conference Room	5:30 PM
	Cub Scout Den Meeting , Parish Hall	6:00 PM
Thu 3/1	Adult Choir , Large Conference Room	6:45 PM
	Lenten Bible Study , Parish Center	7:00 PM
Sat 3/3	First Communion 1 & 2 Class Parish Center	8:45 AM
Sun 3/4	Middle Grades: 3, 4, 5	8:30 AM
	Children's Mass Class , Parish Center	9:30 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 Wednesdays in Lent **from 8:30 AM until 9:30 AM**. The Study will then be repeated on Thursday evenings (for those who cannot come in the morning), **from 7 PM until 8 PM**. The next session will be on Wednesday February 28 and Thursday February 29. All are welcome.

Parish Support

	<u>February 11, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$7,232.50	\$6,171.00
ACH	\$2,327.00	\$2,397.50
	<u>February 18, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$5,656.50	\$6,377.00
ACH	\$2,378.00	\$1,952.50
YTD	\$337,903.50	\$327,601.59

Treasures From Our Tradition

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down.

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

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.

Knights of Columbus

**Annual Catholic Family Day of Recollection
Freedom through Penance**

Featuring Musician Ryan Tremblay, on the fourth
Saturday of Lent, March 10 at All Saints Church. 323
Rathbun St., Woonsocket, from 9:00 AM through
3:00 PM. All are invited. A free-lunch will be provid-
ed. This event is hosted by Rhode Island Knights of
Columbus State Council Chaplain Fr. Joseph Pac-
quette. Please call the RI Knights of Columbus Office
at 434-0940 to register by March 5, 2018. Participants
are invited to bring non-perishable items for the
Rhode Island Food Bank.

Lenten Lunches

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

2/28 First Baptist Church North Kingstown-
Allenton, 1135 Tower Hill Rd

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

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.

"A Night Among the Stars"

St. Bernard's Annual Auction

Saturday, March 10th at the Quonset 'O' Club

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

At the parish center office or the parish website

The deadline is March 1st.

This a great night out for a great cause. We have
lots of exciting items for the silent auction. Our
live auction this year will include:

Hilton Head Time Share (week 1: April 22nd to
April 29th; week 2: Aug 5th to Aug 12th)

Visit <http://harboursideiii.com> for photos.

Cardi's Lift Recliner

**4 Red Sox Tickets (13 rows behind first base
with a parking pass)**

**Dinner for 6 at the Davis House prepared by
our very own Fr. Jack**

Tickets: \$34 each, 2 for \$65, a table of 8 for \$250

Seating is open with the exception of the reserved
tables. It is a first come, first serve basis.

Hope to see you at this great event!