

# Saint Bernard Church

March 4, 2018

Third Sunday in Lent

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

**Pastoral Assistant:** Angelo Giacchi  
**Administrative Assistant:** Michael Saunders  
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**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

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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

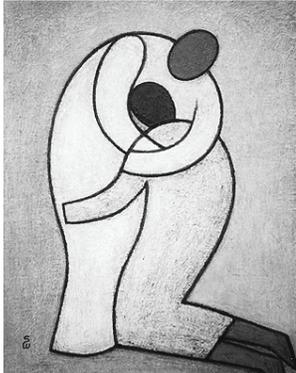
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:00 PM ~ 4:30 PM

### 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).



## **OUR RESPONSE TO VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS**

*“Pray to God that in addition to helping the victims and their families heal from this unimaginable tragedy, that He burn in our hearts the courage to stand up and combat this problem, whether it is by advocating for better mental health services, working to help end bullying in our schools, responding to the needs of boys and young men so they don’t see a gun massacre as a solution to their problems, working to promote respect for life, and, yes – advocating for common sense gun laws.” – Bishop Edward C. Malesic, of Greensburg Penn.*

This was Bishop Malesic’s response to the recent massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL. He was also echoing the response of Pope Francis, *“I pray with the hope that such senseless acts of violence may cease.”* And Cardinal DiNardo, the president of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops who said, *“I pray also for unity in seeking to build toward a society with fewer tragedies caused by senseless gun violence.”*

Recently, after following the reaction of church and government leaders, I have also come to the conclusion that prayer and good wishes are important and necessary, but not enough. I admire very much the bold voices of High School students who are speaking out for change – not only in the law, but also in our treatment of one another. When you consider that there have already been 18 school shootings in our country since the beginning of this year, we are left with many questions about how to bring this dangerous and deadly train to a stop. I have also asked the question; what does a pastor say to his congregation when a tragedy like this has happened in your parish? Fr. Ekiert of St. Mary Help of Christians in Parkland said to his parishioners, *“In the midst of the unimaginable, show and live love daily – not just in a time of grief and horror.”*

There are two things I would like you to know. First, that there is no question we need to look again at our local and national gun laws, especially regarding the ownership and use of military style weapons. Our Catholic teaching links gun violence with our Right to Life. We cannot simply say that we defend the rights of the unborn, we must also defend the lives of innocent children attending school, a place where they should feel as safe as they do in their own homes. Secondly, I am taking steps to schedule a meeting with State Police officials to come to our parish and give us needed advice on how we can better insure the safety of our own parishioners when they attend Mass or other parish functions.

In the meantime, I ask you to join me in supporting efforts to limit the acquisition of guns, especially by those who need mental health treatment, are prone to violence, or who have past records of violence. And, most of all, join me in prayer that our lawmakers will join with all people of good will and willingly engage in a real debate about needed measures to save lives and make our schools and communities safer.

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, March 5:**

8:00 AM: – *Daniel Phelan*  
by Dan & Madeleine O’Leary

### **TUESDAY, March 6:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **WEDNESDAY, March 7**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **THURSDAY, March 8:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **FRIDAY March 9:**

8:00 AM – *Elfrieda M. Haggerty*  
by her daughter, *Arlene*  
5:00 PM – *Stations of the Cross*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, March 10**

5:00 PM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **SUNDAY, March 11:**

7:00 AM – *Maurice LaFreniere*  
by his children

8:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

10:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*



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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.



## Inside Scoop

The Inside Scoop is accepting applications for those entering 10 & 11th grade. Applications can

be found online at [www.theinsidescoopri.com](http://www.theinsidescoopri.com). They will also be available to pick up at the store once it opens in mid-March.

## Announcements

### Upcoming Meetings

<b>Sun</b> 3/4	<b>Middle Grades: 3, 4, 5 Children's Mass Class, Parish Center</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Mon</b> 3/5	<b>SPRED, Parish Hall</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed</b> 3/7	<b>Lenten Bible Study, Parish Hall</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
	<b>Interfaith Lenten Luncheon, Parish Hall</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>
	<b>Children's Choir, Large Conference Room</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Thu</b> 3/8	<b>Morning Mass Coffee, Parish Hall</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
	<b>Adult Choir, Large Conference Room</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
	<b>Lenten Bible Study, Parish Hall</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Sat</b> 3/10	<b>Annual Auction, Quonset 'O' Club</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun</b> 3/11	<b>Coffee &amp; Donuts, Parish Hall</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>

### 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 March 7 and Thursday March 8. All are welcome.

### Parish Support

	<u>February 18, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$5,656.50</b>	<b>\$6,377.00</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$2,378.00</b>	<b>\$1,952.50</b>
	<u>February 25, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,813.00</b>	<b>\$7,310.00</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$1,598.00</b>	<b>\$1,274.50</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$346,324.50</b>	<b>\$336,520.59</b>



**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Bernard**  
**Yard Sale Fundraiser**  
**Friday, April 27 – Sunday,**  
**April 29**

#### Start Collecting Your Junk !

Please consider donating any new or gently-used household (indoor & outdoor) items to be sold at the yard sale. **PLEASE NO DONATED FURNITURE OR CLOTHING!!!**

#### Dates to Remember:

**March 18** - Collection containers will be placed in the church lobby

**Friday, April 27 – Sunday, April 29:**

**\*Fri, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm:** Early-bird special - \$20.00 entrance charge for first 50 people for First-Dibs-Peek & Purchase (does not include price of items)

**\*Sat, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm** – Traditional sale

**\*Sunday, 6:30 am – 1:00 pm:** Everything must go!!! - Traditional sale until end of last morning mass; after last mass, give a donation, take anything you want!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** (great for Confirmation Candidate hours)! Please contact Hannah Overly if interested (401-269-1300 call or text; [hannahoverly@gmail.com](mailto:hannahoverly@gmail.com))

*Monetary donations are always welcomed, please contact Hannah for mailing address!*

*Proceeds benefit St. Bernard Church and The Haitian Project*

**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)**

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

**Grades 3,4,5:**

**Class:** TODAY March 4th

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

Easter Celebration (3/23) is cancelled.

**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.

**K of C BREAKFAST**  
**(PUBLIC INVITED)**

The Knights of Columbus will hold a full traditional Irish Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, March 11th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled Eggs, Irish Bangers, Toast, Home Fries, Rashers, Baked Beans, Corned Beef Hash, Grilled Tomatoes, Irish Soda Bread, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$12.00, children 6 and under are free.

**Coffee & Donuts**  
**Save the Dates**

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for March 11th followed by April 15th and May 20th. after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Come spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners.

**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.

**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](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.

**"A Night Among the Stars"**

**St. Bernard's Annual Auction**  
**Saturday, March 10th at the Quonset 'O' Club**  
Last Call for TICKETS  
At the parish center office or the parish website

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!**