

Saint Bernard Church

March 11, 2018

Fourth 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.



St. Patrick's Day

When Patrick brought the Christian Faith to Ireland it was a land of warring chieftains and tribes. They welcomed Patrick because they saw in this new faith a way to unite themselves and bring a long awaited peace to their land. Believing in the One True God and receiving the saving mercy of God's only Son gave them something to hope for and a way to deal with their often sorry and desperate lives.

Throughout the centuries, life did not get much better for the poor Irish people. With British rule and a sorry land that could not produce much to live on, they have struggled until our day. But they have their Faith, and they have their humor. During these gray days of Lent I thought I would share with you some Irish humor I have come by over the years. The Irish have always loved to laugh at those who thought they were "in charge", and the clergy were no exception. Here are some laughs they have had at the expense of their stern but noble pastors:

Fr. O'Brien gave a sermon warning his parishioners about the possibility of a sudden death. "Before another day is ended.." he thundered, "someone in this parish is going to die." Seated in the front row was a small elderly man who began to giggle. Seeing the man smiling, Fr. O'Brien became very angry and yelled at him, "Well, what's so funny?" "Well", said the man, "I'm not from this parish."

Soon after his appointment, Archbishop Patrick Ryan of Baltimore went to a reception where a jovial politician said to him, "Now where in hell have I seen you before?" "I don't know," said the Archbishop. "Where in hell do you come from?"

A 19th century Dublin bishop wrote the following little verse shortly before his death:

*Tell my priests when I am gone
o'r me to shed no tears.
For I shall be no deader than
they have been for years.*

Travelling by train in an enclosed compartment, Cardinal Richard Cushing of Boston asked the frail young Jesuit who accompanied him whether he would mind if he smoked a cigar. "Oh, no, your Eminence," said his companion, "Not if you don't mind my being sick."

A Protestant clergyman in Belfast recounted a meeting with two Catholic children in the street. "Good morning, Father Smith", said one of them, respectfully stepping out of his way. The reverend gentleman returned the greeting, but as he walked on he heard the other child scold his friend by saying: "You can't call him 'Fr.' he's got five children."

Fr. Sean O'Unsworth

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 12:

8:00 AM: – *Peter Simeone*

TUESDAY, March 13:

8:00 AM – *Vincent Corio*
by the DiBenedetto family

WEDNESDAY, March 14

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, March 15:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY March 16:

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 17

5:00 PM – *Deceased of the Parish*

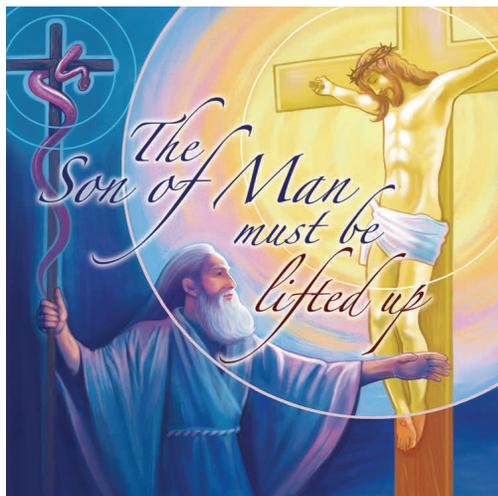
SUNDAY, March 18:

7:00 AM – *Herbert Underhill*
by Sandra & Tom Rzemien

8:30 AM – *Hector Jaso*
by his family

10:30 AM – *Edward Cooney*
by his family

6:30 PM **Monthly Mass for the Youth of the Parish**



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2018
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

The annual *Catholic Charity Fund Appeal* has begun 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

Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Sun 3/11	Coffee & Donuts , Parish Hall	11:30 AM
Wed 3/14	Children's Choir , Large Conference Room	5:30 PM
	Cub Scouts , Parish Hall	6:00 PM
Thu 3/15	Adult Choir , Large Conference Room	6:45 PM
	Baptism Class , Parish Office	7:00 PM
Sun 3/18	Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation)	5:00 PM
	Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1&2)	5:00 PM

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 21 and Thursday March 22**. All are welcome.



Coffee & Donuts

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for **TODAY** 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.

Parish Support

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



3rd Annual St. Bernard Yard Sale

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**)

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, the local TV/ Radio Channels and our website www.stbernardnk.org for updates.

Religious Education Schedules

First Communion 1 & 2:

Grade 1: Next Class: April 7th 9:00am - 11:00am in the Parish Center (8:45am arrival time)

Grade 2: First Communion Retreat April 8th (12 PM to 3 PM—Change in start time)

Grades 3,4,5:

Next Class : April 8th

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

The Knights of Columbus will hold a full traditional Irish Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on **TODAY**, 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.

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 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.

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.

3/14 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.

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.

The N K Food Pantry

For March the Pantry needs:

Cereal, brownie mix, hearty soups (like Progresso), pancake syrup, canned tomatoes, ketchup, hygiene items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoos & soap.

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, Providence. For more information contact Carol Owens, Diocesan Director at 421-7833.218.