

Saint Bernard Church

March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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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

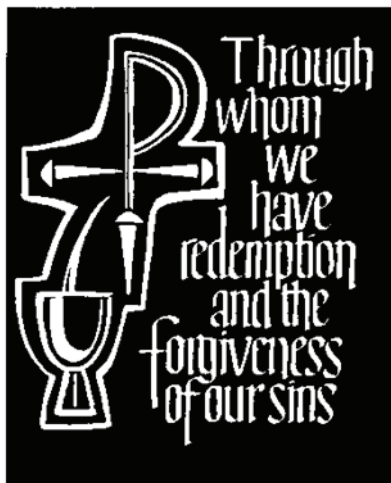
Following Tuesday's 8:00 AM Mass
until 11:30 AM

Family Faith Formation Program

Our programs provides parishioners of all ages opportunities for learning, growing and living our Faith through common experiences, age-specific learning and interactive sharing. Our First Communion program is designed for children in grades 1 and 2. The Elementary program is for children in grades 3 through 5. The Pre-Confirmation Program is for students in grades 6 and 7. The Confirmation program is for students in grades 8 and 9, but any high school student is welcome. There are also Adult programs available. Please call the Parish Center for information regarding any of our programs.

From the Pastor's Desk

Fifth Sunday Of Lent



I can remember when people who had not been to confession for many years would come to the priest with a long list of sins. Today, however, when those who have been away for 10 or more years come to confession, they are likely to say something like, “Well, I’ve done a few things, but I’ve tried to be a pretty good person.” It presents a problem for us priests when people say they have nothing to confess. We learned from our Catechism that neither Jesus nor Mary ever sinned, but it seems that modern folks think they too have remained sinless! Perhaps this is one of the reasons why today’s confessional lines on Saturday afternoons are so short. Even Saint John Paul II once lamented, “...we have lost the sense that we all sin daily.”

Young people are startled when I tell them that when I was their age I went to confession every week. I always found that the more often I went to confession, the more I was aware of my sinfulness. So, why do good people need to go to confession regularly? Perhaps we need to discover that we are sinners. Put simply, the sacrament of Penance provides an occasion for us to discover the deep truth that we are all sinners. A theologian named Edward Vacek, S.J. once said: “*Put paradoxically, confession makes us sinners and Penance is the sacrament of honesty.*”

Very often we are guilty of self-deception when we sin. We convince ourselves that our mistakes and wrong doing (sin) is acceptable because *a)* everyone else is doing it, *b)* we did it without thinking, and therefore didn’t realize we were doing it, or *c)* we simply don’t believe that what we did was wrong at all even though the Law of God says it is wrong.

To overcome our self-deception we really need Confession. We should want to confess our sins because in this sacrament God says “I don’t care what you’ve done, I will forgive it.” It is to our advantage to face up to our sins and be honest. The Sacrament of Penance is a call to accountability. Whenever we examine our conscience we are calling ourselves to accountability and, in doing so, we are growing in our understanding of who we are. The Sacrament of Penance allows us to “take count” of our life and our responsibilities and it makes us honest about ourselves.

Don’t let this Lent go by without giving yourself a chance to find out who you are. Be honest about your sins and discover how liberating God’s forgiveness can really be. Do yourself a favor, stop thinking of yourself as sinless and start confessing.

Confessions are heard here every Saturday afternoon from 4 – 4:30 PM in the Reconciliation Room. On Saturday, **March 24th** All Day Confessions will be heard at *Our Lady Of Mercy Church* in East Greenwich **from 11 AM until 3:00 PM**. And, on **Monday, March 19th**, I will be present in the Church to hear confessions from **5 PM until 7 PM**.

Fr. Jack

St. Bernard’s High School Confirmation Reunion

On **Friday, March 23rd** from **5 – 7:30 PM** we are inviting all the High School students in our parish who have been confirmed to join us for a *special Lenten Program* which includes a meditation on the Passion of Christ and a Lenten Meal of chowder, soup and grilled cheese. We will also be discussing important topics which are current issues including, gun violence and the power of teens involvement in demonstrating for a change. We hope you invite your Confirmed children to join us that evening, we would love to see them again.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, March 19:

8:00 AM: – *Calvin Bushnell*
by a friend

TUESDAY, March 20:

8:00 AM – *Jennifer Freed-Angilletta*
by Karen & Jack Bruno

WEDNESDAY, March 21

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, March 22:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY March 23:

8:00 AM – *Alice Bailey*
by her family

5:00 PM – *Stations of the Cross*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 24

5:00 PM – *Deceased of the Parish*

SUNDAY, March 25:

7:00 AM – *Marian Lafoley*
Month Mind

8:30 AM – *John Walsh*

10:30 AM – *Kathleen Asher*
by her family



2018
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

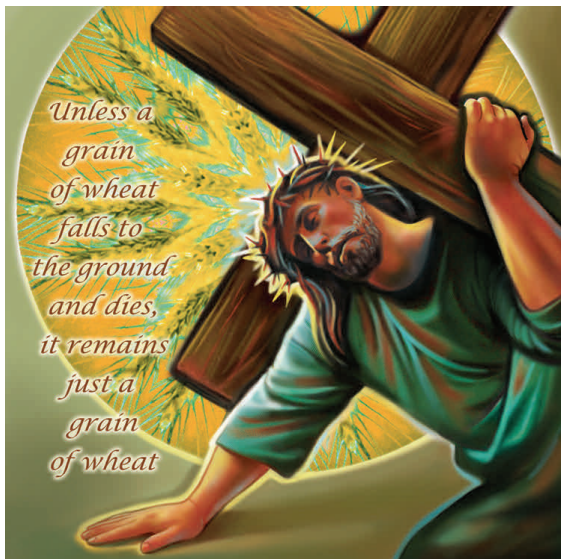
SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

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 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.



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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.

Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

Sun 3/18	Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation) Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1&2)	5:00 PM 5:00 PM
Mon 3/19	Confessions: Church (5:00-7:00 PM) SPRED, Parish Hall	5:00 PM 6:00 PM
Wed 3/21	Lenten Bible Study, Parish Hall Children's Choir, Parish Center Cub Scouts, Parish Hall	8:30 AM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM
Thu 3/22	Adult Choir, Large Conference Room Lenten Bible Study, Parish Hall	6:45 PM 7:00 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.

Dr. Scott Hahn

will be at McVinney Auditorium, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence, on Saturday, April 7th beginning at 9:00 am for a morning discussing the importance of our Catholic faith - - learn just how important it is to know, understand, and live your faith in the world today. Register at www.mcvinneyauditorium.com. Sponsored by the St. Paul Center and hosted by the Diocese of Providence's Office of Faith Formation and McVinney Auditorium.

Parish Support

	<u>March 4, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$8,816.00	\$8556.88
ACH	\$2,453.00	\$1,974.50
	<u>March 11, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,602.50	\$7,449.00
ACH	\$2,208.00	\$2,344.00
YTD	\$372,654.50	\$356,525.59



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.

Holy Week

Next Sunday, **March 25th**, is Passion Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Please take a look at the Schedule of Masses and plan to join us for these most Holy Days.

PALM SUNDAY: Weekend Masses as usual on Saturday and Sunday morning.

HOLY THURSDAY: 7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY: 3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM - Solemn Service of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY: 7:30 PM - Easter Vigil and Mass for Easter (**no 5 PM Mass**).

EASTER SUNDAY: Masses at **7:00 AM, 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM**.

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.

3/21 St Francis de Sales Catholic Church
381 School St., North Kingstown

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.



Stafford Triplets Blood Drive

Please donate blood in memory of Simon, Graham and Grace Stafford at the Coventry Community Center, 1277 Main St, Coventry on Wednesday, March 28th from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM.



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** March 18 and April 8. If you would like to help, please call Chris Kosak at 294-2885 or the Parish Center at 295



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.