



# Saint Bernard Church

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

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

**Pastoral Assistant:** Angelo Giacchi  
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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

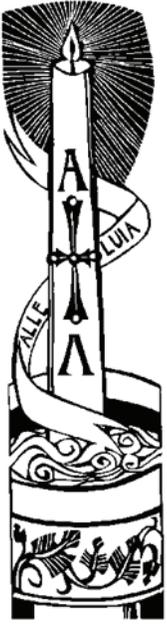
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:00 PM ~ 4:30 PM

## Eucharistic Adoration

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

## Family Faith Formation Program

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.



*Now let the heavens be joyful,  
and earth her song begin,  
the whole world keep high triumph  
and all that is therein;  
Let all things in creation  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord has risen,  
our joy that has no end.*

- Victimae Paschali Laudes

(11<sup>th</sup> century)

Today is a day of faith, of joy and rejoicing. The resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of our faith and the most extraordinary happening in human history. For Christians there is not a day that compares with Easter Day. This is truly the day of the Lord. All our hopes and happiness come from what happened on that first Easter morning. It's a dream come true. By God's power, the stone was rolled back, the grave was opened and the tomb was found empty. Pain, despair and misery were pushed into second place as a whole new future, full of hope and happiness of eternal life, was opened up for us beyond the grave. Heaven and earth rejoiced in celebrating Christ's victory over death for all people. God had made His love for us absolute and clear.

Easter is all about newness of life in Christ. The risen life of Christ is ours for the taking. Today's Feast provides us with a fresh opportunity of facing ourselves with the issue of our own resurrection. It presents us with the challenge of spreading the light and the life of the Risen Christ to those around us who have moved away from their faith and the Church. Are we alive in Christ with the Risen Lord, firmly rooted in our hearts and actions, or are we still living in a selfish manner? If we are truly the people of God then, those who are searching for meaning in life will discover from us that Christ is the way home, the resting place for restless hearts.

I wish you and your dear ones a very happy and joyous Easter Feast. May the new life we celebrate be the fulfillment of your life's journey.

*Fr. Jack*



### ***BLESSING FOR THE EASTER MEAL***

*With great joy we come to our Easter dinner  
As we continue our celebration of the  
newness of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus.  
We rejoice in the resurrection of Spring,  
as birds, flowers and fields come alive  
after the long sleep of Winter.  
may we, in this Easter Sunday meal, share with  
them the great joy of life.  
May the taste and goodness of this food be a promise  
of the Eternal Easter meal we shall all share  
with the Risen Lord. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!*



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, April 2:**

8:00 AM: – *Nancy Roy*  
by *Lorraine Padmos & family*

### **TUESDAY, April 3:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **WEDNESDAY, April 4**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **THURSDAY, April 5:**

8:00 AM – *Catherine Pignataro*

### **FRIDAY April 6:**

8:00 AM *Deceased of the Parish*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, April 7**

5:00 PM – *Richard Santos*  
by *his family*

### **SUNDAY, April 8**

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Robert Stahlheber*  
by *the Dowden family*

10:30 AM – *Michael Pignataro*  
by *his family*



2018  
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

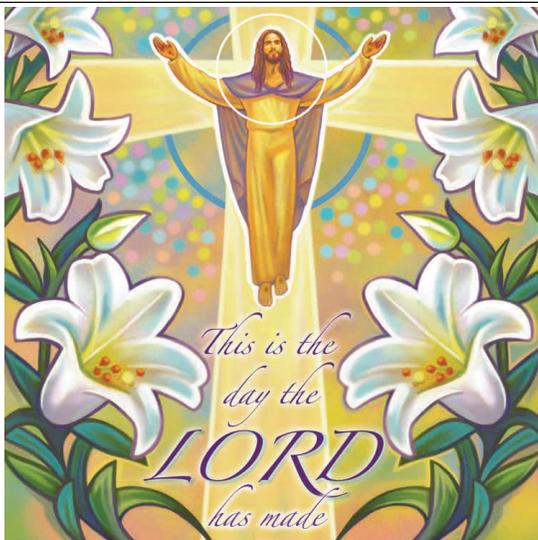
SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

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.



## THANKS for the BEAUTY of this FEAST

**EASTER FLOWERS:** We are grateful to the many families who made generous donations to help make our Church so very beautiful for *Holy Thursday* and *Easter Sunday*. We are especially grateful to those who donated flowers in memory of loved ones. We will shortly publish a list with the names of those whom we pray for today.

## Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
<b>Mon</b> 4/2	SPRED, Parish Hall	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sat</b> 4/7	<b>First Communion 1 &amp; 2 Class</b> Parish Center	<b>8:45 AM</b>
<b>Sun</b> 4/8	<b>Middle Grades: 3, 4, 5</b>	
	<b>Children's Mass</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
	<b>Class, Parish Center</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	<b>First Communion Retreat, Parish Center</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Paschal Mystery is the key to our Christian faith: the dying and rising of Jesus that is the pattern of our life. In their first steps on the road of faith, the catechumens feel the cross of glory traced over their eyes, on their lips, across their shoulders, on their ears, over their heart, and on their feet. The mystery is that even death gives way to life for those who are held in the embrace of Jesus. Today, many new Christians arise from the waters of the font. Yet the font is not the destination of their journey. The goal is Pentecost, fifty days from now, and a lifetime of praise to the Father, in Christ, in the embrace of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the world. "Neophyte," our ancient word for newly-baptized people, means "newly-planted" in Greek. If someone in your parish has just been baptized, welcome them today. The smiles on their faces and the light in the eyes is a foretaste of heaven.



### 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 April 8. If you would like to help, please call Chris Kosak at 294-2885 or the Parish Center at 295-0387.

### Parish Support

	<u>March 11, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,602.50</b>	<b>\$7,449.00</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$2,208.00</b>	<b>\$2,344.00</b>

	<u>March 18, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,990.50</b>	<b>\$6,688.00</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$2,378.00</b>	<b>\$2,195.00</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$381,192.50</b>	<b>\$365,225.59</b>



### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](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**

**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:** April 29

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.



**Coffee & Donuts**

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



**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.

**8th Annual Auction**

On behalf of the entire parish, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all those who worked so hard and contributed so much for the success of our Annual Auction Dinner which was held on March 10th. Our Theme was "Hollywood Oscar Night" and there were 140 guests walking the red carpet, eating popcorn, winning on silent auction items, playing Thumbs up and Thumbs down and bidding on the Live Auction items of the evening. A special Thank you to all those guests, to the donors who could not attend the event but made a monetary donation and to the countless businesses and individuals who donated items to be auctioned. The Faith Formation program, also, had an item donation drive and helped create some star-studded raffle baskets. Your support is appreciated and commended.

Fr. Jack

We would like to have a Curtain call the truly dedicated committee that worked very hard to make it a huge success.

**Roger & Kathy Biron**  
**Kathy & Win Brown**  
**Jay & Dawn Masterson**  
**Bette Beaucaire**  
**Mary Gardiner**  
**Ed & Kathy Zajac**  
**Gen Meegan**  
**Matt & Renee Reis**  
**Martha & Richard Dwyer**  
**Rose Biron & Tom Aguiar**  
**Karen & Bob Walsh**  
**Linda & Michael Riggs**  
**Robyn Albuquerque**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**



Children between the ages of 4 and 11 are welcome to join us each week for the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 Mass. Children are dismissed to the Gathering Space for the readings and a "child friendly" homily. They return to their families at collection.