

# Saint Bernard Church

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

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

**Pastoral Assistant:** Angelo Giacchi  
**Administrative Assistant:** Michael Saunders  
**Elementary Faith Formation:** Dawn Masterson  
**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

**Address:** 275 Tower Hill Road  
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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

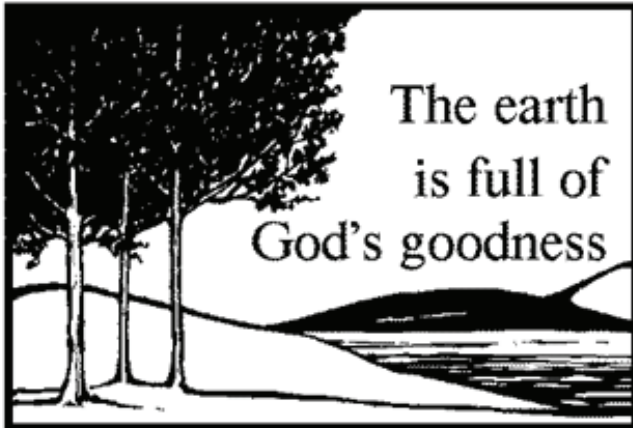
### Eucharistic Adoration

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.

## Francis, the Ecology Pope



While running for the presidency in 1960, John F. Kennedy assured the country that he would adhere to a policy of strict separation between church and state. He assured the nation that he would not use his Catholic Faith to form public policy and that the Pope would not be influencing him in his decisions. At that time there was some fear among many that the first Catholic president would try to force Catholic teachings to become the law of the land. It was a fear mostly based on an ignorance of the true nature of the teaching authority of the Church in general of the Papacy in particular.

Encyclicals have always been written as letters to the local Churches from the successor to St. Peter (the Pope) as ways to help the bishops and their people gain new insights into what God, through the teachings of the church and the study of sacred scripture, needs for us to do especially when there was an urgent issue to deal with. In the early 1960's for example, Pope John XXIII's famous letter, "*Pachem In Terris*" (Peace on Earth) became an influential part of international discussions and made a profound contribution to the ending of the nuclear arms race.

With regard to the issue of ecology, Pope Francis is repeating what had already been said by his predecessors, Pope John Paul and Pope Benedict. He is reminding us all that our care for the earth is necessarily bound together with our care for one another, especially the poor. The language he uses is uniquely his own, and his "plain and straight talk" leaves the message clear and to the point. In *Laudato Si - On Care for our Common Home*, Pope Francis repeatedly urges us to enter into an honest dialogue about our environment – both social and ecological. He says, "*The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together.*" And he asks, "*What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us?*"

He encourages us all to engage in this dialogue and begin to take more seriously the damage being done to the environment (God's own creation) because of our selfishness, laziness and greed. The Pope asks us also to challenge our politicians and the leaders of industry and finance to make greater efforts to clean up the air we breathe and the water we drink, especially in those countries where people are so poor, they cannot speak for themselves. After all, our Holy Father reminds us that it is God's work we do when we care for His creation. Pope Francis says, "*Let us be protectors of Creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.*"

*Fr. Jack*

**ST. BERNARD'S EARTH DAY.** On Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> volunteers from our Confirmation Program will join us in a day to care for the beautiful grounds around our Church. They will clean up the grounds after a harsh winter and celebrate the beauty of our own small patch of earth. It will be from 9:30 AM until 12 PM. If you would like to join us and stay for lunch with us after, please contact us at the office and let us know you will be there. Kindly bring a rake and garden gloves.

### *We Welcome New Parishioners*

If you are new to the area and would like to register in the parish, please visit us at [www.stbernardnk.org](http://www.stbernardnk.org) or call the parish office at 295-0387. There is a lot to get involved in here and we would love to have you join us.



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, April 16:**

8:00 AM: – *John & Kathleen Casey*

**TUESDAY, April 17:**

8:00 AM – *Clara & Edward Green and Theodore LaFreniere*  
by their grandchildren

**WEDNESDAY, April 18**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**THURSDAY, April 19:**

8:00 AM – *Fenwick G. Gardiner*  
by Arlene Gardiner

**FRIDAY April 20:**

8:00 AM – *John Casey*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, April 21**

5:00 PM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**SUNDAY, April 22**

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Catherine & Robert Storti*  
by Louis Storti

10:30 AM – *Deborah Lyons*  
by her family

## Coffee & Donuts

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for **TO-DAY**, 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.



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**. To date we have already raised \$55,000! I have every confidence we will reach or exceed the goal as we did last year.

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.



## Baptisms

On Sunday, April 8, 2018

**Harper Rose Lescarbeau**

**Brayden Nash Scott**

were welcomed to our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate their parents.

## Announcements

### Upcoming Meetings

<b>Mon</b> 4/16	SPRED, Parish Hall	6:00 PM
<b>Thu</b> 4/19	Baptism Class, Parish Office	7:00 PM
<b>Sat</b> 4/21	Earth Day, Parish Grounds	9:30 AM

### Important Notice from RI Right to Life

On Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> a hearing was held at the State House concerning House Bill #7735 that would:

1. Repeal restrictions on state employee coverage for abortion-on-demand.
2. Prohibit the State from restricting - that is - banning any methods of abortion, including Partial Birth Abortions even if the Supreme Court should overturn the Roe vs. Wade decision.
3. Would allow abortions in certain circumstances all the way to viable birth, allowing the physician performing the abortion to decide if the fetus is "viable".
4. Prohibits state and local agencies from restricting the manner in which abortions are provided with no real regulatory oversight by the Dept. of Health.

The Diocesan office for life is asking all Catholics to consider letting your voices be heard, or to contact your State Representative and voice your objections. It is a fact that Planned Parenthood is using large resources to see that Democratic legislators who have voted "pro-life" are defeated in the next election. It goes against nature and God's Law to allow innocent children yet to be born to be denied a right to live. Help us defeat this Bill and stand up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

### Parish Support

	<u>April 1, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	\$10,022.00	\$8,291.00
<b>ACH</b>	\$1,803.00	\$1,412.00

	<u>April 8 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	\$7,927.50	\$8,925.00
<b>ACH</b>	\$1,938.00	\$2,172.00
<b>YTD</b>	\$413,205.00	\$394,848.59



### 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, Grades 3,4,5,6,7 and Confirmation 1 & 2 Students**

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, 8:30am: Last Children's Mass of the year and the Crowning of Mary. Immediately following the Mass students and their families are invited to attend a small end of year reception in the Parish Hall.

#### **First Communion 2:**

4/30/18: First Communion Mass Rehearsal-6 pm, Parents are required to attend.

4/30/18 First Communion Mass 11:00 am.

#### **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.

## **St Bernard's Annual Auction**

We would like to report another successful year. We raised \$14,571 after expenses, of this amount \$3,000 supports scholarship aid and the remainder funds our parish ministries. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at next year's annual auction.

## **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.

## **Confirmation for Young Adults**

We are very much aware of the fact that there are a growing number of young adults who were Baptized and who have made their First Communion but have not yet received Confirmation. Perhaps they were not available to do so when they were in High School, or other activities during those years caused them to leave the program uncompleted. Whoever you are, we would like to offer a **special program or preparation for anyone who would like to complete their Confirmation Preparation this year and be confirmed in October.** If you, or a family member or friend would like to take advantage of this new program (which will be held in the Summer when college students are home), or if you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office at 295-0387 or e-mail Fr. Jack at:

**[fr.unsworth@verizon.net](mailto:fr.unsworth@verizon.net)**

## **Mass of Graduation**

At St. Bernard Parish we are very proud of those who have been a part of our Religious Education Program and who are now preparing to Graduate from area High Schools. We would like to recognize them for their achievements, and let them know we wish them well in their future endeavors. With this in mind, we have decided to celebrate their successes with a special "Mass of Graduation" which will be held on Sunday, May 20th at 6:30 PM (Pentecost Sunday). This Mass will also be followed by a light reception in their honor to be held in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP by Friday, May 11th to **[sbc.teenff@gmail.com](mailto:sbc.teenff@gmail.com)** or by calling the office at (401) 295-0387. Please be sure to let us know what their plans are for next year, and how many people will be accompanying them to Mass as well as the following reception.

## **K of C Portuguese Breakfast** **(Public Invited)**

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Portuguese Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on **TODAY**, April 15th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Eggs - Scrambled or Fried, Portuguese-Style Potatoes, Linguica, Baked Beans, Massa-Traditional Portuguese Sweetbread, Grilled Hash, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served.

The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.