



Saint Bernard Church

April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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.



During the past few years, we have all been shocked and frightened by the sad and violent events in our schools, colleges and on our streets. The “black lives matter” movement in our country highlights the plight of one single race of people who live among us but do not always share the dignity all Americans deserve. We see violence at rallies for presidential candidates and the rising number of shootings and stabbings in Providence this year which can give us a sense that we are not safe. The violence we see in countries of the Middle East and the violence brought against Christians by Islamic Forces have shown us violence so horrible and the only word for it is “genocide”. We find words hard to come by when we think of the senseless killing of so many innocent people. It is even more frightening to think that this could happen anywhere, even here. We suddenly realize that the world is full of psychotic, troubled people who have come to see that their greatest power can be found in violence and that no one can really be safe in a society where violence is celebrated in video games and on TV and where guns can be purchased by almost anyone.

Some young people find it difficult to deal with conflict in their lives. Some have had a very bad example and model the behavior of others who have a strong influence over them. Some feel they have been “rejected” by their peers because they are different and, because of their own low self-esteem, try to “even the score” with those who put them down. Everyone is influenced by the “culture of death” in which we live. This means that we are given a steady diet of violence in the news and in our entertainment media. All this can give some young adults a distorted view of reality. They do not learn how to form healthy relationships rather they find it easier to turn to violence as a solution to their problems.

No one can guarantee you a safe school, or a safe world, but we can all help to eliminate violence and improve the quality of life for everyone. Here are some suggestions the Church offers to those who seek to remove violence from their lives.

1. An explosive, destructive force is one description of violence. It can be a word, an action that injures life, dignity or reputation. Be careful not to harm others with your words or actions by laughing at someone because they are different or calling someone a name because they are not like you.
2. Never gossip about others. We do violence to others by hurting their reputation and good name. Play fair. Don't cheat in sports, at work or in life. In this way we respect others and ourselves.

By using violence some might think they are gaining respect, friends, or a reputation as someone to be feared. The reality is that they are really losing things far more valuable like their humanness, their self-control and their ability to make the world a more peaceful place. We can never bring back those innocent lives that have been lost and our world already has more violence than it needs. Let us try to make the 21st Century the “Age of Peace” and join God who is the King of Peace. Your prayer each day should be “*Lord, show me how to be mindful of the dignity you have given to me and to all people. Help me to be a friend to the world this day.*”

Fr. Unsworth

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 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 30:

8:00 AM: – *Gary Barolet*
by Diane Randolph

TUESDAY, May 1:

8:00 AM – *Paolo DiBiasio*
by his family

WEDNESDAY, May 2

8:00 AM – *Joseph & Edna Gillen*

THURSDAY, May 3:

8:00 AM – *Elizabeth Tully*
by her family

FRIDAY May 4:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, May 5

11:00 AM—**First Communion Mass**

5:00 PM – *Pauline Valliere*
by her daughter, Paula

SUNDAY, May 6

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *John Bodzioch*
by the SPRED Group

10:30 AM – *Joan & Robert Menhart*

by the Fierro family



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.



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.



First Holy Communion

On **Saturday, May 5th at 11:00 AM** we will celebrate First Holy Communion for 24 children of our Parish. The following day, **May 6th, at the 8:30 AM Mass** the children of our

religious education program in the primary grades, will celebrate their final monthly Mass. This Mass will include the Crowning of Mary and will be followed by a reception for the children and their families in the Parish Hall.

Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

Sun 4/29	Yard Sale, Parish Hall	6:30 AM
	Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation)	5:00 PM
	Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1&2)	5:00 PM
Mon 4/30	SPRED, Parish Hall	6:00 PM
	First Communion Rehearsal, Church	6:00 PM
Wed 5/2	Choir: Children, Large Meeting Room	5:30 PM
	Choir: Teen, Large Meeting Room	6:15 PM
Thu 5/3	Choir: Adult, Large Meeting Room	6:45 PM
Sun 5/6	Grades 3,4,& 5 Mass	8:30 AM
	End of Year Celebration, Parish Hall	9:30 AM

Bible Summer Camp

(June 26- June 29, 2018)

A weeklong, half day camp hosted at St. Bernard Church for Students entering grade K-4 in the fall of 2018. The theme is "Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus". There will be a variety of activities including, games, story time, crafts and snack time. This year registration and payment can be done on our website: www.stbernank.org. Adult volunteers are needed as "Station Leaders" and High School Students are needed as 'Crew Leaders". If you are interested in volunteering or need additional information please contact the Faith Formation Office at 295-0387 or



Parish Support

	<u>April 15, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,399.50	\$9,578.00
ACH	\$3,073.00	\$3,225.00
	<u>April 22 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,398.50	\$6,399.00
ACH	\$1,783.00	\$1,189.00
YTD	\$430,815.00	\$414,349.59

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In medieval times, one country, Scotland, linked its economy to the liturgy. Four holy days of the church calendar were keyed to the legal year. On these days, rents were due, clergy and servants were paid, and contracts and leases would begin or end. The term days were Pentecost (called Whitsunday), the Feast of Saint Martin on November 11 (Martinmas), the Feast of the Presentation on February 2 (Candlemas), and August 2 (Lammas), a harvest festival. On Lammas day, the first loaf of bread from the summer wheat harvest was given to the village priest. After the Reformation, which swept the Catholic festivals away, the term days were gradually detached from the old feasts. It was only in 1990 that the term days were anchored on the 28th of February, May, August, and November. Today the old Scottish universities are the last hold-outs, still naming their terms or semesters after the old festivals. Scottish students today may not know about the liturgical year, but they still call the fall term Martinmas, and the spring session Candlemas.

Open House at Msgr. Clarke School

Sunday, May 6th from 12-2pm. Now Enrolling from pre-school to 8th Grade. Come see our facility, meet our teachers, learn about our core values and see what makes us the right choice for you!

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 6th, 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.

5/5/18 First Communion Mass 11:00 am.

Grades 6 & 7 & Confirmation 1 & 2: Grades 8 & 9

TODAY: 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.

K of C BREAKFAST
(PUBLIC INVITED)

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, May 6th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Eggs - Scrambled or Fried, Sausage, French Toast, Home Fries, Baked Beans, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served.

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



FEED THE HUNGRY

The N K Food Pantry

For April the Pantry needs:

Beef Stew, Hearty Soup, Canned Tomatoes, Cereals & Jelly.

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

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** 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.

Divorced? Separated?

The Office of Life and Family has an on-going support group for divorced and separated Catholics at St. Mary Church rectory (downstairs, side-entrance), 437 Carolina Back Rd (Route 112), Carolina, RI. It is held on the first and third Wednesday evening of each month, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. This free support group embraces our Catholic faith and provides a peaceful place for sharing, healing, and for topics related to separation/divorce. Preregistration is required. Contact: Peter Magnotta at 401-421-7833, ext. 217.