



# Saint Bernard Church

May 13, 2018

## Seventh 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 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.



*Mother's Day*

## *A Mother's Extraordinary Journey of Faith*

I never knew my grandmother on my father's side of the family. She died when I was just two years old, but I have known who she was through pictures and stories of her life. One story came to me in a very unexpected way. While I was visiting a parishioner in a Nursing Home in in 2016, another woman in the room asked me if I was Fr. Unsworth. She then told me that she had known my grandmother when she was a young child growing up during the years of the Great Depression. She said, *"In those days children like me never had any kind of deserts or sweets except on a rare occasion. We lived in the house behind your grandparents and my father had been out of work for over a year. On every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, your grandmother would go to the Altar and Rosary Society meeting at our parish church. When she came home from the meeting she would come to the backyard and call me and my friends over to enjoy all the pastries and cookies left over from the meeting."*

My grandmother's journey of faith was not a very extraordinary one, but she had a great devotion to our Blessed Mother and tried in simple ways to follow Mary's example of charity and love. In small acts of kindness she was long remembered and her praises were sung in a nursing home 65 years after her death.

Mary's faith journey began in a simple home in Nazareth, where the rich Jewish faith tradition was handed on to her. She learned the sacred history and hopes of her people, observed the holy Sabbath each week and the religious feasts each year. She was shaped by the piety of a people whose only boast was their God and whose daily life was shaped by God's Law. The angel Gabriel's message jolted Mary beyond this traditional piety with a request for something never dreamed of among her people, a virgin motherhood. To accept this call was to sacrifice her reputation and risk her marriage and her entire future. Like Abraham, she made the leap of faith into the unknown.

When her grown son returned to Nazareth and preached in his own synagogue, a new stage of the journey began, a journey that would lead her to Calvary. After the Pentecost and Ascension Mary was to become mother to the tiny Christian community that would gather in the upper room, which would receive the Holy Spirit, and which would bring the message of her son to the whole world. The little Jewish girl had walked an extraordinary journey of faith that has made her mother of the Church and mother of us all.

On this Mother's Day we remember our own mothers, both living and living eternally, who have walked an extraordinary journey of faith with us. They, like Mary, answered the call to service and love. They could have made other choices and taken other journeys. They could have enriched their own lives by the use of their talents and gifts, but they often sacrificed their own desires and dreams to make a better life for their children and in doing so, they answered the call of God.

Today we thank our mothers, and we honor Mary for the wonderful and heroic journey they choose to make.

*Fr. Jack*

### *Happy Mother's Day! A Prayer For Mothers*

Loving Father, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so watch over us all. Bless our mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that their families will honor and respect them and may they one day join our Blessed Mother in the Eternal Happiness of her Son's Kingdom. Amen.



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, May 14:**

8:00 AM: – *Deceased of the Parish*

**TUESDAY, May 15:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**WEDNESDAY, May 16**

8:00 AM – *Joseph Beatrice*

First Anniversary by his family

**THURSDAY, May 17**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**FRIDAY May 18:**

– *Deceased of the Parish*

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY, May 19**

5:00 PM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**SUNDAY, May 20**

7:00 AM – *Michael Frueh*

by Bob & Jane Viera

8:30 AM – *Roger Pelli*

Month Mind Mass

10:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

6:30 PM – **Mass of Graduation**



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 \$64,700! 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.

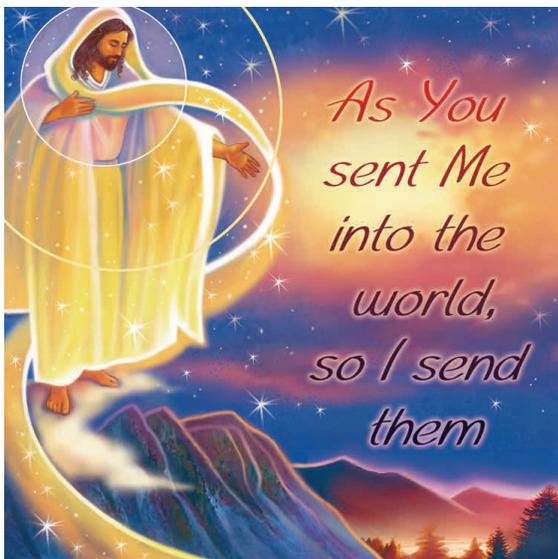
## Mass of Graduation



The World Is Yours To Conquer

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.



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## Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
<b>Wed 5/16</b>	Cub Scouts, Parish Hall	6:00 PM
	Choir: Teen, Large Meeting Room	6:15 PM
<b>Thu 5/17</b>	Adult Choir, Large Meeting Room	6:45 PM
	Baptism Class, Parish Office	7:00 PM
<b>Sat 5/19</b>	Pastoral Council, Parish Hall	9:00 AM
<b>Sun 5/20</b>	Coffee & Donuts, Parish Hall	11:30 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.stbernardnk.org](http://www.stbernardnk.org). Registration deadline is June 1st. 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 [sbc.reled@verizon.net](mailto:sbc.reled@verizon.net).



<u>Parish Support</u>		
	<u>April 29 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	\$6,683.00	\$8,177.52
<b>ACH</b>	\$1,328.00	\$1,622.00
	 <u>May 6, 2018</u> <u>2017</u>	
<b>Basket</b>	\$7,902.00	\$8,377.00
<b>ACH</b>	\$2,233.00	\$1,652.00
<b>YTD</b>	\$449,591.00	\$434,178.11

### Treasures from Our Tradition

In Ireland and the United Kingdom, Mother's Day is over. "Mothering Sunday" was on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Long ago, people were freed from work to travel on this day to the parish where they were baptized, their "Mother Church." Often, people were reunited with their mothers on this day. Employers would release their workers and servants for this visit. The American celebration, while based on this custom, really has to do with an anti-war movement of mothers in Civil War times. They crusaded for better sanitary conditions for their sons. When President Wilson instituted the first Mother's Day in 1912, it was a day to fly the flag in honor of mothers whose children had died in battle. Knowing the tradition is a good balance to our celebration today. We can enfold in prayer the mothers who have suffered the loss of their children in war.



### 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 **May 20, June 3, July 15, August 19 and September 9**. If you would like to help, please call Chris Kosak at 294-2885 or the Parish Center at 295-0387.

## **Sacramental Preparation**

### **IS YOUR CHILD GOING INTO THE FIRST GRADE NEXT YEAR?**

First Communion preparation begins in the First Grade so we need to make sure that he/she is in our records! Contact the Parish Office at 295-0387 to make sure.

### **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:**

Preparation for Confirmation typically begins in the 8th grade here at St. Bernard with students being confirmed in the fall of the 10th grade. Watch your email for more information.

## **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)

## **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.

## **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.

## **Coffee & Donuts**

Come spend some time with us next Sunday, May 20th after the 10:30 AM Mass for coffee and donuts in the parish center. Enjoy some social time with your fellow parishioners.



## **The N K Food Pantry**



### **For May the Pantry needs:**

Pancake Syrup, Hearty Canned Soup, Cereal, Ketchup, Stuffing Mix, Hygiene items such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tampons, diapers, etc.... Donations can be dropped off in the Church gathering space.

## **Walk-In-Wednesdays**

Find out if Prout is the place for you during one of our "Walk-In-Wednesdays". We invite you to stop by school, take a tour, pick up an information package and meet with an admissions representative. No need for reservations. Available any Wednesday in May and June 6<sup>th</sup> between 8:30 Am and 11:30 Am. To arrange for a tour at another time, please call 401-789-9262 x 514. The Prout School is also still accepting applications for the Class of 2022. Limited spots are also available for sophomore and junior classes.