



Saint Bernard Church

May 27, 2018

The Most Holy Trinity

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

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Administrative Assistant: Michael Saunders
Elementary Faith Formation: Dawn Masterson
Youth Faith Formation: Christina Pichette
Rel. Ed. Office Manager: Deborah Fortin
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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.



Being Catholic in Today's Society

In his recent book, “Strangers in a Strange Land” by Chicago’s Cardinal Charles Chaput, he writes with great insight about what it means to be a Catholic in America today. Many of today’s Catholics are upset about the way our culture has turned. They want to work to change it, but Cardinal Chaput reminds us that we should not expect to ever return to a more placid time when the Church (and Christianity in general) had a great influence on the way we behave and live our lives. What’s wrong with America is as obvious as it is distressing. The social order is in disarray on many fronts. Young people are spiritually lost, having no moral anchor to guide them. Pornography is commonplace and it’s destructive elements are wreaking havoc in relationships and in marriages. Cohabitation and divorce are also creating problems for men, women and children, fraying bonds that are integral to the well-being of society.

But, the Cardinal also tells us that there are some good signs. Although abortion is still legal the message is out there that this issue will never be resolved because the humanity of the unborn child is obvious on any ultrasound machine. And while we have lost many young Catholics because they have fallen away from the faith, the ones who remain are strong in faith and committed to Christ and His Church.

One issue in particular where we have lost ground is with the sanctity of the Sacrament of Marriage and the influence it has on the welfare of our community and society. Chaput tells us that the issue of gender identity and gay marriage is a phenomenon that has blurred the lines between the sexes. Nature is the enemy. Cultural elites teach that whatever exists is a social construction, having nothing to do with nature, or nature’s Creator, God. This represents “a revolt against biology itself – and is not without its own peculiar form of bullying.”, he says.

We have reached the state where those who do not accept gay marriage and gender ideology are condemned as bigots. Tolerance does not extend to those who believe in traditional marriage, or to those who see the sexes as either man or woman. Worse still, when there is a showdown between gay rights and religious liberty, religion is trashed, even though it is cited in the First Amendment while gay rights is not.

The answer, the Cardinal states is not for us to retreat and pull-back because of the rejection we experience, but rather to work hard at transforming ourselves and our Church into a group of committed disciples who live by faith in a very secular world. We must rebuild our Catholic identity in ways that work and we need to pay more attention to our youth so that they too can encounter a forgiving God within a loving Community of Faith.

Fr. Jack

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, May 28:

8:00 AM: – *Catherine O'Reilly*
by Ed & Kathleen

TUESDAY, May 29:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEDNESDAY, May 30

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, May 31

8:00 AM – *Vincent & Irene Green*
by their family

FRIDAY June 1:

– *Jean Reilly*
by her husband

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, June 2

5:00 PM – *Deceased of the Hastings Family*

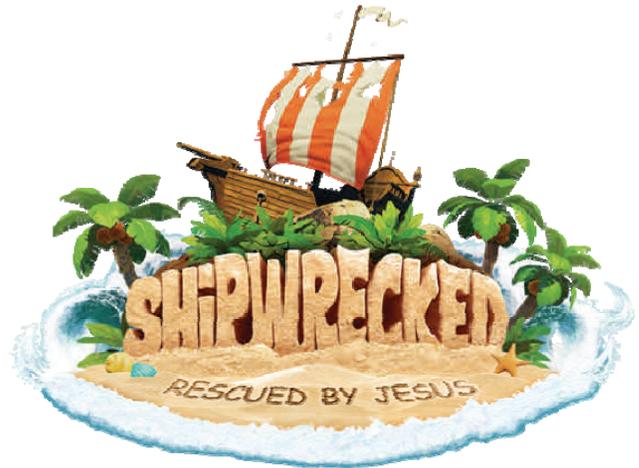
SUNDAY, June 3

7:00 AM – *John Wright*
Birthday Remembrance by his family

8:30 AM – *Carmella Velino*

10:30 AM – *Michael Gallagher*

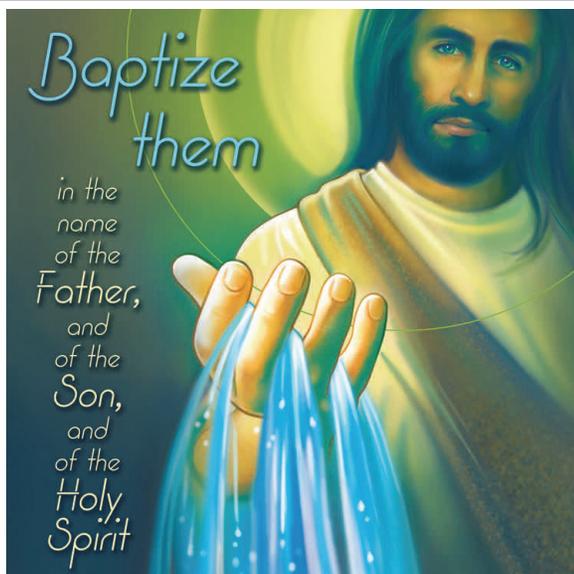
First Anniversary by his family



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. 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.



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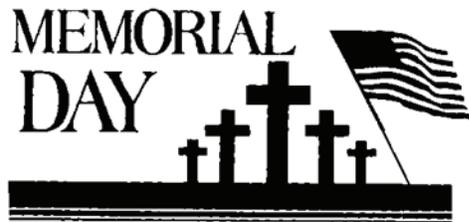
St Bernard Tee-Ball

After a very successful season last year, St. B's tee-ball is back! On Tuesday's, June 12th, 19th and 24th we will be hosting tee-ball clinics here on the Church's grounds from 5:30-6:30. Open for boys and girls ages 3-6. We are happy to bring back this very popular program to the parish for another year. For more information, including volunteer opportunities and registration please contact Ed Cooney at either ecooneyjr@gmail.com or (401) 965-9724.

Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

Thu 5/31	Adult Choir, Large Meeting Room	6:45 PM
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Throughout the history of this great nation, men and women have been asked to go to far-off places and experience the full horror of war with all its brutality. Thousands never returned and many hearts were broken at home. Those who did return rarely ever spoke of their experiences and the world nearly forgot what great heroes they really were.

Those who still live among us who served in these wars came home and worked hard, raised good families, went to church, saved their money and lived the values of honesty and humility. They did the best they could for their families and loved their country and cherished the freedom they had fought so many years ago to preserve.

Today brave men and women continue to serve us in war-torn places throughout the world, but most especially in Afghanistan and Iraq. They continue to need our support and respect. And, while we may question the reasons for going to war in these dangerous times with such powerful weapons of destruction at our disposal, we cannot minimize or take for granted the sacrifices our brave men and women continue to make on our behalf.

On this Memorial Day let us remember all of them, living and dead. May we all be worthy of the lives they lived. These great men and women, heroes all, have enriched our lives.

On Monday, May 28 the Parish Office will be closed and our daily Mass will be at 8:00 AM.

Parish Support

	<u>May 13, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$7,046.50	\$6,629.50
ACH	\$2,458.00	\$2,237.00

	<u>May 20, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,332.50	\$6,542.00
ACH	\$1,813.00	\$1,169.00
YTD	\$469,165.00	\$451,803.61

Treasures from Our Tradition

One of the great treasures of the Eastern tradition is the icon of the Holy Trinity created by the Russian iconographer Andrei Rublev in the 1400s. The Trinity is symbolized by the three travelers to the tent of Abraham and Sarah. They are seated at a table blessing a cup of wine, under the oak of Mamre. If you look closely, you will see a sacrificed calf in the chalice, reminding the viewer of the cross. The table, prepared for eating and tilted toward the viewer, is an invitation to the Eucharist. From left to right, each figure is keyed to a person of the Trinity. Like all icons, this image is theology in art. The persons are equal in proportion and dignity, they all carry staffs to symbolize their power, and are shown with golden wings and halos. Today, the best place to see Rublev's work is the Holy Trinity Cathedral, at the heart of the vast Holy Trinity monastery about an hour from Moscow. After decades of persecution, it is now once again a living monastery, a world heritage site, and the spiritual home of Russian Orthodoxy. A Google visit is highly recommended today!



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 **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

IT'S REGISTRATION TIME!!!!

Registration information was emailed this week to families that participated in our programs last year. If your child was not part of our program last year or you did not receive an email and you would like to register them for the grade appropriate program, detailed information about the program can be found on our website:

www.stbernardnk.org

Also, registration and payment can be done on our website. Upon your review of the documents, should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office at **sbc.reled@verizon.net** or 295-0387.

Registration deadlines:

June 30, 2018: for Grades 1 through 9

May 31, 2018: for Grade 10 (Student has completed our 2 year Confirmation Program and will be confirmed in October, 2018 (date TBA))

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.

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.

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.

Thanks for a Successful Yard Sale

Now that all the receipts are in we are happy to announce that the recent Yard Sale held here on April 28th was a great success and raised **\$2,774** to be divided between the **Haitian Project** and other charities supported by our Parish. We are grateful to Hanna Overly, the volunteers from the Haitian Project and all those who donated or helped. Thanks for a job well done!!!

DOT Work to Begin

The State DOT is soon to begin work within the next few weeks at the entrance to our Church parking lot on Tower Hill Rd. This will involve replacing part of our driveway and repairing a section of the road to the left of the driveway that now retains a lot of water. This area is now a Bus Stop and this improvement to the pavement will benefit us all.

“St. Gabriel’s Call”

During the month of May we are accepting donations to benefit and support this Diocesan Program which benefits mothers who are poor or who have problem pregnancies. There will be a Pack and Play located in the “Gathering Space” in the entrance of the Church for your donations. Some suggested items include:

Practical baby seasonal clothing such as onesies, sleepers and play outfits in sizes Infant to 4 Diapers; Sizes Infant up to size 6 (larger sizes greatly needed)

Baby toiletries and other necessities including baby wash, shampoo, lotion, diaper rash cream, wipes (NO POWDER PLEASE)

Bottles, sippy cups, umbrella strollers, baby tubs, receiving blankets, crib sheets, booties, socks, hats...

GENTLY USED: bassinets, strollers, carry-seats, swings, highchairs..... We do NOT accept used car seats.

Monetary donations are used to purchase cribs, etc. Checks made payable to: “St. Gabriel’s Call” Gift cards in increments of \$10 to CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens, Walmart, Target Stop & Shop, other retail stores.