

Saint Bernard Church



June 24, 2018 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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 - Wednesday
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:00 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



I am repeating a column I wrote 6 years ago at this time and I think it may be worth repeating. And, by the way, it seems hard to believe but July 1st marks my 8th anniversary as your pastor. Every day, God is good to me.

KEEPING THE FAITH IN SUMMER

I don't remember anyone announcing that God is taking the summer off, but many would like to think He does. Coaches and athletic leagues schedule games on Sundays without even asking the churches what their schedules are and they certainly don't seem to care if the kids have no time to go to Mass. Their priorities say to the children that the game is more important than their time with God and it places parents and kids in the impossible position of having to choose between sports and God. Unfortunately, God usually loses that battle.

Here are some suggestions for keeping the faith during the summer months:

MAKE TIME FOR GOD: After all, He made time for you. Whatever you are planning for the weekend, treat Him like one of the family and don't leave Him out of your plans. There are Catholic churches everywhere – give Him a few minutes of your time.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SUPPORT for St. Bernard's Parish. When you're away it is nice to give a few dollars to the cute little church you are visiting, but remember that back home bills still have to be paid with fewer people showing up to help. *Make-up your budgets when you get home.*

GET THE KIDS TO CHURCH: It's not quite so easy to get out of bed on a warm summer morning, but kids should never get the impression that if they don't feel like going to church, they don't have to. Jesus didn't feel like dying for us, but He did because He loved us. Do not keep your children away from the Eucharist – they need God's love too.

DRESS APPROPRIATELY: By all means, be comfortable in the warm weather, but be careful what you wear to church. Short shorts, tank tops, bathing suits, bare legs and feet can be quite a distraction to others (and not always a pleasant one). Try to use common sense and good taste when you

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FR. REILLY!

Rev. Timothy Reilly was raised in St. Bernard Parish and is celebrating the 15th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood this weekend. Fr. Reilly serves as the Chancellor of the diocese of Providence and helps in many parishes on weekends, often covering for priests who are ill. His parents are still members of the parish and we join them in prayer this week for their son, a good hard-working priest of our Diocese. Fr. Unsworth also had the pleasure of working with him for 3 years when Fr. Tim was the assistant pastor of St. Brendan's parish in Riverside. The 5 PM Mass on Saturday, June 30th will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for Him.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, June 25:

8:00 AM: – *Raymond Gosselin*
by his Family

TUESDAY, June 26:

8:00 AM – *Donald and Michael Miller*
by Alberta Miller

WEDNESDAY, June 27

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, June 28

8:00 AM – *David DeRuosi*
by his Wife and Family

FRIDAY June 29

8:00 AM – *Jean Reilly*
by her Husband

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, June 30

5:00 PM – *Special Intention*
by the Reilly Family

SUNDAY, July 1

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Roger Pelli*

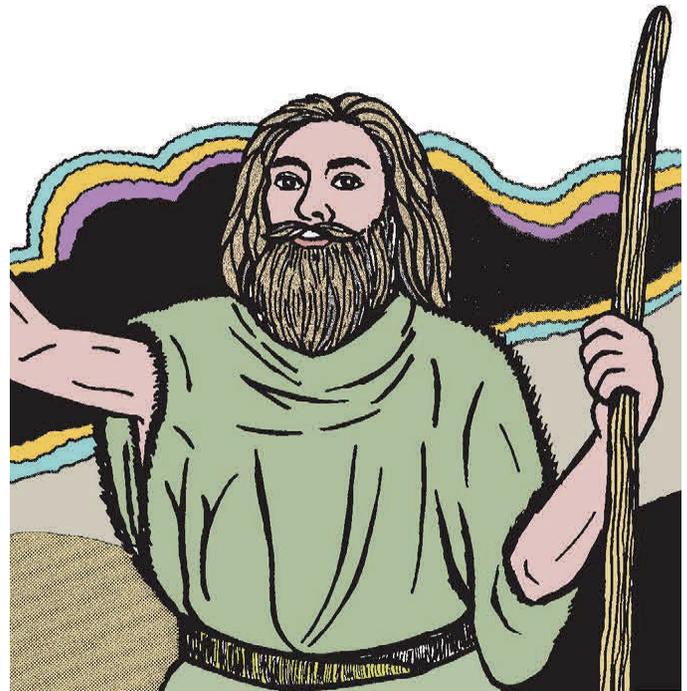
By Joe and Eileen Caraccia

Coming in September to our Religious Education Program.....

During the past few weeks our program director for the elementary grades Dawn Masterson and Christina Pichette, the director for Middle School and High School programs, have been working with Deb Fortin (the one who really runs the office), planning our Religious Education Program for the coming school year. We have also enhanced our Parish web site: www.stbernardnk.org so that parents are able to register their children and pay the fees ON LINE. We are encouraging parents to register their children before the end of school in June so that we are able to order supplies for the fall session. We also remind parents that Religious Education is a family affair and that the church is open all summer. Our confirmation candidates for 2018 will be Confirmed on Saturday, October



The traditional outdoor summer day camp program at MOTHER OF HOPE CAMP (Mater Spei) offers children 5-12 free busing (included with the cost of tuition) as well as daily and weekly options from June 18 through August 10th. Mother of Hope Camp, an agency of the Catholic Diocese of Providence, is located on 126 acres of beautiful woodlands along Echo Lake in Chepachet, RI and is staffed by caring and professional individuals. For information and secure online registra-



Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

Tue 6/26	T-Ball, Church Property	5:30 PM
	Confirmation Summer Program	6:30 PM

Parish Summer Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:00AM – 4:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Friday Closed

Treasures from Our Tradition

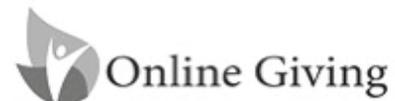
It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition!

Parish Support

	<u>June 10, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,686.50	\$7,388.50
ACH	\$2,343.00	\$1,869.00
	<u>June 17, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,489.50	\$6,709.50
ACH	\$1,953.00	\$1,094.00
YTD	\$507,378.00	\$489,481.61

While You're Away Don't Forget....

If you are away this summer enjoying the beach or far-away places, please don't forget that back home in old St. Bernard's, we still have to pay our bills. If you are away and miss a few weeks of your budget contributions, please try to make them up so that we can keep going or you can use the Online Giving Option above. We miss you while you're away, and we



Online Giving

We offer an online option that complements our offering envelope use. By signing up to give your weekly offertory and special collections online, you will help the parish more accurately forecast our finances and plan more strategically. Online Giving is a safe, secure and dependable means of income for the parish. Visit

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 **July 15, August 19 and September 9**. If you would like to help, please call Chris Kosak at 294-

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

Our Lady of Sorrows Support Group

This support group is designed for parents who have suffered the loss of a child and meets during the summer on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Center. This group of very compassionate friends, who understand the depth of such a loss are supportive, understanding and encouraging. Although it is a Catholic ministry, this group welcomes everyone and is non-denominational. For information on both programs, please contact the parish office at 295-0387 or e-mail us at sbc.bus@verizon.net.



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 26th

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.

K of C Breakfast to benefit The Haitian Project! (Public Invited)

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall (1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown) on Sunday, June 24th from 7:30am to 10:30am. The cost is \$10.00. Children 6 and under are free. All proceeds to benefit The Haitian Project.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

In November we established a new Pastoral Council. This Council has met 3 times and had its last meeting on May 18th. Our Parish is involved in many different ministries. In last week's Bulletin and on our Parish Web Site we have published the minutes for this Meeting. We hope you will read it and see how very involved many parishioners are in this Council and all the good work they are doing. We hope this will become a source of information for all our parishioners who want to keep up with the many activities we are involved in as we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our Parish Community. Our thanks to all who work so hard for our

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.

The N K Food Pantry

For June the Pantry needs:

Canned Corn, Cereals – (other than Cheerio's & Corn Flakes), Condiments - Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Canned tomatoes & hearty soups, Stuffing mix, Spinach, Hygiene items such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tampons, diapers, etc.. Donations can be dropped off in the Church gathering space.