

Saint Bernard Church



July 8, 2018 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Pastoral Assistant: Angelo Giacchi
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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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North Kingstown, RI 02852

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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

WHO ARE THE POOR?



Some years ago a *Chicago Tribune* article told of the beggars who post themselves outside the commuter train stations during the morning and evening rush hours. There is the temptation to classify such people as “fakers” who would rather beg than work. But we have only to imagine what it would be like to stand, hat in hand, begging for crumbs to realize how foolish such an indictment would be. The *Tribune* story recorded the reactions of commuters passing beggars. Most passed by without comment or even recognition. A few actually cursed the beggars in words varying in intensity. Others shouted, “Get a job!”

In the early years of the Christian world, sinners were required to do public penance by standing in front of places of worship dressed in sackcloth and ashes. The purpose of this punishment was to humiliate the sinners and make them regret their sins. But it was also intended as a reminder for those who had not sinned (or at least had not been caught). The grotesquely attired sinners were a mirror in which the rest of us Christians might look and possibly see ourselves.

I don't believe that God would deliberately allow people to experience the horror of wrapping themselves in rags and sleeping in corrugated boxes on city streets simply to teach us a lesson. Such an atrocity is not God-made, it is made by us all collectively. It is the result of human greed, selfishness, and indifference to others. But, nonetheless, the lesson is there for us. And, there is much we can do about it. Several years ago, our parish adopted the *Emanuel House* Homeless Shelter on Public St. in Providence. All five Providence city shelters have closed because of budget cuts, and our own diocesan-sponsored shelter remains now the only place where the homeless can find shelter and a secure place for the night.

We are asking that during the summer months you not forget them. They are in need of many things, but especially *towels, socks, electric fans, back packs and new men's socks*. They are also always in need of *soap and personal items for grooming*. Please remember them before you leave for Mass on Sunday and drop them in the bins provided at the entrance of the Church. They are more than just “the needy ones” they are our brothers and sisters too.





Mass Intentions

MONDAY, July 9:

8:00 AM: – *Deceased of the Parish*

TUESDAY, July 10:

8:00 AM – *John Casey*
by Elizabeth O’Keefe

WEDNESDAY, July 11

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, July 12

8:00 AM – *Bernard and Audrey Casey*
by Elizabeth O’Keefe

FRIDAY July 13

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 14

5:00 PM – *Deceased of the Parish*

SUNDAY, July 15

7:00 AM – *Thomas Flatley*

8:30 AM – *Lois Beaucaire*
By Gala Committee



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-



Bible Camp

We extend a giant “THANK YOU” to all the campers, volunteers, Station Leaders, and parish families who participated in Vacation Bible School. We had a wonderful time at our Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus learning how Jesus recues us. A special thanks to *Fr. Jack, Dawn Masterson, Deb Fortin, Christina Pichette* for their hard work in preparing for this event. Also, a special thanks to all who helped plan, design, set up, decorate, and led the station activities for the week.

Melissa Asher
Ethan Brennan
Reese Grondin
Annabelle Iredale
Cameron Joyce
Alison Miccolis
Amanda Miccolis
Laura Pisano

Kathy Biron
Liam Dowden
Nick Hines
Amelia Jones
Jean Martish
Colleen Miccolis
Cameron Ostiguy
Emma Riggs

Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

Tue 7/10	Confirmation Summer Program	6:30 PM
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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

Last week's Treasure mentioned the "Nuns of the Battlefield," religious sisters from several communities who served as nurses in the Civil War. Florence Nightingale had only instituted female nurses a decade before in the Crimean War, so the idea of women tending to wounded soldiers was extraordinary. The medical and sanitary conditions on the battlefields were appalling, and the sisters were nearly all teachers. Few had any medical training beyond what they had learned as youngsters in the family. Anti-Catholic prejudice was so deeply entrenched in America that sisters could not wear their habits in public. These sisters were the first, and people on both the Union and Confederate sides soon began to marvel at their bravery, efficiency, and respect for Protestant soldiers. More than six hundred sisters from twenty-one communities went to war, serving in wretched conditions. They were tough and single-minded, efficient and fearless.

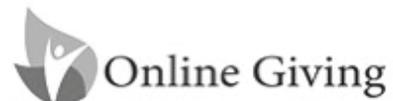
After the war, sisters could appear in public everywhere in the reunited nation, and often received the praise and gratitude of grateful soldiers and family members on behalf of their sister nurses. An outdoor monument to the "Nuns of the Battlefield" stands in Washington at M Street and Rhode Island Avenue. The inscription reads: "They comforted the dying,

Parish Support

	<u>June 17, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,489.50	\$6,709.50
ACH	\$1,953.00	\$1,094.00
	<u>June 24, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,798.50	\$8,062.50
ACH	\$1,303.00	\$1,069.00
YTD	\$515,945.50	\$499,180.61

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-

Our Lady of Sorrows Support Group

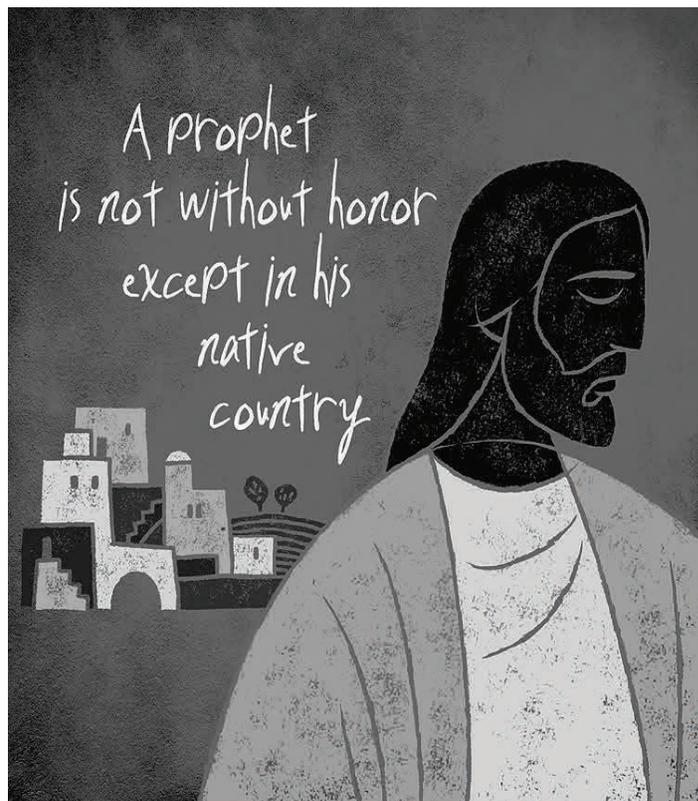
This support group is designed for parents who have suffered the loss of a child and meets during the summer on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Center. This group of very compassionate friends, who understand the depth of such a loss are supportive, understanding and encouraging. Although it is a Catholic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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are taking a break from the Children's Liturgy for the summer months. It will return to the 10:30 AM Mass on the Sunday after Labor Day. Until then, the children are welcome to take home a Children's Bul-

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.



The N K Food Pantry

For July 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.

Looking to give back? The Haitian Project needs volunteers in the Rhode Island area!

The Haitian Project is in need of individuals to join our community of volunteers and help out with various office and outreach tasks in our North Kingstown office, either regularly or occasionally.

To volunteer or for more information:
(401) 351-3624
development@haitianproject.org

Thank you for your support of our work for Haiti's brighter future through Catholic education!

For more information on THP, visit