

Saint Bernard Church



July 22, 2018 **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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
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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 - 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 any high school student is welcome. There are also Adult programs available. Please call the Parish Center for information regarding any of our programs.



The Message of The Fifth Commandment

During the summer months I will be offering a series of little articles reviewing some of the important teachings of our Church in the hope that it might become a start of some discussion for you and a reminder of what you learned long ago. I hope you find this short series helpful.

Fr. Jack

Compassion is the practical side of love, it is love in action. The original meaning of the 5th Commandment was “do not murder.” The Israelites considered rash or senseless killing wrong. They also considered injury to the meek and innocent a serious moral evil.

Because the 5th Commandment calls us to respect human life in all its forms, it is the most comprehensive of all the Commandments and takes into account many different issues relating to the value and quality of a life lived with compassion. The 5th Commandment forbids not only Murder but also Drug abuse and Violence, Exploitation and Prejudice. Here are a few more important issues the 5th Commandment deals with:

SUICIDE:

Most people, at one time or another, are tempted to lose the light of hope. Most are able to find meaning to their existence before they do something desperate. Some never do. The number of suicides in our country is rising, especially among teenagers and young adults. Feelings of insecurity, rejection, and frustration can lead to attempted suicide. Alerting parents and local counseling personnel may save a life and be the first step toward solving the problem responsible for the person’s depression. We do not judge whether they have sinned or not. We leave them in God’s loving and forgiving hands. In the case of suicide it is a tragedy that a person could not find a meaningful way to continue living. Often this happens even after loving friends and family have tried to help and intervene.

ABORTION:

Abortion is the termination and removal of the human life growing inside the womb. An abortion may occur naturally, when for some unknown reason the body rejects the growth of this new life or, because of medical complications, the fetus dies in the mother’s womb. When an abortion is caused by human intervention, the intention is a conscious termination of the life of the fetus. As Catholics we believe that life itself is God’s greatest gift and that life begins at conception.

The Catholic Church condemns abortion, whether or not it is declared legal by the state. This applies to both the Catholic who decides to have an abortion or anyone who assists in procuring one.

EUTHANASIA:

Euthanasia is a willful act to end a person’s life because of incurable illness or old age. It can be carried out by the persons themselves (a form of suicide) or by another person.

When there is no hope of improving a person’s condition the Catholic Church teaches that extraordinary means need not be used to sustain a person’s life. Extraordinary means is any attempt to sustain a human life when that person would otherwise die naturally. In such cases, the Church permits the removal of any life sustaining medical equipment. This is referred to as “dying with dignity” and is not the same as directly causing someone’s death by euthanasia.

WAR:

War is the solution proposed by governments to solve political or economic problems. Wars always involve the use of lethal weapons and usually lead to the large-scale slaughter of human life. The Gospels clearly state that we are called to be peace-makers (*Matthew 26:52*). Excessive violence, or willful torture of another human being is always immoral. One is permitted to use only enough force to resolve the situation as quickly as possible, with as few casualties as possible. Nations must always attempt peaceful, nonviolent means of resolution before engaging in military conflict.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, July 23:

8:00 AM: – *Special Intention*
by William & Joan Arnold

TUESDAY, July 24:

8:00 AM – *William & Ethel Burns*
by the Babat family

WEDNESDAY, July 25

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, July 26

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY July 27

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 28

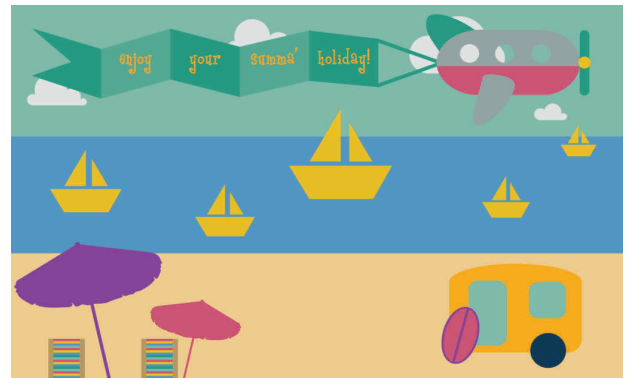
5:00 PM – *Normand Vadenais*
by his family

SUNDAY, July 29

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Charles Turner*
by his family

10:30 AM – *Dian Petrillo*
by Ross & Linda Rapaport



A Summer Blessing

*Go now and know that the Spirit of Jesus
Will be watching you.*

*Go now and enjoy God's Summer gifts
of warm sun,
cooling waters, and long light days.*

*Go now with the gift of hope, that you may know
God's guidance, which is keeping you safe.*

*Go now with the gift of love, that you might
offer love and care to all you meet.*

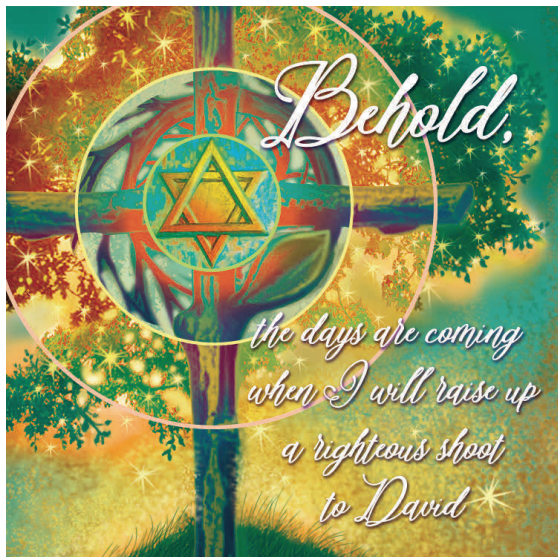
*Go now with the words of Jesus in your hearts:
"I will not leave you alone. I am with you."*

Wedding Anniversary Celebration



The Diocese of Providence cordially invites you and your spouse to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th or over 50 Wedding Anniversary, Sunday September 23, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Cathedral of

SS. Peter & Paul, Providence, RI. The 2017 Wedding Anniversary Celebration includes Mass, renewal of wedding vows, a personalized certificate and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas J Tobin will be the main celebrant. Please call the parish office to register. The deadline to register is August 13th.



Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Tue 7/24	Summer Confirmation Class, Large Meeting Room	6:30 PM
Wed 7/25	Men of St. Joseph, Small Conference Room	7:00 PM

<u>Parish Support</u>		
	<u>July 8, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$8,341.00	\$6,924.50
ACH	\$2,013.00	\$2,490.00
	<u>July 15, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$7,236.00	\$6,787.00
ACH	\$2,873.00	\$3,052.00
YTD	\$30,271.00	\$28,124.50

Parish Summer Office Hours

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

Thursday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

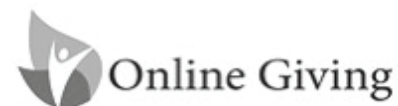
Friday Closed

Treasures from Our Tradition

The American Revolution cleared the way for freedom of religion in the former colonies, since the colonies had always been a more religiously tolerant place than the old country. Even so, colonial laws restricted the practice of the Catholic faith, and just as in England, Americans who desired to be priests or nuns had to go to the Netherlands or France. As political storm clouds gathered in France, an American woman, Mother Bernardina Matthews, the prioress of the Hoogstraeten Carmel in Holland, made a brave move. With two other American nuns, her nieces, and a Dutch sister, she came to Port Tobacco, Maryland, in 1790. Within twenty years the community had grown to twenty, although by 1823 their farm failed and they had to move to Baltimore and open a school. The Carmelite order requires contemplation and cloister, so in time the school was closed. The Port Tobacco land had long since been sold, but in 1976 a community of nuns was able to return thanks to loyal neighbors who had worked for forty years for their restoration. Today, our original American convent is fully alive in prayer, hard work, and strong community.

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. We miss you while you're away, and we miss your generosity too!



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 www.stbernardnk.org, click on "Support your Parish" and follow the link to ParishSoft, Online Giving.

Sacramental Preparation

IT'S REGISTRATION TIME!!!!

Registration information was emailed several weeks ago to families who participated in our programs last year.

If your children did not attend our program last year or you did not receive an email and would like to register them for this year's 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.

Columban Fathers' Festival & Bazaar 2018

65 Ferry Rd., Bristol RI
Sunday, July 29th 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Raffles: New \$2,000 Grand Prize
Chicken Bar-B-Q, Chowder & Clam Cakes, Stuffies
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chourico & Peppers, Chicken Fingers,
French Fries, Doughboys and Ice Cream
Yard Sale, Face Painting, Music
Free Parking & Admission

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 Bulletin which will be at the entrance to the Church.

Catholic Charity Fund Appeal

We are grateful to all who gave so generously to this year's Catholic Charity Fund Appeal. We are happy to report that St Bernard's has now gone over our Parish Goal of \$85,000 by \$1,460. St. Bernard Parish can be very proud of this wonderful accomplishment in the name of all those in our diocese who will benefit from it. Bishop Tobin also extends in congratulations and his gratitude.

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.

Shelter Guests Receive Assistance with:

- SNAP (Food Stamps) Applications
- Shower Facilities & Hygiene Products
- Access to Clothing Room
- ID Vouchers
- Obtaining Health Insurance
- Mental Health Referrals & Recovery Support
- Employment Search & Resumes
- Apartment Hunting & Applications
- Referrals to Diocese's Immigration Office
- Case Management Services & After Care
- Ability to take part in Community Garden



FEED THE HUNGRY

The N K Food Pantry

For July the Pantry needs:

Condiments, Hearty Soups, Jelly, Pancake syrup, Canned tomatoes, Crackers, Bottled juice, Hygiene items such as deodorant & toothpaste. Donations can be dropped off in the Church gathering space.