

Saint Bernard Church



July 29, 2018 17th 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
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 any high school student is welcome. There are also Adult programs available. Please call the Parish Center for information regarding any of our programs.



“A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.”

This traditional old saying may well apply to those who hunt for wild game, but it does not apply to those who suffer the scourge of having sea gulls flocking on the roof. They are more like flying garbage trucks dropping their unsavory “load” on anyone or anything that dares to walk below them. They stain the roof and dirty the sidewalks and they are unwelcome guests at any gathering, especially at weddings and funerals. It is impossible to clean up after them – I swear they drink white paint!

There is a place in this world for all of God’s creatures, but the place for sea gulls is not the roof of St. Bernard’s Church. When the church was built there was placed on the roof a system of electric wires that prevented the birds from roosting there. After only 5 years the system failed and the wires started to fall off the roof. The cost of replacing them was more than \$10,000. Over time the “gull problem” has been growing worse and worse. We have decided to use a much less expensive system of spikes which will be attached to the peak of the roof. We hope this will happen within the next few weeks and we can do it for a cost of \$2,800.

From time to time I am asked about maintenance issues with the church and so I would like to take a moment this week to “fill you in” on some of the issues we are dealing with.

Other Maintenance issues: In addition to the “bird problem” we have also experienced a costly failure to the **air conditioning (HVAC)** system in the new Parish Center. We have been without air conditioning for more than 3 weeks but now have had it repaired. There was a failure in the compressor motor (perhaps caused by a power surge or a lightning strike). The replacement cost was a whopping \$4,400. We were able to cover the cost of this by use of some savings and a generous donation from a friend of the parish.

The other major concern we are dealing with is the gradual failure of **the lighting system** in the church. We have spoken to you about this before, but have not found any easy resolutions. Last December we spent \$5,000 replacing light bulbs and ballasts on the lower level lights. We have not found the money we would need (\$10,000 or more) to do the same on the upper levels. The existing system does not work properly and is failing. It has to be completely replaced because the system that was installed is now obsolete and cannot be repaired. We continue to work on the problem, but in the meantime we are doing the best we can.

Our church is now 9 years old and maintenance issues will soon become a part of our life. Our *Building Maintenance Committee* is doing the right thing. They will begin working on a long-term maintenance program for the Church that will include all the repair and landscaping improvements we need to make and how often it should be done. We dream that someday there is an endowment fund to help us with the cost of this maintenance, but for now we rely on our monthly **Maintenance & Repair Collection** to help pay for the grass mowing, electricity bills, routine maintenance, snow removal, and all the other “little things” that we need to operate the Church each day. So, when that collection comes up each month and you ask “what do they do with this money?” remember that you read my column this week and gave thanks to God that we have such a wonderful parish with so many generous people.

Fr. Jack



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, July 30:

8:00 AM: – *Deceased of the Parish*

TUESDAY, July 31:

8:00 AM – *Catherine Wallace*
by her family

WEDNESDAY, August 1

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, August 2

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY August 3

8:00 AM – *Benjamin Dabrowski*
by his family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, August 4

5:00 PM – *John & Rose Giacchi*
by their family

SUNDAY, August 5

7:00 AM – *Dorothy & Michael Sweeney*
by their family

8:30 AM – *James & Margaret Flynn*
by their daughter Nancy

10:30 AM – *Jean Arquilla*
by Norma Welitofft



A Summer Blessing

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

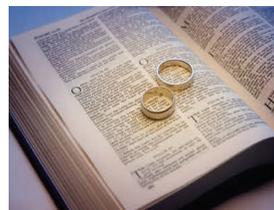
*Go now and enjoy God's Summer gifts
of warm sun,
cooling waters, and long light days.*

*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.*

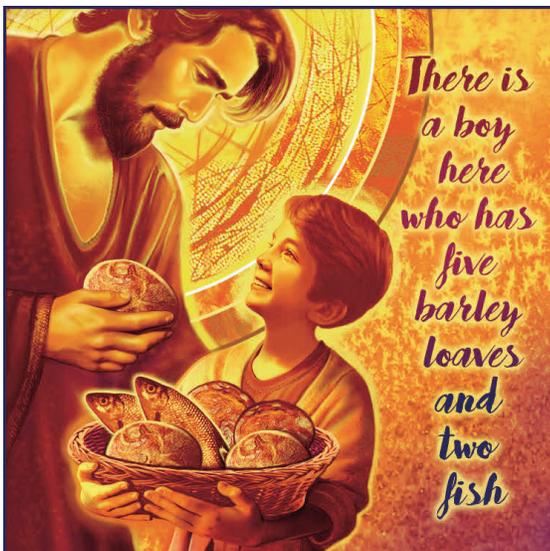
*Go now with the words of Jesus in your hearts:
"I will not leave you alone. I am with you."*

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.



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Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

Tue 7/31	Our Lady of Sorrows, Large Meeting Room	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 Wednesday, the greatest pilgrimage in our tradition ended with the feast of Saint James at his shrine in Compostela, Spain. Every year, as many as a hundred thousand persons walk a portion of the medieval way of the pilgrim, earning the right to wear the scallop shell symbol of this journey of faith. In legend, this city on the northern coast of Spain is the final resting place of the apostle, and the full name of the cathedral is “Saint James of the Field of Stars.” There is a tradition that Saint James the Great preached there.

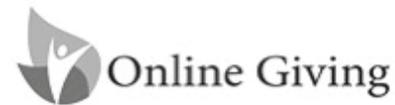
In the Roman Catholic tradition, the pilgrimage, like any procession, is a symbol, life’s journey distilled, a powerful sign of our journey toward a certain goal. The perils of the road, the support of companions, the contemplative slower pace of life, have the potential to transform and renew the pilgrims in ways that last a lifetime. Along the way, the distinctions between rich and poor fall away, and everyone shares humble rustic food and stops for the night in hostels or under the stars. After a long walk, the experience of entering through the great doors into the vast cathedral filled with incense, light, and song is a foretaste of heaven. The pilgrims often say that their whole lives are redirected toward that moment of entry into the heavenly Jerusalem. The most memorable feature of the cathedral is called the *botofumeiro*, an incense burner on pulleys and chains that sweeps through the cathedral in immense circles, swirling clouds of sweet-smelling incense around the vast nave.

Parish Support

	<u>July 15, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$7,236.00	\$6,787.00
ACH	\$2,873.00	\$3,052.00
	<u>July 22, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,085.00	\$6,125.00
ACH	\$1,343.00	\$1,527.00
YTD	\$38,059.00	\$35,601.50

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.

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

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

Lecture on Living the Christian Life

Dr. Peter Kreeft, Professor of Philosophy at Boston College and author of more than 60 books in print, will be speaking at St. Pius V Church, 240 Eaton St., Providence on Wednesday, August 8 at 7:00 PM in the main church. His topic will be "Unconscious Atheism: the Dangers of Living a Nominal Catholic Life". Pre-registration is requested by calling 401-351-9784 or 401-489-6757. Suggested offering: \$20.00.

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, **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.



**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.