

# Saint Bernard Church



## August 26, 2018 21st 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](http://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.

## **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**



With the beginning of a new School Year, we have been making preparations for our own Religious Education Program in order to improve the quality of the program and the effectiveness of the valuable time your family spends with us. I am grateful to our Program Director for Elementary Grades, **Mrs. Dawn Masterson**, **Mrs. Christina Pichette** the Director for Middle School and Confirmation and the Office Manager, **Deb Fortin** for their hard work and dedication to the children of the parish. In its entirety our program is known as our **“Family Faith Formation”** and we have been careful to structure the program so that it is more “family friendly” and is able to involve parents as well as children.

**FOCUS ON GRADES 1 – 5:** This program is designed for parents and their children together. Grades 1 and 2, which is preparation for First Holy Communion meets on one Saturday each month for 2 hours and engages the children in a full spectrum of activities to help them understand the mysteries of our Faith. Grades 3, 4 and 5 will meet once each month by first gathering at a special **“Children’s Liturgy”** at the 8:30 AM Mass and followed by class and special activities until 11:30 AM.

**Middle School Program:** (Grades 6 & 7) will meet one Sunday evening each month. Their program involves media, class discussion and activities and concludes with our monthly Youth Mass at 6:30 PM.

**Confirmation Program:** (Grades 8 & 9) will meet one Sunday each month and will be offered a course on the basics of our Faith. Sessions will begin with a presentation for the entire group and then break up into small discussion/activity groups. Candidates are also required to “sign-in” the Mass book each Sunday and to also participate in a Project of Community Service. Confirmation is celebrated in the Fall of the Sophomore year of High School.

Finally, I encourage you, if you have not yet done so already, to register your family for this program right away because most of our families are already registered. I also encourage you to consider volunteering to help with this exciting program. Working with families and children is one of the most enriching and joyful activities we have in our Parish. You will not regret volunteering to be a part of it. And, finally I ask that you pray for the success of our program.

*Fr. Jack*

### **PASTOR’S STATEMENT ON SEX ABUSE IN THE CHURCH**

I am sure many of you have seen news reports during the past week regarding the Grand Jury Report released by the Attorney General of Pennsylvania. This report has revealed sexual abuse charges brought against priests from all 6 of the Dioceses in that State. This report has provided a very sad spectacle of shame and heartbreak for Catholics in our parish and throughout the country.

The Church first and foremost must express its sorrow and remorse to the victims of these terrible crimes and the leadership of our own Diocese of Providence and every Diocese must be committed more than ever to the protection of our young people who are entrusted to our care.

Please join me in praying, first of all for the innocent victims of these crimes, that our efforts will help them heal and find God’s love again. Let us pray also for the Church and for the priests, brothers and religious women who continue to faithfully serve, that together we may grow into the more perfect Church Christ has called us to be.

You can obtain full information on the policy our parish has in place for the protection of our children by visiting our web site ([www.stbernardnk.org](http://www.stbernardnk.org)) and clicking on ‘Forms’ then scroll to ‘Safe Environment’.

*Fr. Jack*



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, August 27:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**TUESDAY, August 28:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**WEDNESDAY, August 29**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**THURSDAY, August 30**

8:00 AM – *Anne Shibelli*  
by a friend

**FRIDAY, August 31**

8:00 AM – *Patricia Plotkin*  
by a friend

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, September 1**

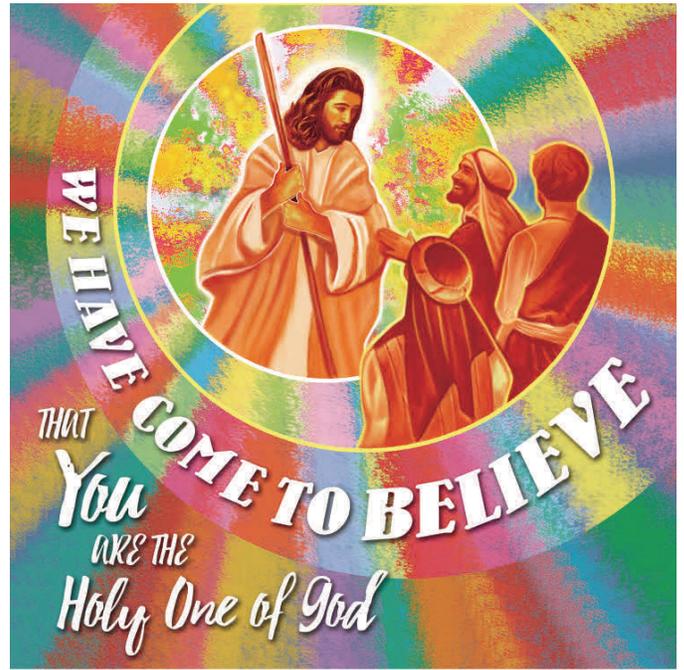
5:00 PM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**SUNDAY, September 2**

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *John Walsh*

10:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*



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## To Love and To Cherish Marriage Program

The Office of Life and Family is offering a program for Catholic marriages. To Love and To Cherish, is a free program designed to enrich/strengthen the sacramental journey of marriage, providing pertinent topics/discussions in a sharing group environment. The program will be held on Tuesdays, September 18 through October 16, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM at St. Kevin Church, 333 Sandy Ln., Warwick (school side entrance of the church). For registration/information, contact: Peter Magnotta at 421-7833 x 217. (Please note that this program is not for people who need marriage counseling.)

## Children's Liturgy Of the Word (CLOW) WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Our Children's Liturgy Of The Word is taking a break until **September 9th**.

Over the years many wonderful and generous teachers have helped us to coordinate and teach in this program which provides a Special Liturgy of the Word for young children at the 10:30AM Mass. This 20 minute program each week has a guide and outline for teachers to follow. However, recently many of our volunteer teachers have expressed a desire to "move on" and we are grateful for their help. This leaves us, however, with too few teachers to continue the program. We are looking for a few teachers and a Master Teacher to help us get this program going again in the Fall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Religious Education Office at [sbc.reled@verizon.net](mailto:sbc.reled@verizon.net) or call 295-0387 ask for Deb Fortin.

## Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
<b>Mon 8/27</b>	Msgr. Clarke Staff Training, Parish Hall	7:30 AM



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### Treasures from Our Tradition

This is the height of vacation season, but as anyone who has ever been to Rome in the summer knows, no time to visit there! The city is sweltering, and in a pre-air-conditioned world long ago, Romans figured out that they needed a break in the surrounding hills. Even the pope clears out. His destination is usually Castelgandolfo, a lovely little hill town southeast of Rome, overlooking a tranquil lake. It has been a papal possession since about 1600, and in 1929, when most of the papal states were finally lost, the papal dwelling was given “extraterritorial rights,” meaning that it is an extension of Vatican City and not under Italian rule. The Vatican observatory maintained telescopes here for decades, far from the glare of the city lights of Rome, but although the observatory offices remain here year round, the telescopes are in Arizona. Pope Francis spends less time here than his predecessors, though he still slows down the pace of his work in Rome.

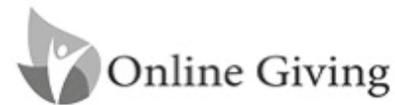
Vacations can help us visit friends and relatives, and revive those human contacts that the pace of our lives keeps us from cultivating. The pope needs a break, and so do you. Vacation comes from a word meaning to empty oneself. There’s still time to clear the calendar for at least one golden summer day even if you don’t have a personal castle in the hills!

### Parish Support

	<u>August 12, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,424.50</b>	<b>\$6,862.50</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$2,488.00</b>	<b>\$2,547.00</b>
	<u>August 19, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$5,941.00</b>	<b>\$6,333.50</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$1,798.00</b>	<b>\$1,997.00</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$74,738.00</b>	<b>\$71,323.00</b>

### 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](http://www.stbernardnk.org), click on “Support your Parish” and follow the link to ParishSoft, Online Giving.

## **Sacramental Preparation**

Religious Education Schedules

### **First Communion 1 & 2:** (Grades 1 & 2)

**Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** 5:30 PM  
Open House & Parent/Student Meeting  
Mass at 6:30 PM

**Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
First Class (8:45 AM arrival time)

### **Grades 3, 4, 5:**

**Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** 5:30 PM  
Open House & Parent/Student Meeting  
Mass at 6:30 PM

**Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Children's Mass 8:30 AM  
Class-9:30-11:30 AM in the Parish Center

### **Grades 6 & 7 and Confirmation 1 & 2**

**Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** 5:30 PM  
Open House & Parent/Student Meeting  
Mass at 6:30 PM

**Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** 1:00 - 4:00  
Retreat in the Parish Center (**Grade 8 Only**)

**Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
First Class: 5:00 PM in the Parish Center  
Mass: 6:30 PM

### **Confirmation Candidates for 2018**

**Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** 6:30-7:30 PM  
Candidate & Sponsor Meeting: Parish Center

**Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** 1:00-6:30 PM  
Confirmation Retreat in the Parish Center

**Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** 6:30-7:30 PM  
Confirmation Rehearsal in the Church

**Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** 11:00 AM  
Confirmation with Bishop Evans

If you have not registered your child for classes, registration and payment can be done on our website: [www.stbernardnk.org](http://www.stbernardnk.org). If you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office at [sbc.reled@verizon.net](mailto:sbc.reled@verizon.net) or 295-0387.

## **Diocesan Youth Day**

Diocesan Youth Day, the first of its kind will be held on Saturday, September 8th from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Cumberland. This event, held rain or shine (much of it will be outdoors) is for high school and college aged youth. It includes MUSIC, GAMES, WORKSHOPS, MASS, ADORATION, FOOD, FUN, AND SO MUCH MORE. Please visit [catholicyouthri.org](http://catholicyouthri.org) or the Facebook page: Diocesan Youth Day 2018 for more information. If you are interested please contact: Christina Pichette at the parish office, 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

## **Do You Like to Sing?**

The North Kingstown Community Chorus and their Youth Chorus invite you to join us as we begin rehearsals for our annual Winter Concert. The adult chorus begins its season Tuesday, September 4th from 6:30 to 9:00 PM at Quidnessett Elementary School 166 Mark Drive, NK. The Youth Chorus, which welcomes children in grades 2 - 8, will have its first rehearsal Tuesday, September 25 from 5:30-6:30 PM in the school's music room.