

Saint Bernard Church



September 2, 2018: 22nd 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

Address: 275 Tower Hill Road
North Kingstown, RI 02852
Phone : 401-295-0387
E-mail: sbc.bus@verizon.net
Web: www.stbernardnk.org
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.



Blessing for the New School Year

O God, in every age
You raised up men and women
who go forth to scatter the seed of Your Word
in preaching, teaching and, most of all,
in living holy lives.
You have created us to be one family
dedicated to serving one another and
praising You.
Make Your plans for us come true.
Fill us with new reverence for the Scriptures.
Give us a thirst for knowledge of Your
Word and Wisdom
to live the light of what we have learned.
Bless our children who begin school this week.
Help us to use well the gifts that have come
to us in the person of our teachers
so that all Your children may at last
discover Your dominion,
and praise You forever in Christ Jesus, Your Son,
who with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns,
One God forever and ever.

AMEN.

DEALING WITH THE GREAT CRISIS OF SEX ABUSE IN THE CHURCH

My dear friends,

As I have mentioned in my remarks at Masses last weekend, we have all seen the sad spectacle of shame and heartbreak we Catholics have experienced after the release of the Pennsylvania Attorney General's report on sexual abuse in the 6 dioceses of that state. I have asked you to join me in prayer, first of all for the innocent victims of these horrible crimes that they will be able to find God's love again. And also for the Church, that we will all begin to heal and grow into the more perfect Church Christ has called us to be.

With this in mind I would like to invite you to the first of a series of open meetings, or gatherings to which **I invite all our parishioners, and especially those who have been hurt by the loss of trust and faith in the Church. Many others have children who have left the Church because of it to join us at our first monthly Coffee-an on Sunday, September 16th after the 10:30 AM Mass.**



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, September 3: Labor Day
8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

TUESDAY, September 4:
8:00 AM – *Maria & Joseph Cerilli*
by Alberta Miller

WEDNESDAY, September 5
8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, September 6
8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY, September 7
8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, September 8
5:00 PM – *Ann Fiala*
by Mary Ann Lombardi

SUNDAY, September 9
7:00 AM – *Thomas Flatley*
by his wife

8:30 AM – *Dorothy & Martin Squillanti*
by Tom & Jane Sheeran

10:30 AM – *Barbara & Donald Yeager*
by their family



Baptism

On August 26, 2018

Nicholas Robert Palana

Emma Rose Ratte'

were welcomed to our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate their parents.

It's Time to Sing!!



Have you always liked to sing? Are you looking for a new way to worship at church? Please consider joining the Adult Choir. We are always looking for new members. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6:45 PM and begin September 13th. No experience necessary! Just your desire to sing! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to see our Music Director, Alison Shea or any choir member.

Stay Tuned for upcoming information on Teen and Children's Choirs



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 or call 295-0387 ask for Deb Fortin.

Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

Mon 9/3	Labor Day Parish Office Closed
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Parish Support

	<u>August 19, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$5,941.00	\$6,333.50
ACH	\$1,798.00	\$1,997.00
	<u>August 26, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,795.50	\$6,581.00
ACH	\$1,448.00	\$1,209.00
YTD	\$83,536.50	\$79,430.00

Treasures from Our Tradition

When an altar is dedicated, the Rite of Dedication directs that, if possible, the relics of a martyr be mortared into the church floor under the *mensa*, or “altar table.” Up until this revised rite, the general practice was to include small relics of saints in an altar stone, a slab of marble that was normally set in the altar itself. Today’s rite states a clear preference for “martyr,” and for a substantial part of the body, in accord with our tradition’s desire for substantial symbols. Martyr, of course, means “witness” in Greek, and was the title given early on to the people who by their death imaged the death of Christ.

From the beginning, there has never been a shortage of such people, although it took a while for the Church to develop a process to declare someone a martyr. Saint Augustine tells how it was done in the fifth century. By then, popular opinion didn’t count as much as an official tribunal set up by the bishop of the place where the martyr suffered. After the inquiry established that the person did indeed die for the faith, a metropolitan bishop had to ratify the decision before a shrine could be built or an altar set up over the martyr’s tomb. For the most part, the honor paid to a martyr (called a “cult”) was restricted to that diocese, although the fame of some heroes spread so much that they were celebrated elsewhere. The age of the martyrs is now, and more people died for the faith in the twentieth century than ever before, witnessing to Christ to the end. Their sacrifice remains “the seed of the Church.”

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.

A Day of Remembrance September 8

The Office of Life and Family Ministry invites you to gather at the Guardian Angel – Baby Land area of the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 550 Wampanoag Trail, Riverside on Saturday, September 8 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. This special prayerful event is dedicated to all babies that have died from an abortion, a miscarriage, stillbirth, and early infant death. It will include reflections, the Rosary and other prayers for all the babies. This event is being held simultaneously with the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. For more information, contact Carol Owens at

421-7833.218 or
email: cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org

Sacramental Preparation

Religious Education Schedules

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

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

Saturday, September 29th 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
First Class (8:45 AM arrival time)

Grades 3, 4, 5:

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

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

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

Sunday, October 28th
First Class: 5:00 PM in the Parish Center
Mass: 6:30 PM

Confirmation Candidates for 2018

Sunday, September 16th 6:30-7:30 PM
Candidate & Sponsor Meeting: Parish Center

Sunday, September 23rd 1:00-6:30 PM
Confirmation Retreat in the Parish Center

Monday, October 15th 6:30-7:30 PM
Confirmation Rehearsal in the Church

Saturday, October 20th 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. If 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

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, **September 9**. If you would like to help, please call Chris Kosak at 294-2885 or the Parish Center at 295-0387.

K of C BREAKFAST (PUBLIC INVITED)

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, September 9th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Eggs - Scrambled or Fried, Sausage, Toast, Home Fries, Baked Beans, Pancakes, Breakfast Pastries, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.

Taste & Sea

A Tasting Event Benefiting Msgr. Clarke School
September 15th 6pm-10pm

Live Music, Food and Local Beer, Wine & Spirits to Sample
Visit www.monsignorclarkeschool.org and click the pop up flyer for more details and tickets.