

Saint Bernard Church



September 9, 2018: 23rd 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
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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. Please call the Parish Center for information regarding any of our programs.

How Will Our Parish Prepare For The Future?



Several years ago my niece and her family relocated to Kansas City because of her husband's job. They quickly joined a Catholic Parish in Lakewood, Kansas so that they could enroll their two daughters in the parish school. When they met with the pastor, he explained to them that this parish was a "tithing" parish which practiced stewardship. This meant that they were expected to make a financial commitment to the parish equal to 10% of their combined annual income. Translated this means that people who are registered in that parish, who make a combined annual income of \$60,000 for example, would make a weekly contribution of \$115.00. Of this contribution, he explained, 60% goes to the support of the parish, 20% goes to diocesan Catholic Charities (there are no second collections) and 20% goes to other charities the parish supports. There are no fundraisers in the parish, all events are social and are held in the newly renovated parish hall. The church and school buildings are ten years old and are fully paid for. Then came the good news – for those who support the parish at this level, there is no tuition charged for the school. Those who do not belong to the parish or who do not tithe are charged \$6000 a year for tuition.

This sounds like a wonderful system, and it is, but tithing only works if a majority of parishioners choose to do it. This system of financial support for Catholic parishes has never worked well here in New England. In St. Bernard's Parish only 40% of our parishioners contribute regularly or occasionally while 60% contribute nothing. Our roots are in an immigrant church where people donated their time and built these great parishes on bake sales and long hours of hard work donated in service to the parish. We do not, like our Protestant brothers and sisters, have a tradition of making a financial commitment to our church and we have not educated our people into the value of sacrificial giving.

The result is this -- fewer people today have the time to volunteer at their parish, leaving the parish to pay for services it never had to pay for before. We have to hire contractors to do repair work and a parish staff is of the worpaid (with benefits) to do much k that volunteers used to do for free. And today, even if people do volunteer, there are new laws in place which put us at risk for law suits if people do not have criminal background checks and insurance coverage to protect us against liability.

I am not foolish enough to believe that St. Bernard's will become a tithing parish overnight, but I do believe it is time to make a new beginning. The challenges we will be facing in the future will not sustain our parish if we do not begin to take a new look at the way our parishioners support our work and ministry. Our resources at present are stretched to the max, and we cannot grow or prepare for those who will come after us until we begin to see new ways to make our parish strong, both spiritually and financially. In the coming weeks we will be preparing to share with you our annual Financial Report and at that time we will also discuss ways in which we can improve the financial strength of our parish.

Fr. Jack

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.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, September 10:

8:00 AM – *Joseph Caprara*
by Alberta Miller

TUESDAY, September 11:

8:00 AM – *All who died of terrorism today*

WEDNESDAY, September 12

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, September 13

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY, September 14

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*
2:00 PM—*Mass at South County Rehabilitation*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, September 15

5:00 PM – *Mark Tripp*
2nd Anniversary by his wife

SUNDAY, September 16

7:00 AM – *Raymond Barbery*
by Linda Pizzuti

8:30 AM – *David DeRuosi*
by the Miccolis family

10:30 AM – *Dee Anne Devine*
16th Anniversary



Coffee & Donuts

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for September 16th after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Come spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners.

COMING TOGETHER The Crisis Facing Our Church.

Following the sad revelations of sexual abuse and the role of some church leaders in not reporting properly, our church truly faces a crisis of accountability and of moral leadership. There have even been calls for the Pope to step down. What are we to make of all this, or better yet, what can we do? The first thing we can do is come together and to begin to listen to how this is affecting us, for good or for bad.

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. ***Please join us on Sunday, September 16th for “coffee-an” after the 10:30 AM Mass.*** Let us come together to share and to learn.

Fr. Jack



Add Your Voice

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

Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

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| Sun 9/9 | Religious Education Open House & Parent/Student Meeting followed by Mass | 5:30 PM |
| Mon 9/10 | Finance Council, Small Conference Room | 6:30 PM |
| Wed 9/12 | Cub Scout Den Meeting, Parish Hall | 6:00 PM |
| Thu 9/13 | Morning Mass Coffee , Parish Hall | 8:30 AM |
| | Adult Choir, Large Conference Room | 6:45 PM |

North Kingstown Cub Scouts Pack 5

St. Bernard Church has a chartered Cub Scout pack! We are a growing and active pack and would like to invite your child to join us. Activities include pinewood derby, camping, hikes, parades, etc.! Please contact us to see how your child can get involved with camaraderie while having fun! We are welcoming children entering kindergarten through 4th grade.

George Coronado
401-258-2210
Georgesurg94@yahoo.com

The N K Food Pantry

For September the Pantry needs:

Jelly & jams, Pasta, Condiments-(ketchup, mustard, relish), Fresh Produce, Hygiene Items such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoos, mouthwash, feminine hygiene products, adult diapers, dental floss, tooth brushes.

Parish Support

| | <u>August 26, 2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Basket | \$6,795.50 | \$6,581.00 |
| ACH | \$1,448.00 | \$1,209.00 |
| | <u>September 2, 2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
| Basket | \$8,235.00 | \$6,687.50 |
| ACH | \$1,808.00 | \$1,691.00 |
| YTD | \$94,107.00 | \$88,214.50 |

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.

14th Annual Human Life Guild Day

This year's event will be held on Saturday, September 29, 9am – 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist for the 9am Mass. Following Mass there will be a reception with the Bishop in the Cathedral Hall with presentations covering Humane Vitae - 50 Years Later, The Modern Debate – Understanding Transgenderism from a Catholic Perspective, Hope for the Future, and Being a Pro-Life Feminist. All are invited to attend the Mass but pre-registration is required for the conference that will follow and the cost is \$25.00 per person. Deadline to register is September 21 - call Carol Owens at 421-7833 x 218.

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

Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, October 6, 2018
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Featuring: Kelly Nieto and Danielle Bean

The day begins with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Tobin and will include inspiring dynamic and encouraging talks, live music, prayer, swag bags, morning coffee and lunch. The Women's Conference will be held at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. For more information and to register, please visit www.discovercatholicfaith.org/womens-conference, or call the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation at 401-278-4646.

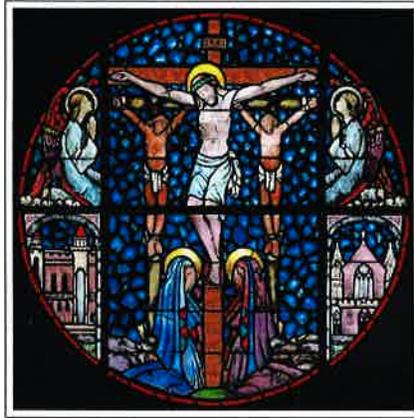
Reminder: Confirmation Candidates

We are suspending the Mass attendance sign-in for the summer. The sign in process will resume **September 16th**.

A DAY of PENANCE and PRAYER

14 September 2018

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



*Penance and Prayer for the reparation of sins and failures
Of all priests and bishops related to the sexual abuse of minors.*

Bishop Tobin has asked the faithful, clergy and religious of the Diocese of Providence to join him in a special day of prayer and penance on Friday, Sept. 14th. The event will begin at the noon Mass at the Cathedral in Providence and will be followed by 3 hours of Adoration until 3 PM. All are welcome.

Here in St. Bernard Parish, there will be a Holy Hour of Reparation on **Friday following the 8 AM Mass, continuing until 9:30 AM**, ending with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Join us as we pray for forgiveness for the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics and all those entrusted to the mission of watching over and caring for the most vulnerable of God's children. Penance and prayer will help us to open our eyes and our hearts to other people's suffering.

OPEN FORUM AND DISCUSSION: We invite all our parishioners to join us on Sunday, **September 16th following the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Center** for "Coffee-An" and an open discussion of the crisis within our Church. We especially welcome those who have left the church, or who have stayed away from Mass because of anger and hurt. It will be a time of sharing, listening and comforting. We are doing this because we realize that the Church is now headed into a great time of crisis and pain and we know that before we can heal, we must listen to the people of the Church and let them express their true feelings.

If this forum is successful, we will schedule more sessions for the future. Please note that **ALL** are welcome, and especially those who have doubts about their own future in the Church.