

# Saint Bernard Church



September 16, 2018: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor**  
Rev. Charles Maher, Weekend Assistant

**Pastoral Assistant:** Angelo Giacchi  
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**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. Please call the Parish Center for information regarding any of our programs.

## ***FAITH TRIUMPHS OVER ADVERSITY***

With the exception of Pearl Harbor, no single disaster in our nation's history has had a greater effect on us than the events of 9-11-2001. The tragic loss of life and property stunned us and caused us to think again about our own safety and the values and love we have for those who are close to us. This happened again at this time of year in 2005 when Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast. Then it happened again last year in Houston Texas and Puerto Rico. And now, once again we enter another hurricane season and we see more devastation and suffering along the East Coast by Hurricane Florence this past week. The long term effects on our economy and on the families affected by these tragedies may never be fully known. The loss of life and the displacement of so many innocent people seems to be overwhelming.

The Catholic Church is also greatly affected by these events. On 9-11 the faith of many Catholics was shaken to its core when we tried to understand how a loving God could allow such hatred and brutality to exist. At the same time Catholic Relief Services rushed to help those in need of assistance. After Hurricane Katrina the Archbishop of New Orleans reported that of the 300 priests in his diocese, 150 were missing. Many were evacuated and their whereabouts were unknown, but others stayed behind to help their suffering parishioners and some did not survive. More than 100 Catholic schools in Louisiana and Mississippi were closed and many churches are still trying to rebuild.

In a homily given on the Sunday after Katrina hit Louisiana, Bishop Thomas Rodi, Bishop of Biloxi, Mississippi, said this:

*"I have noticed something significant in people who experience great suffering. One of two things happens to them. They either become angry, bitter and cold people, almost as if their hearts shrink, or they become more loving, compassionate and generous, almost as if their hearts expand. We do not choose whether or not to suffer. Each one of us at some time in our lives will suffer. One of the most painful aspects of suffering is that we do not choose the time or the fashion that suffering comes into our lives. What we do choose is what we do with that suffering. We choose to allow it to shrink our hearts and our spirits or to expand our hearts and our spirits.*

Today it seems that there is no end to the suffering of the innocent people, many of them Christians, in the Near East, Palestine, Syria and many nations in Africa. Once more the governments of the world seem to bring us closer and closer to the brink of involvement in yet another far away war and we all struggle with the never-ending question of how should we respond and what can we do to stop this. Perhaps we can begin by listening to Bishop Rodi and allow our hearts to expand in love, not close them. In that way our prayers are always for those who preserve life, not destroy it.

*Fr. Jack*

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

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. Without teachers we will be forced to cancel the program.



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, September 17:**

8:00 AM – *Mariann Callahan*  
by her family

**TUESDAY, September 18:**

8:00 AM – *Herbert & Michael Keene*  
by Norma LaSalle

**WEDNESDAY, September 19**

8:00 AM – *Fenwick G. Gardiner*  
23rd Anniversary by his family

**THURSDAY, September 20**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**FRIDAY, September 21**

8:00 AM – *Ryan Cole*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, September 22**

5:00 PM – *Philip & Pauline Valliere*  
by his daughter

**SUNDAY, September 23**

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *William Dowden*  
by the Miccolis family

10:30 AM – *Janet Jakiela*

by Dorothy Maclusky

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

George Coronado

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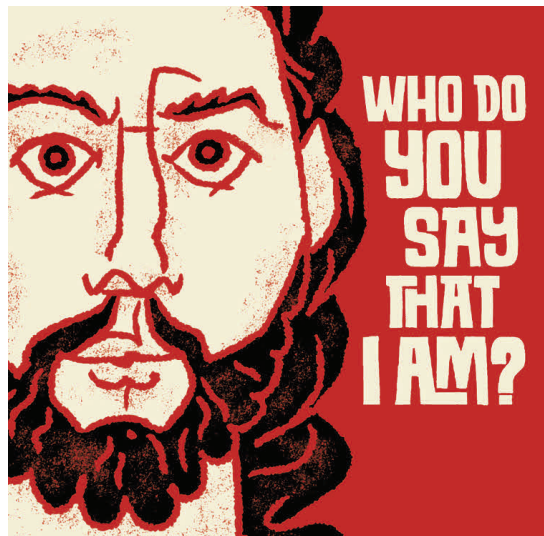
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### It's Time to Sing!!

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. 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**



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## Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
<b>Sun 9/16</b>	<b>Confirmation Candidate &amp; Sponsor Meeting, Parish Hall</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Mon 9/17</b>	<b>Religious Education Open House Make Up Meeting, Hall</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Tue 9/18</b>	<b>Catechist Training</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Thu 9/20</b>	<b>Adult Choir, Large Conference Room</b>	<b>6:45 PM</b>
	<b>Baptism Class, Parish Office</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun 9/23</b>	<b>Confirmation Candidate Retreat, Parish Hall</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>

### Treasures from Our Tradition

In this country, we don't name our churches "The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church," but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn't take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called "Adam and Eve" after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of "Midvalley City" comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa.

### Parish Support

	<u>September 2, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$8,235.00</b>	<b>\$6,687.50</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$1,808.00</b>	<b>\$1,691.00</b>
	<u>September 9, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,419.50</b>	<b>\$9,960.50</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$1,443.00</b>	<b>\$1,519.00</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$102,404.50</b>	<b>\$100,377.00</b>

### 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.

### St. Mark Fall Festival



Will be held on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11am to 6:30pm, on the grounds of St. Mark Church, 60 Narragansett Ave., Jamestown, RI. The festival will feature Entertainment, Food, Games, Raffles, Cow Chip Bingo and much more.

**Visit [www.stmarkjtn.org/fallfest](http://www.stmarkjtn.org/fallfest) for details.**

### 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.

## **Sacramental Preparation**

Religious Education Schedules

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

**Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 PM  
Open House Make Up Parent/Student Meeting

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

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

**Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 PM  
Open House Make Up Parent/Student Meeting

**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**

**Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 PM  
Open House Make Up Parent/Student Meeting

**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 (All Grades)

### **Confirmation Candidates for 2018**

**Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> (TODAY)** 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.

## **40 Days for Life Fall Campaign**

The prayer vigils begin on Wednesday, September 26 however the actual kick-off will take place on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. We will be meditating on the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary of Our Lady. Your prayers and your support will help bring an end to abortion. Please share one hour of your time during the campaign to pray outside of Planned Parenthood. We Diocesan Office of Life & Family Ministry are also asking those who are not able to join us for our public prayer vigils to consider pledging a Rosary for 40 Days to end abortion. For more information please call Carol Owens at 421-7833.218 or email: [cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org)

## **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.

## **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](http://www.discovercatholicfaith.org/womens-conference), or call the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation at 401-278-4646.