

Saint Bernard Church



September 23, 2018: 25th 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
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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



I once knew a pastor who would sit in silence each morning reading the financial page of the paper before he would even say “*Good Morning*” to his associates. He was more concerned about the welfare of his investments than he was of those he lived and worked with. Perhaps he felt his first responsibility was to the parish Finance Council and not to his brother priests. Whatever the case, it was a good idea carried too far.

In these times of national financial difficulties we are all concerned about our investments, whether those investments are money or time or love. We invest a great deal in our families and our careers and we would all like to benefit one day from the fruits of our labors. The Church too has made important investments. We have invested in the work of Vocations in order to bring more young people to hear the call from God to serve Him in the Church.

We in St. Bernard’s parish have made very wise and good investments in our Church’s future. Over the past several years we have been host to summer Seminarians who have had their first experience of pastoral work here among us. In 2013 we hosted Doan Nguyen who continues to prepare for the priesthood in Boston and the others like, Fr. Nick Fleming, who now serves as the assistant pastor at Sts. John & Paul Parish in Coventry. In 2017 we enjoyed having Matthew Bonni with us and in 2017, Mark Gadoury. Both of these seminarians are now studying major Theology at St. John Seminary in Boston.

We are also grateful for the women of our parish who have answered the call to serve. Over the years many followed the calling of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion who staffed our parish school. Although in recent years religious orders for women have experienced a serious decline in vocations there are still many women who feel the call to serve God in wonderful and meaningful ways.

October is **Vocations Awareness Month**, and next week we will take up the annual collection for the support of our major seminarians. I ask you to be especially generous for it supports all those who will serve the future needs of the church. Please pray for Doan, Nick, Matthew and Mark. Pray for vocations. Our investment of prayer will bear great dividends for the future of our Diocese and our Parish.

FORUM ON SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH:

On another topic, I would also like to express a sincere word of thanks to all those who joined us last Sunday for an open meeting and listening session on the sexual abuse crisis our church is now facing. Many who were present expressed honest and deeply held feelings about their anger at the leadership of the church, disappointment in the way these issues were handled and a deep concern for the future changes that are needed in the church. The group expressed a desire to continue this discussion and so I will announce next weekend the dates and times for 2 more sessions to be held in the future. I was truly touched by your concerns and your love for the church.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Today, at the Cathedral in Providence, three couples from our parish will join in a special Anniversary Mass and renewal of vows with the Bishop. They, along with couples from throughout the Diocese are celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries and we pray for them, congratulate them and ask God to grant them many more happy years together. Today we congratulate:

Michael & Lee Ann Benson - 25 years
Michael & Arlene Carter - 50 years



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, September 24:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

TUESDAY, September 25:

8:00 AM – *Ann Delaney*
by her family

WEDNESDAY, September 26

8:00 AM – *Richard Tomlinson*
4th Anniversary by his wife Norma LaSalle

THURSDAY, September 27

8:00 AM – *Edna Gillen*

FRIDAY, September 28

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, September 29

5:00 PM – *Thomas Bradley*
by his wife

SUNDAY, September 30

7:00 AM – *John Wright*
by his family

8:30 AM – *Brian Lardner*
by Dan & Stephanie Ferriola

10:30 AM – *Felicisimo Fuentes*
by her family

Our Lady of Sorrows *Bereavement Support*

The Office of Life and Family will offer the *Our Lady of Sorrows* Bereavement Support program at St. Thomas More Church, 53 Rockland St (parking lot side entrance), Narragansett, on Wednesday evenings 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, October 10, 2018 through December 12, 2018 (no meetings on Oct.31 and Nov. 21). This support group provides a peaceful place to share and learn about grief with the spiritual comfort of our Catholic faith. It is most appropriate for adults at least three months beyond their loss. There is no cost to attend! For registration/information, contact: Peter A Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217.

The Prout School *Open House*

Join us at The Prout School Open House for prospective students on **Sunday, October 14 from 1-4pm.**

Discover the Prout advantage! Prout is the only high school in Rhode Island to offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. We offer rigorous academics, a strong spiritual culture, amazing theatre, music and dance programs, competitive athletic teams, and numerous clubs and extracurricular activities.

For more information, please call Admissions Director Sharon DeLuca at 789-9262, Ext 514 or go to



Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:00AM – 4:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Friday Closed

Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Sun 9/23	Confirmation Candidate Retreat, Parish Hall	1:00 PM
Wed 9/26	Cub Scout Den Meeting, Parish Hall	6:00 PM
	Men of St. Joseph, Small Conference Room	7:00 PM
Thu 9/27	Adult Choir, Large Conference Room	6:45 PM
Sat 9/29	First Communion 1 & 2, Parish Hall	8:45 AM
Sun 9/30	Middle Grades: 3, 4, 5 Children's Mass Class, Parish Center	8:30 AM 9:30 AM

Treasures from Our Tradition

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the "Mother School" of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in "national parishes," were established to preserve the culture and language of the "old country," and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded "separate schools" were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of

Parish Support

	<u>September 9, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,419.50	\$9,960.50
ACH	\$1,443.00	\$1,519.00
	<u>September 16, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,884.00	\$6,290.50
ACH	\$2,218.00	\$2,417.00
YTD	\$112,261.50	\$108,849.50

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

St. Francis de Sales Yard Sale

St. Francis de Sales Parish, located at 381 School Street in North Kingstown, is holding its annual indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, October 13th and Sunday October 14th from 8am to 1:30 pm, rain or shine. Items include jewelry, housewares, toys, games, electronics, CD's, furniture, books, and baked goods. The kitchen will be open for refreshments. Join us for a great time and great

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)

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

Grades 3, 4, 5:

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, 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 (All Grades)

Confirmation Candidates for 2018

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,



BECOMING CATHOLIC- BEING CATHOLIC

**We will soon be starting our
2018-2019 RCIA program.**

We invite you to contact the office if you or some adult you know would like to complete their initiation into full membership in the church by receiving Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation. Come and see!

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 29th 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

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 an' 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.