

# Saint Bernard Church



October 7th, 2018: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**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

## 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.



The month of October has traditionally been “**Respect Life Month**” for Catholics in this country. This observance has grown out of the concern and outrage over the disrespect for life shown for many years and especially since the Roe vs. Wade decision in the early 70’s. We have used this month as a reminder to all of us of our responsibility as a church to defend the dignity and gift of life in all people and especially the unborn. Saint John Paul II has warned us that we are living in a “culture of death” and that we, who are the church, must promote a culture of life.

In our culture, the human cost of abortion has been extremely high. The deaths by abortion of more than 40 million children have had a corrosive effect on our attitude toward life itself. Instead of families, neighbors and communities helping women welcome and care for their children, they have been left to the mercy of an industry which makes its profits from killing unborn children. And, after an abortion, a woman is left alone to bear the grief of her baby’s death. She may also have no one to turn to for comfort, often because she concealed her pregnancy from family and friends or because they encouraged her to have the abortion.

Everyone is affected by the hardening of the heart which comes when a culture tolerates killing. Pope Francis has recently reminded us that this same principal applies to capital punishment as well. In denying that human life is sacred, abortion undermines the very concept of human rights. Human life can be violated in many ways: when we tolerate euthanasia, treat others unjustly, or neglect those who are alone in need or despair.

That is why the teachings of the Church call us to be a “people of life”, people who respect and actively promote life. Parents face the challenge of raising their children to welcome new life as a gift from God, to respect those who are advanced in years and to comfort the sick and lonely. Political leaders have a responsibility to make courageous choices in support of life, especially through legislative measures that protect those who are mortally threatened from the unborn to the elderly. Bishops, priests and catechists are called to teach and proclaim the Gospel of life in its entirety.

We can build a culture of life in the Third Millennium. To transform society, we are called to live and celebrate the Gospel of Life in our daily lives – lives marked by self-giving love for others.

*Fr. Jack*

### **Crisis in the Church**

On Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> we had a very helpful open meeting of parishioners who wanted to come together to speak about the latest sexual abuse crisis our Church. Many honestly expressed how they feel and also asked that we offer more opportunities like this one to others who would like to express their concerns and feelings and to share opinions and questions about the future of the Church. These Meetings will be held **on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** and on **Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** both in the Parish Center. Our purpose is not to correct, to judge or to excuse anyone, but to listen honestly to each other. All are welcome.



## Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, October 8:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**TUESDAY, October 9:**

8:00 AM – *Ryan Cole*

by friends from daily Mass

**WEDNESDAY, October 10**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**THURSDAY, October 11**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**FRIDAY, October 12**

8:00 AM – *Ryan Cole*

by a friend

2:00 PM— South County Rehabilitation

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, October 13**

5:00 PM – *Frank Tanner*

2nd Anniversary by his family

**SUNDAY, October 14**

7:00 AM – *James & Mary Rose Mullane*

by their family

8:30 AM – *Blanche Murray*

by the Unsworth family

10:30 AM – *Deceased of the Trabucco Family*



### **Baptism**

On September 30, 2018

**Olivia Thérèse Haverly  
Charlotte Rose Hendrickson**

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

### **Youth Ministry Event**

The Haunted Labyrinth is a great Catholic way to enjoy Halloween. It is an experienced, safe and fun haunted attraction that has been operating for over 30 years. Unlike many other attractions, the scares at the Haunted Labyrinth present the element of surprise, rather than blood or guts, goblins and witches. We are looking for teens in grade 8-12 who can come to be part of the 'scare team' on Friday, October 19th. Please go online to our website at <https://www.stbernardnk.org/faith-formation/youth-ministry> to fill out the permission slip and find specific information for the event. Permission slips due by Monday, October 15th. Any questions please contact Christina at [sbc.teenff@gmail.com](mailto:sbc.teenff@gmail.com)

### **When I Call For Help Domestic Violence Awareness**

The Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry is sponsoring a day of hope, help and healing at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 21 Traverse Street, Providence on Saturday, October 20 from 8:30 to 2:30 in the lower level of the church (handicap accessible). If you are a first responder or know the struggle of living in a domestic violence situation, join us for a learning experience. Maybe you need to take the first step! Pre-registration is required by October 12 – a light lunch will be provided – no fee – there will be a free will offering. Call 421-7833 ext. 218

### **Annual Life Chain Sunday October 7, 2018: 2:00 PM**

As we begin Respect Life Month, St Bernard's parishioners are invited to join with members of St. Francis De Sales parish to form a "Life Chain". We will meet on the sidewalk outside of the T. J. Maxx Plaza on Post Rd in North Kingstown. The Life Chain is a peaceful and powerful demonstration of our commitment to the value and dignity of every human life, born and unborn. It is a public witness to the doctrine of our Church that every human life must be protected from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

## Announcements

### Upcoming Meetings

<b>Mon 10/08</b>	<b>Columbus Day Parish Office Closed</b>	
<b>Wed 10/10</b>	Children's Choir, Large Conference Room	<b>5:30 PM</b>
	Cub Scout Meeting, Parish Hall	<b>6:00 PM</b>
	Teen Choir, Large Conference Room	<b>6:15 PM</b>
<b>Thu 10/11</b>	Morning Mass Coffee, Hall	<b>8:30 AM</b>
	Adult Choir, Large Conference Room	<b>6:45 PM</b>
<b>Fri 10/12</b>	K of C Silver Rose Ceremony, Church	<b>6:00 PM</b>

### 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, October 14th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Eggs - Scrambled or Fried, Bacon, French Toast, Home Fries, Baked Beans, Hot Apple Crisp, Breakfast Pastries, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.

### 50 Years Since Humanae Vitae

A beautifully made documentary that examines the fallout of free-love will be available for viewing at three Diocesan parishes on October 24, 25 and 26. Respectively these showings will be available at the host parishes: Our Lady of Loreto, St. Pius V Young Adult Group, and St. Pius X. Featured in the documentary will be Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, Dr. Peter Kreft, Dr. Robert George, Dr. Angela Franks, Dr. Helen Alvare and more. For more information and to reserve a seat, call Our Lady of Loreto at 434-3535 or 278-4508, Tyler Rowley (St. Pius V) at 290-7201 and St. Pius X at 596-2535 ext. 993 (to leave a message).

### Parish Support

	<u>September 23, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,573.00</b>	<b>\$6,800.50</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$1,620.00</b>	<b>\$1,537.00</b>

	<u>September 30, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,852.00</b>	<b>\$7,629.50</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$1,418.00</b>	<b>\$2,132.00</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$129,618.50</b>	<b>\$126,773.50</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. 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 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> 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 bargains!

### St Bernard's Flu Clinic

Get Your Flu Shot  
Sunday, October 21  
8:00 AM—12:00 PM Parish Hall

Please bring your insurance card.  
Must be 18 yrs. and older to receive the flu shot.

## **Sacramental Preparation**

Religious Education Schedules

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

**Saturday, November 3** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Class (8:45 AM arrival time)

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

**Sunday, November 4th**  
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 28<sup>th</sup>**  
First Class: 5:00 PM in the Parish Center  
Mass: 6:30 PM (All Grades)

### **Confirmation Candidates for 2018**

**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.

## **Rachel's Vineyard Retreats**

Post-abortion Ministry: On October 26 to 28 (English) and November 16 to 18 (Spanish) the Diocese of Providence will hold a weekend retreat that can provide a Scriptural, Psychological and Spiritual experience for women seeking reconciliation with God following an abortion experience. It is an opportunity to process pain and sorrow, to form spiritual connection with their child, and to experience the compassion and forgiveness of Jesus and to begin a journey toward healing. We offer retreats in English (Carol 278-4518) or Spanish (Loren 742-1510 or Rosa 688-4687) for confidential consultation.

## **Children's Youth Choir**

If you like to sing then you should consider joining the Children's Choir, which takes place in a fun faith filled environment. The choir participates in the Children's Masses at 8:30, as well as different celebrations throughout the year like Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and 1st Communion. For the older singers (5th grade and up) there are opportunities for assisting Miss Alison. Help is always welcome with leading rehearsals, preparing folders, assisting during the youth masses and cantor opportunities to name a few. Please see our Music Director Alison Shea for any questions or concerns you may have.

## **Teen Choir**

A new school year has begun and it is time to sing. The Teen Choir is our Contemporary Music Group for grades 6th through 12th. Our mission is to sing Christian contemporary music in a fun casual atmosphere. In addition to our various Masses and events, the choir will be participating at some of the Sunday Night Youth Masses and are looking for some musicians to join the group. So if you like to sing or play an instrument please consider this group. Service hours will be rewarded for participating. Please see or email Alison Shea for more information : [alison.shea72@gmail.com](mailto:alison.shea72@gmail.com)

## **Silver Rose**

The St. Francis Knights of Columbus #2011 in North Kingstown and Father Jack are hosting the Silver Rose on Friday, October 12th at 6:00 P.M. at St. Bernard's Church. Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We hope you will join us for a beautiful service!