

Saint Bernard Church



October 14th, 2018: 28th 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

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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

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.



Within the next week all of our active parishioners will receive a letter outlining the parish Annual Financial Report of the parish for the fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2018. This report is a summary of all our income and expenses for the past year. (A more detailed report can be seen at any time by contacting the Parish Office going to our Parish Website.) This report is an accounting of your generosity to the parish and my stewardship of the parish for the past year. It is very difficult to summarize the details of a **\$600,000** a year non-profit corporation, but suffice it to say that nothing would be possible without the extraordinary generosity of our parishioners who enable us to do the good work that we do here.

Here are some of the ways your contributions are doing a great deal of good.

- In addition to our present out-reach ministries to the Haitian Project and the Scholarship Fund, we will continue our “Partnership of Charity” with the Emanuel House Homeless Shelter in South Providence. This will be made possible by the increase revenue we anticipate from the Increased Giving Appeal and, because the Lord has asked us to help the poor. As you give a portion of your income to us, we will give a portion of our income to the homeless at the Emanuel Shelter.
- Our total cost of the Parish Religious Education Program, which includes salaries and office expenses as well as textbooks and supplies for **248** children and adults came to a total of **\$105,000**, while income from registration was only **\$14,400**.
- Our parish provided tuition assistance to many children from the parish who attend local Catholic Elementary Schools totaling **\$27,000**, and we raised another **\$14,400** for the Parish Scholarship Fund and our various Parish Ministries.
- Our parishioners gave in gifts and pledges over **\$85,000** this year for the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal, the first time we have reached our parish goal in 3 years!

While there is much good news to share with you, there is also a serious matter that we as a parish must contend with. This year we are anticipating a deficit of **\$176,500** in our budget for this fiscal year. While this is a significant improvement over the deficit we had last year, it remains a cause for concern for the overall fiscal well-being of our Parish. We continue to struggle in meeting the obligation of our **\$14,042** monthly payment on the principal and interest of our parish loan. Our total indebtedness to the Diocese now stands at **\$2,700.000**. This is not a good situation, for it indicates that the number of families joining the parish is growing while the number of families supporting the parish is declining. We are asking you now to consider an increase to the gift you give each week through the Budget Envelopes or your ACH account.

Once again this year, we are also asking that you be generous to our **Annual Collection**, which begins soon. Given our present situation, this collection is more important than it ever was so that we can assure the financial stability of our parish. Quite frankly, we have nowhere else to turn - the parish is only as strong as those who support it, and at the present time we are truly in need of everyone’s help. I am very grateful to our wonderful parish staff who keeps the our parish operating so efficiently. And, I thank the members of the Finance Council, the parish Auditors and the Parish Trustees for their valuable guidance and professional help. My thanks go out to those of you who have been so very generous to us.

Fr. Jack

Crisis in the Church

On Sunday, Sept. 16th 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 16th at 7 PM** and on **Thursday, October 25th 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 15:

8:00 AM – *Sidney, Gloria & James Hambly*
by the Hambly family

TUESDAY, October 16:

8:00 AM – *Robert Daoust*
45th Anniversary by his wife Norma LaSalle

WEDNESDAY, October 17

8:00 AM – *Robert Higginbotham*
by a friend

THURSDAY, October 18

8:00 AM – *Edward & Joan Keenan*

FRIDAY, October 19

8:00 AM – *Elfrieda & Francis Haggarty & Sons*
by their daughter & sister Arlene

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 20

5:00 PM – *Maurice & Patricia LaFreniere*
by their children

SUNDAY, October 21

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Angela Walsh*

10:30 AM – *Brian Lardner*

by Dorothy Maclusky



Baptism

On October 7th, 2018

Tristan James Merchant

was welcomed to our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate his parents.



Interested in learning about missionary life in Haiti? Ever consider participating in a Mission Trip to Haiti?

Join us for an evening of Coffee and Conversation with Christina Moynihan and The Haitian Project!

Sunday, October 21st, 6:00pm, Parish Hall

Join Christina and THP for an evening of conversation about her 20+ years as a missionary, THP's plans to expand access to Catholic education throughout Haiti, and how the St. Bernard's community can continue to be a part of it!

All are welcome! There is no cost to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Feel free to bring a treat to share! Donations to The Haitian Project are welcome.

For more information about The Haitian Project, visit www.haitianproject.org.



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.

Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

Sun 10/14	Grade 8 Retreat , Parish Hall	1:00 PM
Mon 10/15	Confirmation Rehearsal , Church	6:30 PM
Tue 10/16	Open Meeting on Sexual Abuse , Parish Hall	7:00 PM
Wed 10/17	Children's Choir , Large Conference Room	5:30 PM
	Teen Choir , Large Conference Room	6:15 PM
	Cub Scout Pack Meeting , Parish Hall	6:00 PM
Thu 10/18	New Altar Server Training , Church	6:00 PM
	Adult Choir , Large Conference Room	6:45 PM
	Baptism Class , Parish Office	7:00 PM
Sat 10/20	Confirmation , Church	11:00 AM
Sun 10/21	Flu Clinic , Parish Hall	8:00 AM
	Coffee & Donuts , Parish Hall	11:30 AM
	Haitian Project , Parish Hall	6:00 PM

Coffee & Donuts

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for October 21st after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Come spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners.

Parish Support

	<u>September 30, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,852.00	\$7,629.50
ACH	\$1,418.00	\$2,132.00
	<u>October 7, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$8,179.00	\$7,246.00
ACH	\$1,438.00	\$1,899.00
YTD	\$140,277.50	\$136,230.50

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.

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 **October 21**, November 18, December 2, January 27, February 17 and March 17. If you would like to help, please call Chris Kosak at 294-2885 or the Parish Center at 295-0387.

Chowder/Clam Cake Dinner K of C Hall (Public Invited)

The *Knights of Columbus* will hold a Clam Cake and Chowder Dinner at the Council Hall, on Saturday, October 20, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Chowda and Clam Cakes will be served. Please call 295-0507 for reservations.

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 28th
First Class: 5:00 PM in the Parish Center
Mass: 6:30 PM (All Grades)

Confirmation Candidates for 2018

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.

LaSalle Academy Open House

October 28th 12:30 PM

The N K Food Pantry *For October the Pantry needs*

Canned corn, beets & spinach, Progresso Soups (creamy/beefy/chowders), Cereals but - not oatmeal & not corn flakes, Jelly & Jams, Ramon noodles, Cake mixes, Jell-O/pudding, Boxed Potatoes & Boxes of Pasta, Ketchup, Hygiene Items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoos, & razors.

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

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