

Saint Bernard Church



October 21st, 2018: 29th 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.



What's all the fuss about Godparents?

In understanding what Sacraments are, it is important to explain what they are not. First of all, they are not acts of private devotion. They are communal celebrations of the presence of God in our lives and in the life of the Church. This is why Sacraments are always celebrated in a Church, because that is where the community of faith gathers. Some exceptions are made for the Sacraments of the Sick and Penance. Marriage can be celebrated outside a church when a Catholic is marrying a Jewish person, or for some justifiable reason but only with the permission of the bishop.

Because membership in this “Community” is so important to us, it is necessary that new members (those about to be Baptized) must be “sponsored” into membership. Godparents are sponsors and members in good standing with the Church and who are agreeing to give children and their parents good example in the faith. It is this fundamental understanding of the responsibility which belongs to the godparent that has been lost and greatly misunderstood by many Catholics today.

It might surprise you to know that more than 40% of the kids being confirmed in our parish cannot ask their baptismal godparents to be their “sponsor” for Confirmation because they are either no longer a member of that family (because of divorce) or are no longer a Catholic (have joined some other church) or simply have dropped out of the Church and the life of that child.

Does this mean that we should lower our standards and accept anyone? Let me ask you this question: When, in writing your Will, you named legal guardians for your child in the event of your death, what criteria did you use? Were you just trying to “keep the peace in the family” or trying not to offend someone who might expect to be asked”? The same care should go into choosing the person who will be responsible for the faith of your child. Should your child have some kind of spiritual relationship with their godparents? Should they have someone they can go to with questions about their faith, someone their parents trust and who will not judge them? Every family has had to deal with this, and unfortunately it is not going to get any easier.

The sad reality is that we are finding more and more families, do not often practice their Catholic Faith and who want their children baptized. These families are having a difficult time finding anyone in their family (except a grandparent) who qualifies to be a sponsor. And so, if you are given the honor of being a godparent, here is what you need to do according to Canon (Church) Law:

- be suitable and willing to fulfill the role of sponsor
- be not less than 16 years of age and someone who has received both first Eucharist and Confirmation.
- who lives the life of faith which befits the role of godparent
- who is registered in a parish and who faithfully participates in the Eucharist on Sundays and Holy Days
- who, if married, has been married according to the laws of the Catholic Church

and, is living a life of good moral example.

In other words, a sponsor must be willing to “walk the walk, and talk the talk”. But, most importantly, the Sponsor is making a commitment to the child and is willing to lead this child to holiness, even if the parents fail in their responsibility.

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. The next open meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 25th at 7 PM** 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 22

8:00 AM – *Catherine Basile*

TUESDAY, October 23

8:00 AM – *Maurice Paiva*
by his family

WEDNESDAY, October 24

8:00 AM – *Paul McAdam*
by his wife

THURSDAY, October 25

8:00 AM – *Patrick McShane*
by Molly McShane Kelly

FRIDAY, October 26

8:00 AM – *Paul Bailey*
17th Anniversary by Maureen Bailey

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 27

5:00 PM – *Pauline Valliere*
by her daughter Paula

SUNDAY, October 28

7:00 AM – *Mildred Golding*
by a friend

8:30 AM – *Brian Lardner*
by Ed & Kathy Zajac

10:30 AM – *Madeline A. Reilly*
1st Anniversary by her family



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!



St. Bernard Parish Confirmation Class of 2018

On Saturday, October 20st Bishop Robert Evans, celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for 34 young members of our Parish. We welcome these candidates into full communion in the Church and in our Parish.

*Dana Bernier
Jaqueline Bohac
Rose Bohac
Michaela Buggy
Caitlyn Cain
Benjamin Clawson
Joseph Confessore
Mia Confessore
Celeste Daggett
Isabella DeGregory
Samuel Easter
Kristen Erb
Kseniya Farrell
Liam Farrell
Jacqueline Faulise
Stephen Hauser
Caroline Healey*

*Nathan Hoogasian
Madison Jones
William Klika, IV
Jacob Lanowy
Jessica Leighton
Lindsey Leighton
Ethan Masciarelli
Sophia Mazzone
Riley McDonald
William Medeiros
Aidan Moww
Colin Murphy
Matthew Pari
Gavin Pariseault
Audrey Redmond
Nicole Sammarco
Katherine Speltz*

Glorify

St. Bernard's will be hosting "Glorify" on Monday, November 5th from 7-9p.m. This event is open to the whole parish. Surrounding parishes have been invited as well. We would love to see you there! "Glorify" is an opportunity offered by Catholic Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Providence for adolescents and their families to experience the power of the presence of the Lord. "Glorify" is centered around Eucharistic Adoration and engaging faith-filled music. Each "Glorify" evening has a unique theme, live music, guest speaker, and culminates with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Sun 10/21	Flu Clinic, Parish Hall	8:00 AM
	Coffee & Donuts, Parish Hall	11:30 AM
	Haitian Project, Parish Hall	6:00 PM
Mon 10/22	SPRED, Parish Hall	6:00 PM
Wed 10/24	Children's Choir, Large Conference Room	5:30 PM
	Cub Scout Den Meeting, Parish Hall	6:00 PM
	Teen Choir, Large Conference Room	6:15 PM
	Men of St. Joseph, Small Conference Room	7:00 PM
Thu 10/25	Adult Choir, Large Conference Room	6:45 PM
	Open Meeting on Sexual Abuse, Parish Hall	7:00 PM
Sun 10/28	Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation), Parish Hall	5:00 PM
	Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1&2), Parish Hall	5:00 PM

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 **TODAY, 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.

Parish Support

	<u>October 7, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$8,179.00	\$7,246.00
ACH	\$1,438.00	\$1,899.00

	<u>October 14, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,087.00	\$7,508.00
ACH	\$2,293.00	\$2,098.00
YTD	\$148,749.50	\$146,219.50

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.

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).

LaSalle Academy Open House

October 28th 12:30 PM

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

Reminder: Confirmation 1 & 2 are required to sign in to record their attendance at weekly Mass in the book located in the gathering space. If you attend Mass at a different church, please return a signed bulletin to the Parish Center on a regular basis.

Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter

We are always in need of new socks, bath towels, and backpacks, twin-sized bedding, etc. Drop off items in the Church gathering space or at the Parish Center.

Quilt Raffle: Last Call.

On November 11 at the 8:30 Mass we will select a winner of this year version of the St Bernard Scholarship Quilt. This year's sampler quilt, our 35th, features 12 traditional patchwork and appliqué squares. Tickets are still being accepted until November 9^h and more are available by calling Kathy at 294-9351. Thank you for your continuing support.



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!

TODAY, 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.

Annual Coat Drive

Please drop off your **GOOD, USED COATS** at the Church or Parish Office to be distributed to those in need. For more information or to help, please contact the Parish Office at 295-0387.

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.