

Saint Bernard Church



October 28th, 2018: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Pastoral Assistant: Angelo Giacchi
Administrative Assistant: Michael Saunders
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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

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.



ALL SOULS' DAY

Why do we pray for the dead?

Historically, the Western tradition identifies the general custom of praying for the dead dating as far back as 2 Maccabees 12 in the Bible. The custom of setting apart a special day for intercession for certain of the faithful on November 2 was first established by St. Odilo of Cluny in France (d. 1048). From Cluny the custom spread to the other houses of the Cluny order and even to the Cistercian Monastery where St. Bernard was the abbot. The celebration was soon adopted in several dioceses in France and spread throughout the Western Church. It was not accepted in Rome until the 14th century, but soon became a feast celebrated throughout the world.

All Souls' Day commemorates the faithful departed. In Western Christianity, this day is observed principally in the Catholic Church, although some churches of the Anglican Communion and the Eastern Orthodox Churches observe a similar feast. The Catholic celebration is associated with the doctrine that the souls of the faithful who at death have not been completely cleansed from the temporal punishment due to sin and

from attachment to mortal sins cannot immediately attain the beatific vision of heaven, and they may be helped by our prayers to complete their journey to Heaven. This is why we have Masses said for the dead, so that we can help to make up for them what may have been lacking in them at the time of their death. It is a comfort to know that no one is excluded from heaven, just because they were not ready for it when they died, or had some "unfinished" business with God. Those who have totally rejected God and His mercy and who have lived in mortal sin, have already chosen to go to hell. Purgatory is not seen as a place of punishment and pain, but as a place filled with hope and the promise of heaven.

Our belief in Purgatory has also be the source of some controversy. There were, especially in the 16th Century, some flagrant abuses of the doctrine. Indulgences (a kind of time-off for good behavior) were being sold to raise funds to build the great Churches of Rome. The abuse of indulgences and the blatant and fraudulent practice of selling indulgences for money led Martin Luther to protest and break away from the Church. As is sometimes the case, Luther thru the baby out with the bath water. He began to teach that when you die you go to heaven or hell and that's it and we do not need to pray for the dead. And, from his version of the Bible he removed the books that referred to any form or praying for the dead. (The book of Maccabees does not appear in the Protestant Bible.)

All Souls Day is celebrated in much of the western world on November 2. And, while it is not a Holy Day of obligation, it is connected with the feast of All Saints which is celebrated on November 1. Many cultures also mark the day differently. In North America, Americans may say extra prayers or light candles or sign a "Book of the Dead" to remember their loved ones. In Mexico and in Latin America it is called "Dia de los Muertos" or Day of the Dead. People make visits to their family grave sites and leave flowers and sometimes food and have family picnics at the cemetery to celebrate those they are praying for. On this All Souls' Day, may those you have loved and lost see the face of God and live.

Fr. Jack

**IN CHRIST
WE
LIVE
FOREVER**

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL BOOK

A special "Memorial Book" has been placed in the front of the church, to the left of the altar for all those who died in the parish. Parishioners are welcome to write in the names of those they would like us to pray for during the month of November, the month of the Holy Souls. May our prayers help them find a home in Heaven.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, October 29

8:00 AM – *Gerard Fortin*
by his family

TUESDAY, October 30

8:00 AM – *Anna Keenan*

WEDNESDAY, October 31

8:00 AM – *Special Intention*

THURSDAY, November 1: All Saints

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*
7:00 PM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY, November 2: All Souls

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 3

5:00 PM – *Marsha Provost*
by her husband

SUNDAY, November 4

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Dr. Vito & Elda Coppa*
by their family

10:30 AM – *Janet Jakiela*
by Dan & Stephanie Ferriola



Baptism

On October 21, 2018

Bridget Louise Gustafson

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

Annual Finance Report and Annual Collection

This past week we mailed to all our registered parishioners a summary of our Annual Finance Report along with the Annual Collection appeal. **Please Note: If your last name begins with the letter “S” through “Z” there may be some confusion. Because of a computer “mail-merge” problem these letters were mailed out with the correct address but the wrong name.** If you have received one like this or if you have not received one at all, please call us at the office (295-0387) and we will get one right out to you. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

Please remember that this Annual Collection Appeal is the single most important collection held in our Parish each year. This Collection helps us bridge the gap between our ordinary income and our growing expenses. We thank you for all your generosity and for helping us make this such a great Parish Community.



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 10/28	Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation), Parish Hall	5:00 PM
	Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1&2), Parish Hall	5:00 PM
Sat 11/3	First Communion 1 & 2, Parish Hall	8:45 AM
Sun 11/4	Middle Grades: 3, 4, 5 Children's Mass Class, Parish Center	8:30 AM 9:30 AM

Treasures from Our Tradition

Today is the feast of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, the first representative body of many Catholics who died for their faith between 1535 and 1679 to be beatified or canonized. Almost all of them died at Tyburn, a place of public execution near today's Marble Arch in Hyde Park, London. The first to suffer were Carthusian monks who refused to swear an oath supporting Henry VIII as supreme head of the Church in England, and the last was Saint Oliver Plunkett, the Primate Archbishop of Ireland. The method of execution was particularly vile, since the condemned were hanged and their living bodies quartered to be displayed around London as a horrific warning.

Today, the tree-like gallows provides the design of a religious symbol, the canopy over the altar of the martyrs in Tyburn Convent. There, at the heart of the bustling city, a monastic community of women practices contemplative prayer and "spiritual hospitality" in the Benedictine tradition. Oddly, the community is French in origin; it was expelled from France a century ago when France outlawed contemplative monastic life. England, where the laws against Catholicism had been lifted, invited the community in. In gratitude to their new homeland, and in honor of those who gave their lives for the Catholic faith, the nuns came to Tyburn. In the public crypt, coats of arms stand for each of the 350 martyrs. A Web site visit is possible at www.tyburnconvent.org.uk.

Parish Support

	<u>October 14, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,087.00	\$7,508.00
ACH	\$2,293.00	\$2,098.00
	<u>October 21, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,219.00	\$7,596.50
ACH	\$1,828.00	\$1,901.00
YTD	\$156,796.50	\$155,397.00

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.

National Vocation Awareness Week

November 4-10, 2018 marks **National Vocation Awareness Week**. Each year the Church sets this week aside "to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations." Please pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Providence. If you are discerning priesthood and have questions, please contact Fr. Christopher Murphy at the Office of Vocations by phone at (401) 331-1316, by email at Father-CJM@gmail.com, or visit CatholicPriest.com.

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

TODAY Sunday, October 28th
First Class: 5:00 PM in the Parish Center
Mass: 6:30 PM (All Grades)
Next Class November 18th

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.

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 9th and more are available by calling Kathy at 294-9351. Thank you for your continuing support.

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.

Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter

We are always in need of new socks, bath towels, and backpacks, twin-sized bedding, hats, gloves, and cans of coffee, etc. Drop off items at the Parish Center or contact the office at 295-0387 for more information.

Shelter Guests Receive Assistance with:

- SNAP (Food Stamps) Applications
- Shower Facilities & Hygiene Products
- Access to Clothing Room
- ID Vouchers
- Obtaining Health Insurance
- Mental Health Referrals & Recovery Support
- Employment Search & Resumes
- Apartment Hunting & Applications
- Referrals to Diocese's Immigration Office
- Case Management Services & After Care
- Ability to take part in Community Garden



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!

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. Items can be placed in the Church entrance.