

Saint Bernard Church



November 4th, 2018: 31st 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.



In Shakespeare's play, "The Merchant of Venice", one of the darkest and most sinister characters ever created appears and he is Shylock, the Jew. People of Shakespeare's time knew very few Jews. At that time, most Jews had been driven from England and not allowed to settle there or work there. To the English of the 1500's Shylock was simply a Jew, a despised creature. He belonged to the race which had crucified Christ and he was judged as an unfair usurer of other people's money. And although the English people knew few Jews, they were aware that at that time thousands of Jews were being tortured and put to death in the Spanish Inquisition. Shakespeare portrays Shylock as an angry Jew who is determined to punish the Christian society of Venice in retribution for the way they had treated him. This is demonstrated in the "pound of flesh" he demands of Antonio who has borrowed money from him.

For many centuries, and to its shame, the Catholic Church and other Christian Churches perpetuated this derogatory and negative image of the Jewish people especially in Europe. Jews were forced to live in "ghettoes" within large cities because they were not allowed to own land or join in the mainstream of city life. The Nazi death camps of World War II were an attempt to exterminate them completely. And this long history of prejudice and the bigotry that accompanies it has lingered long and deep even in our own American culture. Now, and with frightening violence, it seems to have broken out of its dark hiding place.

The killings last weekend at the *Tree Of Life Synagogue* in Pittsburg is a tragedy that should never have happened. If we have learned anything from it, we have been reminded that deep within us all there is some bit of that history which causes us to hold some people as less than equal to us and we find it easy to blame them for all the things that go wrong for us. Rather than hold Jews in suspicion, we should take pride in the fact that our own faith has its roots in Judaism. This means that the Chosen People of Israel remain our brothers and sisters because we have a common father in Abraham and a shared faith that God watches over us all.

This week we stand together with all Jewish Americans in calling for an end to bigotry and violence in all its forms. We can no longer take for granted that we will be protected from those who have allowed hatred to grow large in their hearts. These people imagine that violence is the only answer to their problems. In a nation deeply divided by political ideologies and stirred up by inflammatory political rhetoric, we need to stand together as a people who are willing to use reason and openness to solve our differences. Let us begin in our own hearts and in our own homes and then reach out to each other.

Fr. Jack

A Prayer for Election Day

O God, we acknowledge You today as Lord, not only of individuals, but also of nations and governments. We thank You for Your law, which our founding fathers acknowledged and recognized as higher than any human law. We pray that Your people may come to know that they are called to be a community of faith renewing the world. Awaken in Your people a commitment to justice and to the dignity of each human life. We rejoice today that we are citizens of Your Kingdom, may that make us all the more committed to being faithful citizens on earth, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Don't Forget To Vote!



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 5

8:00 AM – *Deceased Members of the Miller & Cerilli families*
by Alberta Miller

TUESDAY, November 6

8:00 AM – *Mary Louise Walsh*

WEDNESDAY, November 7

8:00 AM – *Edward Keenan*

THURSDAY, November 8

8:00 AM – *Kelley Flanagan*
by a friend

FRIDAY, November 9

8:00 AM – *Catherine McComiskey*
by Sal & Linda SanFilippo
2:00 PM South County Nursing & Rehab Center

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 10

5:00 PM – *Fr. William Costello*
by Peter & Gudrun Cannon

SUNDAY, November 11

7:00 AM – *Thomas Flatley*
by his wife

8:30 AM – *Ryan Cole*
by SPRED

10:30 AM – *Miles Dodd*



Love God with all of your heart

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Rev. Dennis Reardon Congratulations on Your Retirement!

Our prayers and best wishes go to Fr. Dennis Reardon, who served St. Bernard's as pastor from 2001 until 2010. Fr. Reardon was challenged with building our beautiful parish church and he served the families of our parish with love and great pastoral care. We wish him well as he now retires from active administration at his parish in Woonsocket. We hope that he is able to enjoy serving now as a "Senior Priest". If you wish to send him a greeting you may do so and send it to

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Woonsocket, RI 02895



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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 11/4	Middle Grades: 3, 4, 5 Children's Mass Class, Parish Center	8:30 AM 9:30 AM
	Confirmation 1 Make Up Re- treat, Parish Center	5:00 PM
Mon 11/5	SPRED, Parish Hall	6:00 PM
	Glorify, Church	7:00 PM
Wed 11/7	Children's Choir, Large Confer- ence Room	5:30 PM
	Cub Scout Den Meeting, Parish Hall	6:00 PM
	Teen Choir, Large Conference Room	6:15 PM
Thu 11/8	Morning Mass Coffee 'An, Par- ish Hall	8:30 AM
	Adult Choir, Large Conference Room	6:45PM
Sat 11/10	Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat, Parish Hall	9:00 AM

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.

Parish Support

	<u>October 21, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,219.00	\$7,596.50
ACH	\$1,828.00	\$1,901.00

	<u>October 28, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$7,393.50	\$6,244.50
ACH	\$1,588.00	\$1,809.00
YTD	\$166,299.00	\$163,102.00

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.

Annual Collection

This past week a copy of the Annual Parish Financial Report was mailed to all of our active parishioners along with an appeal for our **Annual Collection**. This is the single most important collection of the year because it helps us meet the many needs we have which are not funded by the regular Sunday Collections. Please be as generous as your means allow, and we ask in a special way that those who do not contribute regularly to the support of the parish might consider using this as an opportunity to make at least one annual gift to your parish and donations will be accepted until December 31st. A more detailed version of the Finance Report is available on the Parish Web Site and you are always welcome to call the office with any questions you might have.

Sacramental Preparation

Religious Education Schedules

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

Saturday, December 1st 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, November 18th
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.

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.