

Saint Bernard Church



November 11th, 2018: 32nd 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

Address: 275 Tower Hill Road
North Kingstown, RI 02852
Phone : 401-295-0387
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Web: www.stbernardnk.org
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.



*“It is essentially the parish which gives the Church concrete life, so that she may be open to all. Whatever its size, it is not merely an association. It must be a **home** where the members of the Body of Christ gather together, and, are open to meeting God the Father, are full of love, and embrace the Savior,
Parish members are incorporated into the Church by the Holy Spirit at the time of their Baptism, and are ready to accept their brothers and sisters with fraternal love, whatever their condition or origins.”*

- Saint John Paul, II

We, like many parishes around the country, are struggling with serious issues. Some are trying to adjust to a great influx of new immigrants. Others do not have a full time priest and are able to offer Mass only a few times a month. Some parishes in the inner cities are barely surviving because of a lack of funding; while others, in the South, Southwest and Midwest are growing so rapidly that they cannot build churches fast enough.

We in the Northeast, the “rust belt”, are experiencing a great downsizing in the Church. Within the past year the Archdiocese of New York announced that they will be closing 33 parishes and 112 parishes will merge. Large parishes, schools and institutions built during the booming years of the 1950’s and 1960’s are too large to fully utilize and too old to maintain. Many of our Catholics are either moving to other parts of the country or are no longer supporting the church, leaving a relatively small number of parishioners to bear the burden of taking care of large and ageing properties.

In the future many adjustments will have to be made to the way we fund and operate our parishes, but the essential purpose of a parish remains what St. John Paul II called it, a “*home where the members of the Body of Christ gather together....*”

At St. Bernard’s Parish we are truly blessed to have a number of families who have been here many years and who have been the “pillars” of our parish. Together with many newly registered families who bring new life to the parish, we enjoy the participation of a large number of people, who together make this one of the most active parishes in the area.

If a parish is to succeed, however, we must first have good communication among the members of the parish. At this time the most effective tool we have for this purpose is the Parish Bulletin. It amazes me how many people don’t read the Bulletin and then tell us that things are happening that they “don’t know about”. This seems even stranger when, on rare occasions, there is a small typographical error in the Bulletin and the parish office gets 8 phone calls telling us about it. Even families who go away for the weekend, can go to our web site and read the latest bulletin on-line.

Soon our Pastoral Council will hold its first formal meeting of the year next Saturday. One of the concerns to be addressed is how to better communicate with our parishioners so that everyone feels they are included. It will be a challenge, but I truly believe it can be done. And we ask for your prayerful support.

Fr. Jack

We Welcome New Parishioners

If you are new to the area and would like to register in the parish, please visit us at **www.stbernardnk.org** or call the parish office at 295-0387.
There is a lot to get involved in here and we would love to have you join us.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 12

8:00 AM – *Deno Bogdanos*
by Sal & Linda Sanfilippo

TUESDAY, November 13

8:00 AM – *Timothy & Mary O'Mara*

WEDNESDAY, November 14

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, November 15

8:00 AM – *Otto Goldstein*

FRIDAY, November 16

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 17

5:00 PM – *Tomassina DiBiasio*
by her family

SUNDAY, November 18

7:00 AM – *Norma Ryan*
by her family

8:30 AM – *Mortimer Walsh*

10:30 AM – *Jeanne Thompson*

by Pat Newell & Gerry Grabowski



St. Bernard's Thanksgiving Food Drive

Help us stock the shelves at the North Kingstown Food Pantry and make a great Holiday Feast for those who need our help! The Pantry has given us a list of the items they are especially in need of.

Here's What You Can Bring to Church next Weekend

Pancake Mix, Hamburger Helper, Canned Corn & Vegetables, Rice-A-Roni, Hearty Soups, Grocery Store Gift Cards, Pasta, Any Non-perishable food items, (must be in date).

K of C Breakfast (Public Invited)

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, **TODAY** Sunday, November 11th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Eggs - Scrambled or Fried, Bacon, Home Fries, Baked Beans, Pumpkin Pancakes, Breakfast Pastries, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.



Coffee & Donuts and Medicare Enrollment

Our next Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for November 18 after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. Come spend some time socializing with your fellow parishioners.

Oct. 15-Dec. 7, 2018 is the Annual Enrollment Period for Medicare. There are enhancements to existing plans and new plans available. On Nov 18 during coffee and donuts after the 10:30 Mass we will have a licensed representative available to answer your questions, review existing plans and explain new plans.



Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Mon 11/12	Veterans' Day Observed Parish Office Closed	
Wed 11/14	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
Thu 11/15	Adult Choir , Large Conference Room	6:45PM
	Baptism Class , Parish office	7:00 PM
Sat 11/17	Pastoral Council , Parish Hall	9:30 AM
Sun 11/18	Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation) , Parish Hall	5:00 PM
	Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1&2) , Parish Hall	5:00 PM



***Veterans' Day Weekend
Pray for those who have served so valiantly.
Our Parish Office will not be open on
Monday, November 12.***

Parish Support

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

	<u>November 4, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$8,631.00	\$9,537.50
ACH	\$2,158.00	\$1,948.00
YTD	\$178,742.00	\$176,766.00

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

Recently 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. If you did not receive a copy of the report, please contact us and we will get one out to you.

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, December 2nd
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.

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.

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 Church gathering space. 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!

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 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.