

Saint Bernard Church



November 18th, 2018: 33rd 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
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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.



As the Thanksgiving Feast approaches we are a grateful parish for all those who have been so good to us and so very generous with their time and talents. We are grateful to all who serve: Our hard-working Parish Staff and Office Volunteers, Teachers of Religion, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Ushers, Finance Council Members, Volunteers for our many events, Scholarship Fund Committee, Youth Group, Choir, both adult and teen, our faithful Money Counters, those who clean the church and our many benefactors and donors. And to all who are so good to their parish in many ways, we say –

THANKS!

We joke about Thanksgiving Day as being a day of stuffed turkeys and stuffed people. It is also a holiday we can be justly proud of as Americans. It is a moment set aside, almost miraculously, for grateful recognition of God's important place in our lives. It is even more interesting in a country where we honor most the self-sufficient individual – the man or woman who can “do it all by themselves”, like John Wayne did. How odd of us to stop congratulating ourselves for one day and turn to another, or rather “The Other” and recognize what He has done for us and what great gifts He has given to us.

It is also interesting that Thanksgiving Day has become not only a national holiday for Catholics but an unofficial Holy Day. But then it should not surprise us for the Mass is a very proper place for “giving thanks”. The word “Eucharist”, which is of Greek origin, means “thanksgiving”. Our entire Mass is a prayer of thanks to the Lord for His goodness to us, so why not celebrate it around God's table before sitting around our tables at home. We are God's family and we have good reason to give thanks. May your family holiday meal be truly joyful and filled with peace, the peace that comes first from the Lord's Table.

Fr. Jack

WE THANK YOU LORD.....

*For remembering and forgetting,
For patient friends and challengers,
For the hands of nurses, doctors and surgeons,
For love letters and Shakespeare,
For those who died in senseless wars,
For police officers, fire fighters and hospital volunteers,
For priests and teachers and religious women and men
who taught us how to recognize God's love,
For our mothers and fathers, and the sisters and brothers we fought with in love.
For the children who have gone their life's way,
For poets and prophets and dreamers,
For those who ask “How?” and “Why?” and “Why not?”
For those who dare and those who guard,
For those who have forgiven us,
And those we must forgive today.*

AMEN, AND A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 19

8:00 AM – *Special Intention*

TUESDAY, November 20

8:00 AM – *Lois Smith*

WEDNESDAY, November 21

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, November 22

8:30 AM – *Mass of Thanksgiving*

FRIDAY, November 23

8:00 AM – *Ann Kosak*
by her family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 24

5:00 PM – *Donald Barker*
by his wife Margherita

SUNDAY, November 25

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Lawrence O'Connell*
by his family

10:30 AM – *Dee Anne Devine*
Birthday Remembrance



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.

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).

*Accepting Last Minute Donations
between 5 PM and 6 PM tonight*



If your family, or any family you know, needs help with gifts this Christmas, please contact the parish center at 295-0387 or email: sbc.pa@verizon.net.

Quilt Winner



Congratulations to John Donahue, winner of the 2018 scholarship quilt. Thank you all who continue supporting the Scholarship Fund and a

special thank you to ladies who made this year's gorgeous quilt possible; Kathy Biron, Peg Fitzpatrick, Loretta Krebel, Pat Livernois, and Karen Walsh.



*Join us for our parish Mass of Thanksgiving
on Thursday at 8:30 AM
The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday
And Friday because of the Holiday*

Announcements

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>		
Sun 11/18	Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation), Parish Hall	5:00 PM
	Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1&2), Parish Hall	5:00 PM
Tue 11/20	RCIA Reception, Parish Office	6:30 PM
Wed 11/21	Children's Choir, Large Conference Room	5:30 PM
	Teen Choir, Large Conference Room	6:15 PM

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

November is a month of remembrance for the dead, and cemeteries have long been a focus for prayer. Our tradition holds great respect for bodily remains, since the body was created and redeemed by God, was once the "dwelling place of the Holy Spirit," and has a destiny of life with God in glory. The funeral practices of the early church contrasted greatly with those of the pagans, who had a great dread of the dead body. The ancient Christian funeral liturgy ended with the relatives and friends giving a final kiss to the body. It expressed affection and showed their faith that the grave would not be the last word. This kiss horrified pagans, who thought that any contact with the dead was degrading.

Every year on their loved one's "birthday to life," the Christians would return to the place of their burial to mark their profound communion with those whose lives were hidden in Christ. Typically, they buried the dead with their faces turned toward the east, symbolizing the rising of the Sun of Justice, Christ, at the end of days. They were attracted to the catacombs or burial grounds just as we are today. They would often celebrate the Eucharist at the tomb. Before long, as soon as Christians were allowed to build places for worship, they relocated cemeteries from beyond the city walls to surround the church. This was not so much because the church made the ground holy, but because the bodies of the saints hallowed the ground on which the church was built, a subtle but beautiful difference.

Parish Support

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

	<u>November 11, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$9,369.50	\$9,513.50
ACH	\$1,757.00	\$2,516.00
YTD	\$191,193.50	\$188,737.50

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.

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)
Next Class December 9th

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

**Reception in the Parish Office on
Tuesday, November 20th at 6:30 PM.**

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 **TODAY** 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.