

Saint Bernard Church



November 25th, 2018: Feast of Christ the King

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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.



Today's Gospel reminds us of the end of time by drawing our attention to the last moments of Christ's earthly life. He was crucified on the cross between two thieves, for claiming to be a king, yet the only crown he wore was braided with thorns.

While earthly kings rule from palaces, Christ the King reigns from the cross. His Kingdom is not a place, but a people who give their hearts lovingly to Him by shaping their lives according to His will.

For those among us who have lost sight of the truth that heaven is our final destination, the feast of Christ the King invites us to start living our lives as Jesus taught us to live them. In all we do we seek to grow more like Christ, for He becomes our King only when we give Him our allegiance. In practice we often withhold that loyalty. How many of us can truthfully say of family life that Christ is the head of our house, the unseen guest at every meal and the silent listener to every conversation.

To recognize Christ as the King of our lives may mean a change of heart, like the good thief hanging on the cross next to Jesus, and a more honest approach in our way of living. The Kingdom of Christ is made real by allowing God to do His work in us and through us. May we find the courage to begin to answer His call and find our rightful place in His Kingdom.

Fr. Jack



ADVENT SCRIPTURE
STUDY

"The Scriptures of Advent,
a Season of Hope"

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering a 3 week Advent Scripture Study program Wednesday mornings immediately after the 8 AM Mass beginning December 5th. We will be exploring the wonders of the Advent and Christmas Seasons as seen through the words of Holy Scripture. All of our parishioners are invited to join us.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 26

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

TUESDAY, November 27

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEDNESDAY, November 28

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, November 29

8:00 AM – *David Normann*
by the Nannig family

FRIDAY, November 30

8:00 AM – *Leo Lemoi*
First Anniversary by his family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 1

5:00 PM – *Milton Tarbox*
by his wife

SUNDAY, December 2

7:00 AM – *Nancy Bliss*

8:30 AM – *Yvonne Crowley*

10:30 AM – *George Duane Martensen*

by George & Beverly Hathaway



Save the Date!

*St Bernard Parish
Family
Christmas Party*

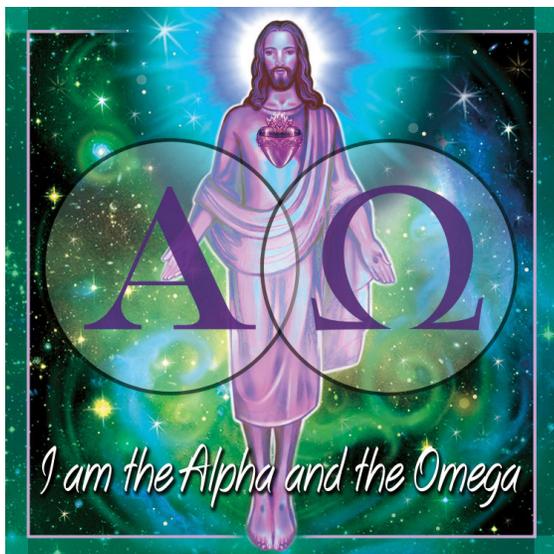
Sunday December 16th

4:00–7:00PM in the Parish Hall

More Details to Follow



The Giving Tree will be up this weekend. All you need to do is take a tag and purchase the requested gift. The tag should be attached to the gift and placed under the tree by the date on the tag or Sunday December 16th. For some individuals it will be their only gift so we need time to process them well before Christmas. If you cannot, for any reason, fulfill the requested item, please return the tag to the tree or the Parish Office as soon as possible.



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St Mark's, Jamestown *Christmas Festival*

All are welcome to begin the Christmas season by the attending the annual St Mark Christmas Festival to be held on Saturday, December 1st from 9:00 - 2:00 at 60 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown. The festival will offer a Christmas raffle, Santa's Workshop, baked table including a cookie walk, basket raffles, greenery, handcrafted, gift/jewelry and religious items. The cafe will be selling breakfast and luncheon items. Please call 423-1421 for further information.

Announcements

| <u>Upcoming Meetings</u> | | |
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| Mon 11/26 | SPRED , Parish Hall | 6:00 PM |
| Tue 11/27 | Christmas Party Committee , Small Meeting Room | 6:30 PM |
| Wed 11/28 | Legion of Mary , Small Meeting Room | 9:00 AM |
| | Children's Choir , Large Meeting Room | 5:30 PM |
| | Teen Choir , Large Meeting Room | 6:15 PM |
| | Men of St. Joseph , Small Meeting Room | 7:00 PM |
| Thu 11/27 | Adult Choir , Large Meeting Room | 6:45 PM |
| Sat 12/1 | First Communion 1 & 2 , Parish Center | 8:45 AM |
| Sun 12/2 | Middle Grades: 3, 4, 5 | |
| | Children's Mass Class , Parish Center | 8:30 AM 9:30 AM |

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 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.

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.

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, December 9th
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, 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

Treasures from Our Tradition

Although our Puritan forebears at Plymouth Rock were almost a hundred years removed from their Catholic roots, the old liturgical calendar still had an unconscious claim on their hearts. We've already seen how on Saint Martin's Day, November 11, medieval continental Europe observed a great harvest day of Thanksgiving, with games, dances, parades, and a festive dinner of roast goose. With the goose went ample draughts of "Saint Martin's Wine," the first wine of the new harvest. Martinmas celebrated full barns and larders stocked for the winter. Even after the Reformation, the tradition of eating goose on Saint Martin's Day was retained in Holland, and it was there that our Pilgrims encountered this tradition. When Governor Bradford sent four hunters out into the Massachusetts wilderness in the autumn of 1621, they did indeed find some geese and ducks, and were persuaded by the indigenous people to try turkey, too.

Just as the liturgical calendar has been tweaked over the years, President Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the third Thursday in November in 1939, probably to extend the Christmas shopping season. The protest was so great that in 1941 the day established by President Lincoln, the last Thursday in November, was restored. If the Pilgrims had known of the Martinmas connection, they might never have celebrated at all!



Holiday Food Drive

The Holidays are a time of plenty for some and a time of need for others. Let us remember those who do not have enough and who struggle to feed their families during these festive days. Please bring to Church with you non-perishable food items so that we can share them with those in need. All donations will help support the North Kingstown Food Pantry.



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.