

Saint Bernard Church



December 2, 2018: First Sunday of Advent

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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.

Come Lord Jesus!



The first Sunday of Advent is with us again, a curtain raiser, ushering in the new year of the church. The season has a twofold character. It is a preparation for celebrating Christ's birth among us and a reminder of his second coming in glory, at the end of time. When Christ was born, his arrival into our world went unnoticed except for Mary and a faithful few who were prayerfully waiting for the Messiah to come among them. They had read the signs of the times correctly.

As a pilgrim people we celebrate in our Sunday Eucharist Christ's presence among us until he comes in glory. What type of a welcome are we giving Christ in our hearts if we are neglecting prayer, squandering money, bickering in the family or neglecting our health.

Advent is above all a time to deepen our friendship with God by thinking of his great love for us in sending his Son as our Savior. It's only fitting that in return we should show our love for him. If we do so our vision of Christ will become clearer and a driving force in our lives.

Fr. Jack

Blessing the Advent Wreath

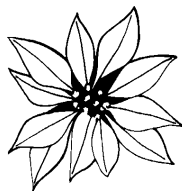


On the First Sunday of Advent it is customary to bless the family's Advent Wreath. Here is a prayer you can use for your family's wreath:

Let us pray:

The earth, O Lord, rejoices in these days, and Your Church overflows with joy before Your Son, the Lord, who draws near as a radiant light to shine upon those who sit in the darkness of ignorance, sorrow and sin. Now as we begin the time of preparation for Your Son's coming, we ask, O Lord, that as this wreath grows in splendor with the increase of its candles' light, so You will illumine us with the splendor of Him, who, coming as the light of the world, will scatter all darkness, for He lives and reigns forever and ever. AMEN.

Flowers for Christmas



We are accepting donations for flowers to decorate the altar for Christmas. Donations may be made in memory of loved ones. The names of the deceased will be published on the weekend after Christmas.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 3

8:00 AM – *Marcelle Vento*
by her daughter, Madeleine

TUESDAY, December 4

8:00 AM – *Joseph Montecalvo*
by his family

WEDNESDAY, December 5

8:00 AM – *Hermine Hienerwadel*
by her family

THURSDAY, December 6

8:00 AM – *Catherine Gallagher*
by a friend

FRIDAY, December 7

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*
7:00 PM – *Suzanne Carcieri*
by Frank Connor

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 8

8:00 AM – *Suzanne Carcieri*
5:00 PM – *Philip Valliere*
by his daughter, Paula

SUNDAY, December 9

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*
8:30 AM – *Adele Conticello*
5th Anniversary by her family
10:30 AM – *Brian Lardner*

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Masses are :
Vigil, Friday, 12/7 at 7:00 PM
Saturday, 12/8 at 8:00 AM



St. Bernard's Family Christmas Party

Sunday, December 16th
4 PM to 7 PM
in the Parish Hall

Our newly formed *Community Outreach Committee*, a group of enthusiastic parishioners have offered to host a Parish Family Christmas Party. This event will be free and ALL our parishioners – families with children, young adults and high school students and the more “seasoned” members of the Parish are all invited. There will be a variety of activities for all ages including a Christmas Carol Sing-along, plenty of refreshments and a “Secret Santa Shop” for the little ones. Please set this date aside and plan to spend at least part of that evening with us so that our Parish Family can celebrate together these great days of Christmas Cheer.



Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is now in the Church gathering space. 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.



Baptism

On November 25, 2018

Lillianna Lake Couture
Landon Jane Henry

were welcomed to our parish through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate their parents.

Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

Sun 12/2	Middle Grades: 3, 4, 5 Children's Mass Class, Parish Center	8:30 AM 9:30 AM
Mon 12/3	Family Christmas Party Com- mittee , Small Meeting Room	6:30 PM
Wed 12/5	Children's Choir , Large Meeting Room	5:30 PM
	Teen Choir , Large Meeting Room	6:15 PM
Thu 12/6	Adult Choir , Large Meeting Room	6:45 PM
Sun 12/9	Grades 6 & 7 (Pre- Confirmation) , Parish Hall	5:00 PM
	Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1&2) , Parish Hall	5:00 PM

K of C Breakfast (Public Invited)

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, December 9th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Eggs - Scrambled or Fried, Sausage, French Toast, Home Fries, Baked Beans, Breakfast Pastries, Christmas Streusel, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.00, children 6 and under are free.

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** 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.

Parish Support

	<u>November 18, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$6,678.00	\$7,149.50
ACH	\$1,742.00	\$2,193.00

	<u>November 25, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$7,247.50	\$6,782.50
ACH	\$1,447.00	\$1,608.00
YTD	\$209,420.00	\$206,450.50

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, January 5th 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Class (8:45 AM arrival time)
First Communion 2: First Penance 10:30 AM

Grades 3, 4, 5:

Sunday, December 2nd
Children's Mass 8:30 AM
Class-9:30-11:30 AM in the Parish Center
Next Class: January 6th

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.



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.

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

Monsignor Clarke School's Annual Christmas Festival Sunday, December 2nd 9am - 3pm

Bring your walking shoes because there is a lot to see while you support the PTO's biggest fundraiser of the year! Gift Basket Sale, Book Fair, Raffles including Themed baskets, Food, Lots of Vendors, Visits with Santa and Kids Games and Activities.



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.