

Saint Bernard Church



December 16, 2018: Third 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.



Coming Home to the Manger

At this point in the season of Advent, many families are going through all the stored Christmas decorations to find the old family Manger Scene. Here is some information you might want to share with your family to make the Manger in your home a more special and holy place this year.

Tradition credits St. Francis of Assisi with creating and popularizing the manger scene. Many homes display a manger scene during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Making the Manger a focus of family prayer makes it into more than just another holiday decoration.

During the early part of Advent, set aside time when family members can set up the Manger together. As you take out each of the figures, explain their role in preparing for the welcoming of the Christ Child. Be sure to leave the crib empty, waiting until Christmas Eve to place the child Jesus there. The empty crib will serve as a reminder that we are still waiting for the coming of Jesus. You may also want to wait until Christmas to display the Wise Men, or you could place them on the other side of the room, then move them closer to the crib as the Feast of Epiphany approaches.

Our parish too has a Manger Scene, or should I say, two Manger Scenes. In addition to the beautiful and warmly inspiring scene inside the Church we now have one outside the church as well.

Finally, there is an old Christian custom, or at least there was in my house when I was a child, whereby children are allowed to open one (1) gift after Christmas Eve Mass or after visiting the homes of grandparents or relatives. This one gift would represent the gift they have brought to the Christ Child and all other gifts are opened in the morning. Also on Christmas Eve we would say a prayer before the Manger in our home, then the kids go to bed for a "long winter's nap."

A Family Prayer before the Manger



Loving God, as we stand before this manger, help us to make a place for Your Son in our home and in our hearts. Help us to welcome Him by being kind to one another and reaching out to those who need us. May we make a fitting home for Him, who has prepared a home for us in His Eternal Kingdom. We thank You for the great gift of Jesus, in whose name we pray. AMEN.



Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: (Monday, December 24)

4:00 PM - Vigil Mass with Children's Choir

6:00 PM - Carol Singing

10:00 PM - Traditional Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: (Tuesday, December 25)

8:30 AM - Mass with music

10:30 AM - Mass with vocalist and instruments



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 17

8:00 AM – *Neil O'Donnell*
by his family

TUESDAY, December 18

8:00 AM – *Thomas Glaser*
by Ron Fiore

WEDNESDAY, December 19

8:00 AM – *Bernard Casey*
Birthday Remembrance by his family

THURSDAY, December 20

8:00 AM – *Roselle Page*
by the Pietras family

FRIDAY, December 21

8:00 AM – *Fenwick G. Gardiner*
by his family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, December 22

5:00 PM – *Kathleen Asher & Richard Collier, Jr.*
by their families

SUNDAY, December 23

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM – *Richard Johanson*

10:30 AM – *Domenic Conetta*
by his family



FEED THE HUNGRY

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you for all involved in the donating, packing, and sorting of food for our Thanksgiving Food Drive to the North Kingstown Food Pantry. We successfully donated 1,049 pounds of non-perishable food for our community. Thank you!

Christmas Vigil Mass



Christmas Eve
Family Mass
with a special program for the children.

December 24, 2017 at 4pm

For those children who have been assigned a role in the children's program:

There will be a REHEARSAL

on Monday December 17th at 6:00 pm in the Church.

We will be fitting costumes, rehearsing parts, and practicing the readings.

Please arrive on time.



"Let the little children come to me..."
MATTHEW 19:14

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children between the ages of 4 and 11 are welcome to join us each week for the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 Mass. Children are dismissed to the Holy Family Room for the readings and a "child friendly" homily. They return to their families at collection.



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.

Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

Sun 12/16	Family Christmas Party , Parish Hall	4:00 PM
Mon 12/17	Christmas Vigil Mass Rehearsal , Church	6:00 PM
Wed 12/19	Advent Scripture Study , Large Meeting Room	8:30 AM
	Children & Teen Choir , Large Meeting Room	5:30 PM
	Cub Scouts , Parish Hall	6:00 PM
	Men of St. Joseph , Small Meeting Room	7:00 PM
	Baptism Class , Parish Office	7:00 PM
Thu 12/20	Adult Choir , Large Meeting Room	6:45 PM

Ministry Schedule

The December 24, 2018 through March 31, 2019 schedule for servers, lectors and ministers has been issued. If you have not received it, please contact Angelo at the parish office.



Nativity Lighting

You are invited to attend the 6th Annual Nativity Lighting at the Rhode Island Statehouse (in the Rotunda) on Wednesday, December 19th from 3 to 4 PM. There will be Carol Singing and Refreshments.

This event is presented by the “joy to the World Nativity Committee” and is sponsored by The Thomas More Society and Media sponsors Relevant Radio and The Rhode Island Catholic.

Parish Support

	<u>December 2, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$7,680.00	\$8,865.00
ACH	\$1,925.00	\$1,913.00

	<u>December 9, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Basket	\$7,632.00	\$6,247.50
ACH	\$1,512.00	\$2,438.00
YTD	\$230,927.00	\$226,655.00

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

Weather related Class Cancellations!

Please log on to www.turonto10.com, the local TV/
Radio Channels and our website
www.stbernardnk.org for updates

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

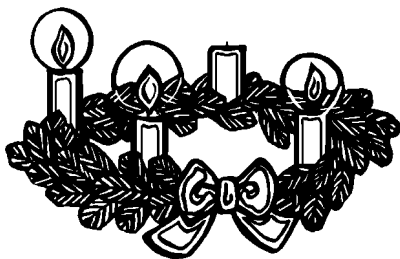
Grades 3, 4, 5:

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

Grades 6 & 7 and Confirmation 1 & 2

Sunday, January 27th
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.



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

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.

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. The second session will be December 12th. 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.