

# Saint Bernard Church



## December 30, 2018: Feast of the Holy Family

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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](http://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.



This week we will welcome the year 2019!  
In the biblical tradition of the New Year, we enjoy a golden opportunity to forgive wrongs, to set people free from whatever enslaves them, to lift people out of debt, even to release them from debts they rightly owe. Clearly, this New Year will take a lot of work! In setting the world straight, we will also preach the Gospel of life and mercy. We celebrate New Year's Day within the Season of Christmas which begins at Christmas in 2018 and ends with the Feast of Epiphany, 2019. The timing reflects an understanding of the Twelve Days of Christmas as a time, like New Year's Day itself, to make all things new.

The New Year should begin by our making peace with our nearest and dearest. As the year begins, it's customary for members of a family to bless one another and for friends and relatives to drop by, as if the whole world is hosting an open house. Just sing the jolly carol "Deck the Halls", and you'll catch the spirit!

The following blessing can be prayed by the whole family this week when you change calendars.

### **Blessing of the New Year**

God of time and of eternity,  
with Christmas joy we praise you  
for the year gone by  
and for the year we have begun.

It is a year of new beginnings!  
Your son comes among us  
to bring glad tidings to the poor  
and to proclaim a year  
acceptable in Your sight.  
Knit us in harmony and love,  
we who are flesh of His flesh.

Fill this holy year with mercy and compassion,  
with prosperity and accord,  
as we join the angels  
in proclaiming Your praise:  
Glory in heaven and peace on earth,  
now and forever. *AMEN.*

***HAPPY NEW YEAR! - Fr. Jack***

### **January 1st: Solemnity of Mary** **Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule**

Monday December 31st: 5:00 PM  
Tuesday January 1st: 10:30 AM



## Mass Intentions

### **MONDAY, December 31**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*  
5:00 PM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **TUESDAY, January 1**

10:30 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **WEDNESDAY, January 2**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **THURSDAY, January 3**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **FRIDAY, January 4**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY, January 5**

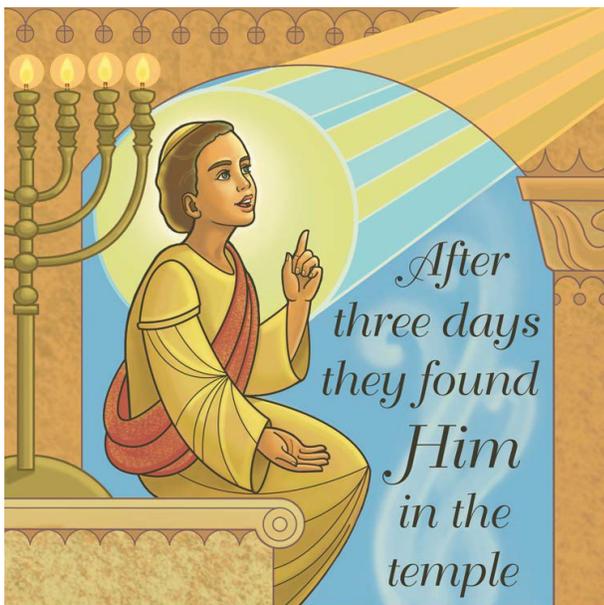
5:00 PM – *Linda Fargnoli*

### **SUNDAY, January 6**

7:00 AM – *Margaret Robinson*  
by Bob & Jane Viera

8:30 AM – *Members of the Bowen Family*

10:30 AM – *Richard Grabowski*  
by his family



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## Giving Tree



Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, more than 600 gifts were distributed through our **Giving Tree**. We have received numerous notes and calls from agencies and families expressing their heartfelt gratitude to us for making their Christmas easier in the face of their hardships.

*God Bless you!*



## Thanks for the Party



On Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our Parish's second Annual Parish Family Christmas Party. It was a great success and we all had a wonderful time getting together to celebrate the holidays with one another. We are truly grateful to the Event Committee who worked very hard to make it all happen:

*Nancy & Tony Scelsa  
Gerry Grabowski  
Irene Romanelli  
Vincenza Giacchi  
Shane and Megan Sullivan  
and*

*the great kids from our Confirmation Program  
and Stephanie Giacchi, our cookie decorator.*

Thank you also to the many people who donated items for us to eat or to win at raffles.

## Announcements

### Upcoming Meetings

<b>Sat 1/5</b>	<b>First Communion 1 &amp; 2, Parish Center</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>
	<b>First Reconciliation, Church</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Sun 1/6</b>	<b>Middle Grades: 3, 4, 5</b>	
	<b>Children's Mass Class, Parish Center</b>	<b>8:30 AM 9:30 AM</b>

### Treasures from Our Tradition

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

### Parish Support

	<u>December 9, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$7,632.00</b>	<b>\$6,247.50</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$1,512.00</b>	<b>\$2,438.00</b>

	<u>December 16, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$8,604.50</b>	<b>\$7,713.00</b>
<b>ACH</b>	<b>\$2,822.00</b>	<b>\$3,014.00</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$241,873.50</b>	<b>\$236,816.00</b>

### 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](http://www.stbernardnk.org), click on "Support your Parish" and follow the link to ParishSoft, Online Giving.

### Annual Collection

Our Annual Collection Appeal is coming to a close. 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://www.turonto10.com), the local TV/  
Radio Channels and our website  
[www.stbernardnk.org](http://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.

## Holiday Parish Office Hours

The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 31st and re-open at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.



### 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

## 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.

## 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.