

St. Bernard Church

Upcoming Meetings		
Sun.	SPRED, Rm. 6	9:30 am
Mon.	Parish Center Closed AA, Rm. 6	7:00 pm
Tues.	Bible Study, Conf. Rm. Yoga, Rm. 2 Women's Guild, Rm. 1 SPRED, Catechists Rm. 6	9:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Wed.	Safe Environment, Rm. 1 Marriage Prep, Rm. 2 AA, Rm. 6	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thurs.	Literacy Volunteers, Rm. 2 Yoga, Rm. 2 Foster Parenting, Rm. 1 Stewardship Committee, Rm. 2 Bible Study, Conf. Rm. Adult Choir, Church	9:30 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Fri.	AA, Rm. 1	7:00 pm
Sat.	Legion of Mary, Rm. 6 Over 50, Rm. 1	10:00 am 6:00 pm

Liturgical Readings		
Mon.	Jonah 1:1-2:2	Luke 10:25-37
Tues.	Jonah 3:1-10	Luke 10:38-42
Wed.	Jonah 4:1-11	Luke 11:1-4
Thurs.	Malachi 3:13-20b	Luke 11:5-13
Fri.	Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2	Luke 11:15-26
Sat.	Joel 4:12-21	Luke 11:27-28
Sun.	2Kings 5:14-17 2Timothy 2:8-13	Luke 17:11-19

STEWARDSHIP

When will I have given enough of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'"

Sunday Liturgy

Spend a small bit of time this week getting ready for the spiritual highlight of every Catholic's week, Sunday Mass. "web site": (<http://liturgy.slu.edu>).

PARISH SUPPORT		
	Actual	Budget
Sept. 29/30	\$6,647.00	
ACH	\$ 508.00	
Through 06/30/07	\$390,614.00	\$366,245.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •St. Bernard's offers parishioners the opportunity to make their budget contributions by Direct Debit. Call the Parish Center, 295-0387 for further information. •Many companies offer matching funds for donations to non-profit organizations. If you donate to St. Bernard's your company might match it! Please find out if your company has this policy. 		

Mass Intention

Mon. 8:00 am **Marilyn Ise** by Carole Battaglia
 Wed. 8:00 am **Steve & Elsie Knapik** by the Dilick family
 Fri. 8:00 am **James Hamby**, 1st Anniversary, by his family
 Sat. 5:00 pm **Alice Torres** by her husband
 Sun. 8:30 am **Anthony Perry** by the Perry family
 10:30 am **The Deceased and living friends of the Beaucaires**

Those who would like to bring the bread and wine to the altar, please call the Parish Center at 295-0387 to arrange.

The Parish Center will be closed Monday, October 8 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

Baptized but not Confirmed?

Is this you? Or somebody you know? For any number of reasons, baptized Catholics do not always complete their initiation into the Church. This is done through the Sacrament of Confirmation and receiving Holy Communion. This is a simple process of preparation that results in the satisfaction of participating fully in the sacramental life that Christ has given us for our joy and support. For information call Fr. Reardon.

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry has planned a spooky good time for the month of October. So, be frightfully scared. Any middle school student (Junior Group) interested in going to the Haunted Labyrinth, we will be hooking up with the youth group from St. Francis and going on Friday, 10/26. Adult chaperones are needed and details can be found on the church website. The Senior Posse (high school/college students only) will be doing something spooky for Halloween, as well on Saturday 10/27. Plans are in the works.

2008 Narragansett Bay Workcamp

We are KICKING OFF WORKCAMP with a Benefit Concert on October 21 at 6pm in the church. It will be featuring the contemporary Christian sounds of the Music Ministry, Sign of Life, from the St. John de Vianney Church in Cumberland. And for anyone who is interested in learning more or committing to helping out, there will be a reception immediately following to learn more and/or sign up to help with Workcamp, as well. Please join us.

Books & More

Full service hours today and October 28th, 9 AM to NOON. Check out the latest book arrivals for sale in the vestibule of Church Follow the self service instructions to make a purchase. **For Confirmation gift suggestions** and special orders call Deborah. A limited selection of Confirmation gifts is displayed in the Parish Center. Please take a gift catalogues above the case. **Parish Library Work Party** will be held Friday October 19th from 1-5 PM. Volunteers are needed to work for an hour or more to help rearrange the bookcases and process an overflow of recently donated books for our library. Confirmation students welcome. For more information, call Deborah at 885-6405.

From Father Dennis

Very early Sunday morning, October 7th, I will join five other members of our parish on a trip to Haiti to visit the **Louverture Cleary School**. This is the school we donate to throughout the year giving both money and other things that can serve a useful purpose. We will be accompanied by a staff member from The Haitian Project, the national organization that supports efforts to help maintain and improve the school. I think the six of us who travel from here are conscious both of our good fortune in being able to participate in this trip and also of the fact that we go as representatives of the entire parish community. It isn't just a trip. It is a mission. It is part of our good stewardship of all that is entrusted to us to build the kingdom of God. We go to strengthen our bond with the school community on all levels. Through our personal contact, conversation, and shared activities we hope to convey our interest in the students and faculty as people, as sisters and brothers in faith and in commitment to building a better, more equitable world. We want them to know that we have a genuine interest in them and in their future that goes beyond just sending monetary donations and collected goods. We expect to learn much from them about their hopes and aspirations and how we can be good partners with them in striving to realize their dreams. We hope to acquire a better understanding of the school's goals and how we can be better informed advocates for support of the school. Please keep us in your prayers. We thank you for your generous support of this trip and of the school itself. I'm sure we'll have a lot to share when we return on Friday night, October 12th.

Announcements

Generations of Faith!

The excitement begins October 14!
Joins us as we explore the Sacraments.

† **The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** will take place on Sunday October 14th in the Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul at 1:00 pm for couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries. St. Bernard parishioners, Barbara and William Arnold, John and Margaret Gibbons, and Harry and Norine Keenan, all of whom celebrated their 50th Anniversary this year, will be participating in this Mass. Congratulations! Please keep them in your prayers.

† **Annual Memorial Service:** St. Bernard parishioners, family and friends are invited to our annual Memorial Service on Tuesday, November 13 at 7 pm at the church. This nondenominational service is a moving tribute to those who have passed away during the past year. Candlelight, music and readings provide a special way of remembering those closest to us. If you have lost a loved one in the past year, please call the Parish Center at 295-0387 or email Judi at judidi@verizon.net.

† **For all volunteers working with children** in Religious Education or Youth Ministry (catechists, chaperones, classroom volunteers, etc.): Per Diocesan regulations, you must complete a BCI and go through the "Safe Environment" Training to work with youth. There is a training on Wednesday, October 10 at 7 PM in the Parish Center. Please bring a picture ID with you. Questions? Contact the Parish Center at 295-0387

† **Marriage Annulment Seminars:** The Diocese of Providence is offering informational seminars regarding the process of annulment. Sessions are free and no pre-registration is required. For further information or questions, contact the Tribunal office at 401-278-4666. All Seminars will be held at 7:00 pm:

Thurs., October 9th - St. Anthony, North Providence

Tues., October 16th - St. Martha, East Providence

Tues., October 30th - Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bristol

Tues., November 6th - St. Clement, Warwick

† **BIBLE STUDY:** Our current Scripture Study course entitled "Israel's Story, Part I" has begun. It's not too late to join us. The Tuesday morning group and the Thursday evening group will be discussing Lesson 1 which covers the highlights of the book of Genesis this coming week. If you would like more information or a copy of the book being used call Deborah at 885-6405 or email dlmccoy@cox.net. We will be meeting for the next six weeks.

HELP WANTED!!

Are you willing to share your Faith?

Catechists are needed for Grades 8 and 9. Training is provided. **Time commitment:** 2 hours a month on average. **Benefits include:** Strengthening your faith; meeting great people. Want to learn more? Join us for a brief informational meeting on Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center or call 295-0387.

Religious Education

Volunteer needed to help with a 1st grade student who is hearing impaired. Ideal candidate knows ASL and is available for 1 hour, 10 Sundays starting October 28. Contact the Parish Center.

Sacramental Preparation Classes: Classes for Grades 1, 2, 3, 8, and 9 start on Sunday, October 28. Catechists are contacting families this week to give class times. If you did **NOT** register for **GoF**, you are **NOT** registered for **Sacramental Preparation Class**. Call the Parish Center at 295-0387

Confirmation Candidates: All the forms you need are on the website. Check out the "Confirmation Corner"

Respect Life

Do you wonder? Do you regret? Rachels Vineyard Retreats are healing weekends designed to help those hurting from a past abortion experience to process and recover from their loss (es) Come meet Jesus and be made whole again. To register for the October retreat, or for more information, call Kris at 421-7833 x 119. All requests are confidential.

Bulletin Submission

Please submit bulletin materials directly to the Parish Office or e-mail to parishcenter@sbcwickford.org. Attn: Jane Allen. The deadline for submission is **Tuesday** by **5:00 pm**. Please take into consideration the cut off time and space limit.