

St. Bernard Church

Upcoming Meetings		
Sun.	SPRED, Rm. 6 Youth Ministry Concert, Church	9:30 am 6:00 pm
Mon.	Shingles Health Seminar, Rm. 1 AA, Rm. 6 Confirmation Sponsors, Rm. 1, 2,3 & 4	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm
Tues.	Bible Study, Conf. Rm. Yoga, Rm. 2 SPRED, Catechists Rm. 6	9:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm
Wed.	Marriage Prep, Rm. 2 Boy Scouts, Rm. 4 AA, Conference Rm. 6	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thurs.	Literacy Volunteers, Rm. 2 Yoga, Rm. 2 Foster Parenting, Rm. 1 Bible Study, Conf. Rm. Adult Choir, Church	9:30 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
Fri.	AA, Rm. 1	7:00 pm
Sat.	Legion of Mary, Rm. 6	10:00 am

Liturgical Readings		
Mon.	Romans 4:20-25	Luke 12:13-21
Tues.	Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21	Luke 12:35-38
Wed.	Romans 6:12-18	Luke 12:39-48
Thurs.	Romans 6:19-23	Luke 12:49-53
Fri.	Romans 7:18-25a	Luke 12:54-59
Sat.	Romans 8:1-11	Luke 13:1-9
Sun.	Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18	2Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

STEWARDSHIP

Today's theme is perseverance-Moses keeping his hands up-raised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we too must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

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		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Oct. 13/14	\$5,979.44	
ACH	\$ 508.00	
Through 09/30/07	\$104,066	\$113,661
<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 **Annette Murphy** by her niece Jane
 Tues. 8:00 am **Kathleen Sayers** by her sister Gerry
 Wed. 8:00 am **Joe Lewis** by the Dilick family
 Sat. 5:00 pm **Daniel & Margaret Smith** by Maureen Motherway
 Sun. 8:30 am **Paul Bailey** by his parish family
 10:30 am **Dee Anne Devine** by her parents

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

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. Please contact Dawn to confirm your spot. The Senior Posse (high school/college students only) will be doing something spooky for Halloween, as well on Saturday 10/27.

2008 Narragansett Bay Workcamp

We are KICKING OFF WORKCAMP with a Benefit Concert this Sunday evening 10/21, 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 and "Open the eyes of your heart" to Workcamp and all its pleasures.

Books & More

Next full service hours for our parish store are Oct. 28th from 9 AM to Noon. Books on Sacraments can be found in the vestibule of the Church with self-service instructions for making purchases. Confirmation gifts are displayed in the showcase by room 1 in the parish center. For suggestions or help making special orders for Confirmation gifts call Deborah at 885-6405 or email dlmccoy@cox.net.

Respect Life

On Sunday, October 28th in collaboration with the Office of Youth Ministry and Louise Dussault, the Respect Life Office will be offering the Human Life Guild Recognition Award to two youths following a 1 pm Mass at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be presenting the awards. A reception will following. If you would like to nominate a junior/ high school student call the Respect Life Office.

From Father Dennis

The mission trip to Haiti was a wonderful experience. We met at 3:00 AM on Sunday in the parish parking lot to begin the drive to Boston and from there the flights to Miami and Port Au Prince. We had stuffed two suitcases each with school materials and other useful items for the school. We weighed each piece of luggage to make sure that we stayed within the allotted fifty-pound limit. We packed our personal belongings in a carry-on. The very first piece of luggage to be weighed at the Logan (it happened to be mine) tipped the scale at 71 pounds. We looked at each other with horror at the thought of having to unpack some of the items. But as it turned out the woman who delivered the bad news was herself a Haitian and declared that our excessively heavy luggage posed no problem and required no additional payment. "After all," she said, "you're on a mission!" That not-so-small bit of good fortune set the tone for the entire trip. Things went smoothly for us from start to finish. It is difficult to single out one, two or even three moments as the highlights of our stay at the school. Each day brought new experiences, each to be treasured. The interactions with the students as well as with the volunteers and staff were both inspiring and affirming. I'll share a few of these memories in the weeks to come. --- On another topic: you may have read in the supplement to last week's bulletin that the proposal for the construction of our new church will be presented again to the town Zoning Board. Your presence at Tuesday's meeting would be a valuable sign of support for the project. If you are able to attend, please do so!

Announcements

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?

† **Children's Choir** It's time once again to begin children's choir. The choir is open to children ages 5 and up. This year we will be singing for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and 1st Communion. Rehearsal will be on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:15 in the church beginning Tuesday, October 30th. We hope you can join us. Please see Alison Shea if you have any questions.

† **A Shingles Seminar** will be held Monday October 22, from 6-7 PM Sponsored by Parish Nursing, it will be presented by Lee Ann Quinn, RN, South County Hospital. Refreshments will be served.

† **The Knights of Columbus** will host a **Blood Drive** at their hall on Sunday, October 28th from 8:00am to 11:30am. A free breakfast will be served to all donors. For all others, the breakfast will be \$3.00

† **Bible Study:** We continue to explore the Old Testament in our current study "Israel's Story." The Tuesday morning group and Thursday evening group will be discussing the conquest of Canaan, as well as the biblical books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth this coming week. For information call Deborah at 885-6405.

† **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:

Tues., October 30th - Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bristol
Tues., November 6th - St. Clement, Warwick

† **Urgent need for a Meals on Wheels volunteer** on alternate Tuesdays. Pick up meals at the NK Senior Center between 10-10:30 AM. Delivery takes about 90 minutes. Many seniors who depend on this service and you will feel good about yourself by helping them. Please call Pat Fraher 295-2887 for more info.

† **October Count Weekend:** This weekend the Eucharistic Ministers will be using hand-held counters to facilitate the annual "October Count" weekend. The Diocese instituted the annual reporting of weekend Mass attendance figures for all parishes of the diocese to help identify trends and provide accurate accounting of regularly worshipping Catholics.

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.

Religious Education

Sacramental Preparation Classes begin next Sunday, October 28th for grades 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9. If you did not register for Generations of Faith, your child is **NOT** registered for a class.

Did you miss your Generations of Faith Session? We missed you! Please stop by the Parish Center to pick up your "Home Kit".

Next month sessions begin the weekend of November 3rd. Join us!!!

Attention 10th Grade Confirmation Candidates: There is a **MANDATORY** meeting for candidates and their sponsors (a parent may substitute for the meeting if a candidate is unable to attend) on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 22 at 7:30 PM** (you should have received notice of this date change) in the Parish Center. For more information and all necessary forms, please check the **"Confirmation Corner"** on the Parish Website.

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.