

# Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1, 2017



## St. Bernard Church, North Kingstown, R. I. A Stewardship Parish

**Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor**  
Rev. Charles Maher, Weekend Assistant

**Pastoral Assistant:** Angelo Giacchi  
**Administrative Assistant:** Michael Saunders  
**Elementary Faith Formation:** Dawn Masterson  
**Rel. Ed. Office Manager:** Deborah Fortin  
**Music Director:** Alison Shea

### 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

**Parish Center:** 275 Tower Hill Road  
North Kingstown, RI 02852

Phone #: 295-0387

E-mail: ParishCenter@SBCWickford.org

Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM

**Please visit us on the web:**  
<http://www.SBCWickford.org>

**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.

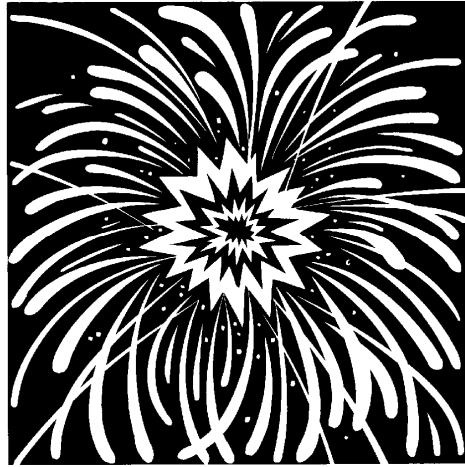
**Holy Orders:** Tel: 401-831-8011  
[www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com)

**Project Rachel:** Post abortion counseling  
Tel: 401-421-7833, ext. 118

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:00 PM ~ 4:30 PM

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
Following Tuesday's 8:00 AM Mass  
until 11:30 AM

**Family Faith Formation Program:**  
This family based program provides parishioners of all ages opportunities for learning, growing and living our Faith through common experiences, age-specific learning and interactive sharing and is designed for families with children in grades 1 through 7. Our Confirmation Program accepts students in grades 8 and 9, but any high school student is welcome. For information contact [SBC.RELED@verizon.net](mailto:SBC.RELED@verizon.net).



# HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Sunday after Christmas is usually celebrated as the “Feast of the Holy Family”. This year, however, we come up one Sunday short as New Year’s Day falls on that Sunday and so the feast becomes the “Feast of Mary, Mother of God.” Both feasts however, have family as a theme. Mary was the “heart” of her family and together with Joseph raised their child to be happy and holy. In a sense, both feasts honor our families, no matter how they may appear.

Some families are large and noisy, others are small and still others are blended and somewhat complicated. Today we are reminded that no matter what our family looks like, or what our family situation may be, the Lord blesses the love that binds our families together. More than that, He is the source of that love. Mary’s love for her family continues to extend to all of God’s family and her dedication and service is a model for us all.

May this New Year be one of great blessing for all the families of our parish, especially those who are challenged by illness, unemployment (or underemployment), separation and circumstance. We are never a perfect family, but we are always close to God and His love for our families is great. Let us pray for a peaceful and prosperous New Year and give thanks for the many blessings we have already received.

*Fr. Jack*

## **Thanks for the Christmas Giving Tree.**

We are truly grateful to all our parishioners who took tags and bought gifts for our Annual Giving Tree. We are very pleased to announce that more than **600 gifts** were distributed, thanks to your generosity. To all who have been so generous we thank you on behalf of the many children and needy adults who enjoyed a very happy Christmas because of you. We also thank Nancy Delaney and her team of “elves” for working so hard to coordinate this great event of love and generosity.



# Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, January 2:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**TUESDAY, January 3:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

**WEDNESDAY, January 4:**

8:00 AM – *Cheryl Pertuso*  
Month Mind, by Karen & Bob Walsh

**THURSDAY, January 5:**

8:00 AM – *Alice M. Frezza*  
by Babat Family

**FRIDAY, January 6:**

8:00 AM – *James Francis Haggarty*  
by daughter Arlene

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, January 7:**

5:00 PM – *Barabra & Marcel LaCroix*  
by their family

**SUNDAY, January 8:**

7:00 AM - *Robert Connolly*  
by Pete & Lianne Nikitas  
8:30 AM - *Deceased of the Parish*  
10:30 AM – *Sally Vadenais*  
by her family

**GIVING THANKS FOR YOUR GOODNESS**

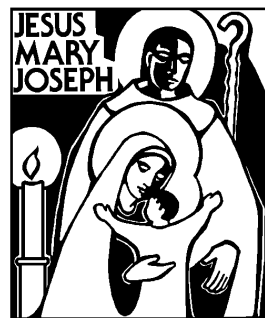
Today I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of our parishioners who contributed so very generously to this year's **ANNUAL COLLECTION**. We are grateful to the many who have already given to our Annual Collection because it is a "boost" to our parish economy. It will go a long way toward ending our budget deficit for the year. We will continue to accept contributions to the Annual Collection through the end of December.

May God reward you for your great generosity.

*Fr. Unsworth*

## Upcoming Meetings

<b>Mon 01/02</b>	<b>Parish Center Closed</b>	
<b>Sat 01/07</b>	<b>First Communion 1, Parish Center</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>
<b>Sun 01/08</b>	<b>Middle Grades 3, 4, 5 Children's Mass Class, Parish Center</b>	<b>8:30 AM 9:30 AM</b>



**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 now begin.*

*In this new year  
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 new 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*

## *Announcements*

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

for the 6th Annual Gala Auction on:

**Saturday, March 11, 2017.**

More details to follow.



### **Emmanuel House** **Homeless Shelter**

We are always in need of **new socks, bath towels, and backpacks, twin-sized bedding, etc.** Drop off items at the Parish Center. Contact the office at **ParishCenter@SBCWickford.org** or 295-0387 for more information.

### **KEEP THE HEAT ON**

Bishop Tobin has kicked off the annual ‘Keep the Heat On’ campaign that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all public and private means to keep their families warm during the winter. Since 2005, the program has provided more than \$2.5 million in heating assistance to more than 10,000 households. If someone you know is in need of assistance, please visit [www.heatri.com](http://www.heatri.com) or call 401-421-7833 x 107. You may send a tax-deductible donation to Keep the Heat On, 1 Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903 or log onto [www.heatri.com](http://www.heatri.com) to make a secure credit card donation. Donations may also be made by texting **HEAT** to 27722 to donate \$10 or texting **HEATRI** to donate \$25.



### **Sunday Community Dinners**

The Sunday Community Dinners are held at 1st Baptist Church of Wickford, 44 Main Street. Dinners are served at 1 p.m. and are open to all, **FREE**. St. Bernard’s will be providing the meal on January 8, February 12 and March 12. If you would like to help, please call Chris Kosak at 294-2885 or the Parish Center at 295-0387.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Mark your calendars for *Share the Warmth!*, a St. Bernard's Parish gathering to benefit The Haitian Project, Emmanuel House and other charities supported by St. Bernard’s. Join us on **Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** from **6 – 9 pm** in the new parish hall for great food, wonderful music and warm friendship – all for a great cause! Watch the bulletin after New Year’s for additional info & how to purchase tickets.

### **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 us at

**ParishCenter@SBCWickford.org** or 295-0387.



Online Giving

### **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 ***SBCWickford.org***, click on “Support your Parish” and follow the link to OSV, Online Giving.

### ***Holy Family Memorial Garden***

During the successful Campaign to raise funds for the building of our new Parish Center, it was announced that donors would have their names, and the memorials of loved ones, enshrined in a Rose garden. Although we had planned to begin this work next spring-time, the contractors were ready now and so the new garden is in place and will come to bloom in the spring. The beautiful statue of the Holy Family which was made in Italy is now in place. The garden can be seen through the windows on the right hand side of the Church.

**FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM**  
**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**  
**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Weather related Class Cancellations!**  
Please log on to [www.turonto10.com](http://www.turonto10.com)  
or the local TV/Radio Channels for updates

**First Communion 1**

**Next class**, January 7th from 9:00-11:00 AM  
in the Parish Center

**First Communion 2:**

**Next class**, Saturday, January 21 from 9:00-11:00  
AM in the Parish Center.

**Middle Grades-3, 4, 5 (Post First Communion)**

**Next Class Sunday January 8th** begins with  
the 8:30 AM Monthly Children's Mass (all stu-  
dents must attend this Mass). Immediately follow-  
ing the Mass, class will be held in the Parish Cen-  
ter from 9:30-11:00 AM

**Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation)**

**Confirmation 1 & 2-Grades 8 & 9**

**Next Class** January 22nd at 5:00 PM followed by  
a Youth Mass at 6:30 PM.  
(All students must attend this Mass)



***From The Music Corner***

**Children's Choir** rehearsals are Wednesdays  
at 5:30 pm.

**Teen Choir** rehearsals are on Wednesdays  
at 6:30 pm.

**Adult Choir** rehearsals are Thursdays at  
6:45 pm.

If you would like more information on any of the  
choirs, see Alison after Mass or email Alison at [alison.shea72@gmail.com](mailto:alison.shea72@gmail.com).



**Christmas Eve**  
**Live Nativity Pageant!**

There were Angels on high,  
Shepherds from far away,  
and Animals gathered,  
to see Mary and Joseph  
celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus!  
A special Thank You to everyone who  
played a role in this year's Pageant,  
the youth readers  
and the Children's Choir.



**The N. K. Food Pantry**

**The Pantry needs:**

juice boxes, granola/nutrition bars, tuna,  
jelly and cereal. Drop off your donations  
in the entry-way of Church.



**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 Gathering Space for the readings  
and a "child friendly" homily. They return to their  
families at collection.

**We welcome new parishioners to St. Bernard Parish.**

If you are new to the area and would like to register in the parish, please visit us at  
[www.SBCWickford.org](http://www.SBCWickford.org) or call Parish office at 295-0387. There is a lot to get involved in here  
and we would love to have you join us.