

The Epiphany of the Lord, January 8, 2017



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

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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

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

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.

THE EPIPHANY FEAST



At the Epiphany, the three astrologers from the East visited Jesus, Mary and Joseph in their humble home. It was a holy event, not only because Jesus was there, but because they were a family welcoming strangers. The Epiphany marks the beginning of evangelization in the Church. It was the first time the message of a new Savior reached the ears of those outside Israel, the promised land. And all this took place in their humble home.

Our homes are also places of evangelization and holiness. It is not often easy, but we have in our homes and among our families the possibility of making the Gospel message reach the ends of our world, or at least our schools and work-places. And it all begins at the dinner table, for that is where most families share their lives and the stories of their faith.

However, there are some facts about the family dinner, which were revealed a few years ago in a survey taken by *CBS* and *The New York Times*. Their study gave us the following facts:

1. 75 % of U.S. families still dine together, either at home or in fast-food restaurants.
2. Families make sacrifices in order to dine together.
3. Sadly, 40% watch television while eating.
4. For nearly 65% dinner lasts only 30 minutes.
5. As the amount of time spent preparing dinner continues to decrease, dinner is enjoyed less and less.

Let's try to improve our "quality time" at the dinner table, and we might be able to make some real progress in spreading the Good News of our Savior's Glory.



Fr. Jack

A House Blessing for Epiphany

Epiphany is a day to make our homes glitter with the Christmas joy and the gifts of the Magi. Orthodox Christians bless their homes on this day and say the following prayer. You might want to bless your house today with these simple words.

God of Bethlehem and of Cana, God of Jordan's leaping waters, in Baptism you bring us into your family. You wed us, embracing us as your beloved.

May we fill this home we have made with kindness to one another, with hospitality to guests, and with abundant care for every stranger.

By the gentle light of a star, guide home all who seek you on paths of faith, hope and love, where we will join the angels in proclaiming your praise:

Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 9:

8:00 AM – *Jean Reilly*
9th Anniversary by her husband

TUESDAY, January 10:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEDNESDAY, January 11

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, January 12:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY, January 13:

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*
 2:00 PM—*South County Nursing Home*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 14:

5:00 PM – *Frank Tanner*
 by Michele Bento & Brian Clarke

SUNDAY, January 15:

7:00 AM - *John Olson, Jr*
 by Pete & Lianne Nikitas
 8:30 AM - *Norma Loehr*
 by her family
 10:30 AM –*Remo Mazzone*
 by his 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. To date, we have received \$36,156.00. This will go a long way toward ending our budget deficit for the year.

May God reward you for your great generosity.

Fr. Unsworth

Upcoming Meetings

Sun 01/08	Middle Grades 3, 4, 5 Children’s Mass Class, Parish Center	8:30 AM 9:30 AM
Tue 01/09	RCIA, Parish Center	6:30 PM
Thu 1/12	Morning Mass Coffee ‘An, Parish Center	8:30 AM

PARISH SUPPORT

	Jan 1, 2017	2016
Basket	\$7,090.12	\$9,823.00
On Line Giving	\$1,543.50	\$1,698.50
	Dec 25, 2016	2015
Basket	\$8,760.50	\$8,225.00
On Line Giving	\$1,297.50	\$1,252.50

Many companies offer **matching funds** for donations to non-profit organizations. Your company might match your donation to St. Bernard! Please find out if your company does.

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 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 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 28th** 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

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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
or the local TV/Radio Channels for updates

First Communion 1

Next class, February 4th 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)

Class today 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
Next class, Sunday February 5th

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.



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 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.