

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 15, 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
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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

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.



From the Pastor's Desk

I once read of a Dutch woman imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp who was standing barefoot in the snow with the other inmates in a punishment session one freezing day when she heard her sister murmuring beside her, "Oh, those poor people!" It dawned on her that her sister's pity was reaching out, not to the other suffering inmates, but to the soldiers who were tormenting them. The prisoners were suffering pain, but the soldiers were suffering a moral damage that would destroy them too.

Her insight was a truly Christian one, for those who harm others suffer something much worse than their victims do. Often the greatest damage caused by our sin is the trauma we inflict upon ourselves. When we say, for instance, that fraud is a sin, we mean that when a person lies his or her personal character decays. Those who exploit workers or abuse children are all people who are injuring themselves. The Church teaches that these acts are sinful, not because they are forbidden, but because they are self-destructive.

At this time of the year we commemorate the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion in the United States. Once again, the church is speaking out against this evil which is destroying not only innocent children, but also those who choose abortion as an alternative. The Church is often taken to task for trying to impose our moral values on public policy. In the case of abortion and other issues which pertain to the sanctity of human life, we are indeed exercising our rights.

There is an ancient teaching among Christians, dating to the first century in which the early Christians acted in defiance of the established norms in Roman society by insisting that abortion was a sin. It is not, therefore, just the Catholic Church speaking, but rather hundreds of years of Christian morality and experience.

We are not being arrogant when we say that abortion is wrong any more than it would be arrogant to say that people who smoke or eat too much fat and cholesterol are endangering their health. It makes even less sense to say that something can be wrong for me but perhaps not wrong for you.

The only way to protect the rights of the unborn, and all our rights, is through the Law. Let us pray that our nation will begin to listen to our plea for a legal end to abortion. If we destroy the rights of the unborn, we destroy ourselves as well.

Fr. Jack

Welcome your children with responsible love; protect them as a gift of God, from the moment of conception when human life is born in the mother's womb, so that the abominable crime of abortion, the shame of humanity, does not condemn the unborn to the most unjust of executions...!"

-- Saint John Paul, II

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 16:
8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

TUESDAY, January 17:
8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

WEDNESDAY, January 18
8:00 AM – *Deceased of the Parish*

THURSDAY, January 19:
8:00 AM – *Therese LaPerriere*
by the LaPerriere family

FRIDAY, January 20:
8:00 AM – *Sonja Fisher*
by Kathleen Romeo

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 21:
5:00 PM – *Dr. Eduardo Hilario*
by Barone Family

SUNDAY, January 22:
7:00 AM - *Robert A Sherman*
by Mary Ann Sherman
8:30 AM - *M. Millicent Williams*
by her husband
10:30 AM – *Maurice Paiva*
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

Mon 01/16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parish Offices Closed	
Wed 01/18	Cub Scouts Parish Hall	6:00 PM
Thu 1/19	Adult Choir, Parish Center Baptism Class, Parish Center	6:00 PM 7:00 PM
Sat 1/21	First Communion 2, Parish Center	8:45 AM
Sun 1/22	Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation) Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1 & 2) Youth Mass	5:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM

PARISH SUPPORT

	Jan 8, 2017	2016
Basket	\$4,268.50	\$6,391.00
On Line Giving	\$1,592.50	\$1,757.50

	Jan 1, 2017	2016
Basket	\$7,090.12	\$9,823.00
On Line Giving	\$1,543.50	\$1,698.50

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

St. Bernard's Annual Auction ***Saturday, March 11 @ 6:00 PM*** **Let the Games Begin!** **At the Quonset O'Club**

Help raise money for St. Bernard Church!
You can help by donating items for our auction & raffle. Possible auction items could include: wine and food baskets, such as coffee theme, etc., sports items and tickets, concert and entertainment tickets, gift certificates, electronics, jewelry, travel, empty gift baskets, etc. Or, let us ask your contacts - just tell us who to call!

Items can be left in the bin at the entrance to the church or call us to arrange a pick-up.
Thank you for your generosity!

Please contact Ed Zajac at 268-3860 or ezajac2@yahoo.com or Dawn Masterson at dawnmasterson@gmail.com or 667-2839.

KofC BREAKFAST (PUBLIC INVITED): The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, today Sunday, January 15th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Nutella French Toast, Home Fries, Baked Beans, Hot and Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$9.00, \$4.00 for children 12 and under; children 6 and under are free. Please bring in a non-perishable food donation for Food Pantry.

KofC LASAGNA DINNER (PUBLIC INVITED)
The Knights of Columbus will hold a Lasagna Dinner at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Saturday, January 21st, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Assorted Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$9.00. Please call 295-0507 for reservations by Friday, January 20th. Please bring in a non-perishable food donation for the NK Food Pantry.

Saturday Supper: Share the Warmth!

Come enjoy warm friendship, delicious soups, great music, raffle baskets - let's Share the Warmth by coming together as a Parish community and raising funds for The Haitian Project, Emmanuel House and other charities supported by St. Bernard's!

Saturday, January 28th from 6 – 9 pm in the parish hall for great food, wonderful music and warm friendship – all for a great cause! Return this form with payment (cash or check payable to St. Bernard's Church) by mail, drop off at the Parish office, or in the collection basket. RSVP by Jan. 20th please.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

Adults (\$15 ea.) _____

Children 5 to 12 (\$10 ea.) _____

Children under 5 (Free) _____

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.



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 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.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
SAVE THE DATES!

Weather related Class Cancellations!

Please log on to www.turnto10.com
or check 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 21st from 9:00-
11:00 AM in the Parish Center.

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

Next class, Sunday February 5th 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 in the parish
center followed by a Youth Mass at 6:30 PM.
(All students must attend this Mass)

Reminder: Confirmation Candidates 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 Cen-
ter on a regular basis.

St. Mary Academy Bay View is hosting an
**Open House for our Lower and Middle Schools on
Sunday, January 29th at 12:00 PM.** We would like
to get the word out to families who are interested in an
education in a faith based school for their daughters
ages 3 through Grade 8.

*"St. Mary Academy - Bay View, an independent, Cath-
olic school for girls, invites you to our Open House for
Lower and Middle School on Sunday, January 29 at
12PM. To find out more about our school, or to pre-
register for Open House, go to
www.bayviewacademy.org."*



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.

Admissions Open House at Msgr. Clarke School

(Pre-K thru Grade 8) Sunday, January 29th 1-3pm
Also Welcoming Little Angels ages (18 months - 3
yrs)

Did you or someone you know attend Msgr. Clarke
School? Through the purchase of a tile, you help
support Msgr. Clarke's initiatives and create a last-
ing legacy to come back and see every time you vis-
it. Your personalized tiles will be enjoyed by visi-
tors, teachers, students, friends and family each and
every day for many years to come. For an order
form or to order online, go to
[http://monsignorclarkeschool.org/alumni/mcs-
legacy-tile-wall/](http://monsignorclarkeschool.org/alumni/mcs-legacy-tile-wall/)