

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 22, 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

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

When I received the call from Fr. Albino Barrera last week telling me of the death of Fr. John Peterson, OP, who had served here before Fr. Albino as our weekend assistant, I felt as if I had lost someone in my family. Fr. Peterson left us because of his failing health more than 2 years ago, but as he told Fr. Albino whom he chose to replace himself here, that it was only until he was well enough to return. He always looked beyond the difficulties of the present to a bright future that is always waiting for us. That's truly one of the things I loved about him. Like Christ, he always pointed to a better tomorrow, filled with hope and new life.

Fr. Peterson began his weekend ministry here in the early 1990's while Msgr. Sabourin was the pastor and remained through the years with Fr. Reardon and then myself. In many ways he, along with Fr. Maher provided continuity and stability in a parish that was very much on the move. He was present here for many funerals and weddings and he came to know some families in a very special way and never lost touch with them. To me, he was a kindly and supportive friend and model of what priesthood in the modern world should be.

Fr. Peterson was always very sensitive to people's needs. When I first arrived there was no rectory to live in. I rented a very cute house on Brown St. that had been built in 1823. There wasn't much heat on the second floor, and while I could make due with quilts and blankets piled up on me, I often had sinus headaches that winter. One day I received in the mail a package from Fr. Peterson. He had gone on-line and found a man's nightcap (not the kind that comes in a glass). I had no idea they still had such a thing. I looked like Ebenezer Scrooge, but my head was warm.

Fr. Peterson was always a great story-teller. He started each of his Sermons with a story. He had a good bag of them and they were always good-natured, positive stories, but never too lengthy. One of his co-workers at PC named Nancy Eagan said, "Fr. Peterson seldom was at a loss to share a story or a quote. In those stories he often helped us see God's plan in the face of personal challenges and he had the ability to point out the good and special qualities we all possess. And, he helped us see those qualities in ourselves and others."

I cannot remember a time when Fr. Peterson had anything but a kind word to say to me or anyone else. He would tell me of the great people in our Parish and how he truly felt the work of God being done here. The last time I saw him a few weeks before Christmas, he came here to attend a funeral. He couldn't walk very well but he was excited to see the new Parish Center finished. He always told me not to worry about how it would be done because "if God wants this parish to have a new Hall, you will have it." That day he told me that his prayer had been answered.

May Fr. John Peterson's gentle and holy soul rest in peace and may he, from the altar in Heaven, pray for all of us as we pray in gratitude for him.

Fr. Jack

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 23:

8:00 AM – *Flavio Jaso*
by the Jaso family

TUESDAY, January 24:

8:00 AM – *Al Krebel*
by his family

WEDNESDAY, January 25

8:00 AM – *James Anderson*
by the Phil Reilly family

THURSDAY, January 26:

8:00 AM – *The Deceased of the Parish*

FRIDAY, January 27:

8:00 AM – *The Deceased of the Parish*

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 28:

5:00 PM – *Meghan Cooney*
by her family

SUNDAY, January 29:

7:00 AM - *The Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM - *Charlie & Mary Swanson*
by the McDermott Family

10:30 AM – *The Deceased of the Parish*

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 1/22	Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation) Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1 & 2) Youth Mass	<u>3:00 PM</u> <u>3:00 PM</u> <u>4:30 PM</u>
Tue 01/24	RCIA, Parish Center	6:30 PM
Thu 1/26	Adult Choir, Parish Center	6:00 PM
Sat 1/28	Community Fund Raiser for Emmanuel House and Haitian Project-Parish Center	6:00 PM

PARISH SUPPORT

	Jan 15, 2017	2016
Basket	\$8,214.00	\$6,616.50
On Line Giving	\$2,777.50	\$2,547.50
	Jan 8, 2017	2016
Basket	\$4,268.50	\$6,391.00
On Line Giving	\$1,592.50	\$1,757.50

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 dropped off at the parish center or 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.

Year End Tax Statements

Year End Giving Statements have been mailed to all those who receive Budget Envelopes. Please note that there are two Statements: one includes your donations for weekly Budget, the Annual Collection and special collections. The other statement is a summary of contributions for those who made pledges to the Capital Campaign. These statements do not include other contributions you may have made to the parish as memorial gifts, Mass Stipends, etc. We are truly grateful for your generosity to the Parish and invite you to call the office and speak to Michael Saunders if you have any questions regarding your statement.

Online Giving, if you participate in Online Giving, one of the benefits is that you can log on to <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/743> and print a detailed report for 2016.

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 12:30 p.m. (new start time) 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, February 11th 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

Class TODAY January 22nd at **3:00** PM in the
parish center followed by a Youth Mass at 4:30
PM. (All students must attend this Mass)

Next Class: February 12th

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.

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)

ATT: Msgr. Clarke Alumni

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/)