

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 5, 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

A wise pastor once gave this advice to his fellow pastors: *“Structure your church so that an idiot could run it. Sooner or later, one will.”*

Well, this “idiot” has taken the advice seriously. I have learned over the years that it is not possible to manage so large a parish alone. The real idiots are the ones who think they can. I am very fortunate to have a very loyal and capable staff, Finance Council and over 40 volunteers involved in many ministries and committees to assist me with the many responsibilities and duties required of pastors today. They are truly my “right arm” when it comes to dealing with the day to day demands made on a modern parish. Here are some facts about how our parish runs that you might find interesting.

In the office we answer an average of 20 phone calls each day. Some calls are people seeking information about our Mass schedule or parish programs, others want to request a Mass for a deceased loved one. Some callers are seeking help with food or shelter, others are seeking baptism for their children or have been asked to be godparents. Others want to speak to a priest or make an appointment with one, and, just like at your house, some want to sell us something. The office staff handles them all with grace and patience, and I marvel at their ability to do so.

One of the major tasks for a parish like ours is financial management. Bookkeeping is a major task for a parish that has an annual budget of over \$600,000. We are a non-profit corporation with expenditures of over \$630,000 each year. Unlike many other parishes we have a large debt still remaining on the construction of the Church which amounts to \$1.65 million. The interest payment alone on this debt is more than \$115,000 this fiscal year. We have no full-time employees and only 6 part-time employees, some with benefits and it will cost us over \$15,000 just to heat the church this year. Ordinary maintenance on our buildings required more than \$45,000 the past year and that was just for very basic things like snow removal, maintenance & repair work on the Church. More than 50% of that cost was paid for by the monthly Maintenance & Repair Collection.

Over 160 children and adults receive their religious education here at one time or another during the month. Our parish provides scholarship aid to families whose children attend area Catholic Elementary Schools at a cost of \$22,630. Our Religious Education Director is fortunate to work with many volunteer teachers and a budget of \$52,000. Our income from registrations, however is only \$10,000. Combined with the increased cost of heating and maintaining the new Parish Center, and a decrease in our weekly Budget Collections, we fear we may be facing an operating deficit at the end of this year and it would be the second year in a row that this has happened.

The next time you fill your budget envelope remember just how far your generosity goes. In a very real way, you too are helping your pastor and his staff to do their work. Your support is perhaps the most important of all.

Fr. Unsworth

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.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 6:

8:00 AM – *Mary Sweck*
by her daughter

TUESDAY, February 7:

8:00 AM – *Salvatore & Mary Baldino*
by their grandson

WEDNESDAY, February 8

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

THURSDAY, February 9:

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

FRIDAY, February 10:

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 11:

5:00 PM – *Donald Barker*
by his wife

SUNDAY, February 12:

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

8:30 AM - *Mildred O'Connell*
by her family

10:30 AM – *Robert Madusky, Sr.*
by his wife and son

Upcoming Meetings

Sun 2/5	Middle Grades 3,4, 5 Children's Mass Class, Parish Center	8:30 AM 9:30 AM
Tue 2/7	RCIA, Parish Center	6:30 PM
Wed 02/08	Children's Choir, Parish Center	5:30 PM
Thu 2/9	Adult Choir, Parish Center	6:45 PM
Sat	First Communion 2 Class, Parish Center	8:45 AM
Sun 2/12	Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation) Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1 & 2) Youth Mass	5:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM

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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.

PARISH SUPPORT

	Jan 29, 2017	2016
Basket	\$7,628.50	\$7,386.50
On Line Giving	\$1,247.50	\$1,378.50
	Jan 22, 2017	2016
Basket	\$7,555.00	\$4,151.00
On Line Giving	\$1,402.00	\$1,377.00

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.

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 ParshCenter@SBCWickford.org or 295-0387.

The N. K. Food Pantry

The Pantry needs juice boxes, granola/nutrition bars, tuna, jelly, mayonnaise, ketchup, relish, coffee, crackers, juice, cereal and hygiene products. Drop off your donations in the entry-way of Church.

Rhode Island Catholic

Rhode Island Catholic's annual February Subscription Campaign is underway. To receive or renew a year of in-home delivery of the diocese's national award-winning weekly newspaper for \$30, place the specially marked Subscription Drive weekly parish budget envelope into your parish collection basket; visit www.thericatholic.com/subscribe.html to purchase or renew a subscription with a credit or debit card; or call the newspaper's Circulation Desk at 272-1010 to subscribe by phone. Rhode Island Catholic depends on its faithful readers to continue its more than 140-year mission of bringing the good news of the church to your home each week.



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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
SAVE THE DATES!

Weather related Class Cancellations!
Please log on to www.turonto10.com
or check the local TV/Radio Channels for updates

First Communion 1

Next class, March 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 March 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: February 12 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 re-
quired 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 Center
on a regular basis.



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.



Baptisms

On Sunday, 1/29/2017

Henry Earl Fredrickson

Nathan James Plouffe

Danica Louise Walby

were welcomed to our parish through
the Sacrament of Baptism. We con-
gratulate their parents.

Middle Grades 3-5 Project:
Blessing Bags for the
Homeless of the Emmanuel House.

Items needed: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razors,
shaving cream, tissues, shampoo, deodorant, floss,
hand sanitizer, face wipes, gum, lifesavers, powder,
nail clippers, hair brushes, combs, mouth- wash,
chapsticks, lotions, water bottles, socks and snacks.
Travel size is preferable. Items can be placed into
the Parish Church Collection Box.

Donations are due by February 23rd!!

Share the Warmth Event Results

The St. Bernard's *Share the Warmth* soup supper this past
Saturday was a great success! Eighty-five tickets were sold
and over \$1,250 was raised to support Emmanuel House
and The Haitian Project.

The soup was delicious, the music was beautiful and the
fellowship was warm and invigorating! Thank you to all
that attended for your generosity and participation. We
hope to see you next year!

A huge thank you to all the event committee members
and volunteers, and to Alison Shea & Beth Shapiro. A
special thank you to Fr. Jack Unsworth for his guidance
and support of this parish gathering.



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 Lit-
urgy 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.