

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 12, 2017



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

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

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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

At this time of year many young lovers are giving and receiving engagement rings for Valentine's Day. They are making preparations for a lifetime commitment in their love. Marriage is one of the greatest expressions of romantic love but is also one of the most difficult and challenging. Because of this, I have often wondered why there are not more saints declared in the Church who were married.

Several years ago, Pope John Paul issued an informal announcement that he would welcome suggestions for married saints, and it prompted a lot of response. Many Catholics mentioned Louis and Azelie Martin, who were the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux. Many others, however, mentioned the couple who lived next door, or some couple from their own parish who had been extraordinary in the way they loved each other and their faith.

We can expect, however, that progress on naming married saints will be very slow. The canonization process is dominated by clergy in the Vatican and that is one reason why most saints are priests or religious (very few Diocesan Priests, by the way) including St. Valentine who himself was a celibate priest. Those who lobby the Vatican for the cause of a particular saint are members of religious communities who are still at it a hundred years later. Most married couples won't have anyone around that long to fight for their cause.

This does not mean that we don't have married saints all around us. It merely shows how difficult it has been for the Church to recognize them. In our day and age, to have children and to see them through childhood and adolescence is enough to make anybody a saint!

At any rate, the last 3 Popes have named more saints than any other period in the Church's history. Some new ones are married and they join the great company of married Saints already named including Mary and Joseph – let's not forget they were married, too.

Here are some of the new married saints:

St. Hedwig of Poland – She was the queen of Poland who brought Catholicism to Poland in 1350. She was married to the pagan Grand Duke Jagiello who later converted to the faith with her. They lost their first and only child but kept the faith.

St. Simon Hoa Dac Phan - He was a Catholic married physician in Vietnam and mayor of his native village. He aided the French Missionaries and was arrested because of it and beheaded in 1840.

Blessed Joanna Beretta Molla - Born in Magenta, Brazil, she married Peter Molla in 1955 while studying medicine in Milan. She became a doctor specializing in pediatrics and even though she had two children, she continued her medical and charitable labors when she became pregnant a third time. Due to medical complications, she made the decision to undergo a surgical procedure during her second month of pregnancy. After a successful delivery of the child, she died of post-partum complications in 1962. Her husband championed her cause for sainthood.

Fr. Jack

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 13:

8:00 AM – *Donald Miller*
by his wife

TUESDAY, February 14:

8:00 AM – *Phyllis & Albert Sciola*
by their son

WEDNESDAY, February 15

8:00 AM – *Norma Loehr*
by her family

THURSDAY, February 16:

8:00 AM – *Eric Gouveia*
by his family

FRIDAY, February 17:

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 18:

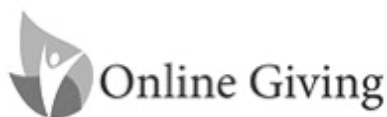
5:00 PM – *Paul Sherman*
by his wife

SUNDAY, February 19:

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

8:30 AM - *Michael Ruggieri & Madeline Healy*
by the Rugeiri family

10:30 AM – *Eric J Gouveia.*
by his family



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.

Upcoming Meetings

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
Mon 2/13	SPRED, Parish Center	6:00 PM
Wed 02/15	Children’s Choir, Parish Center Cub Scouts, Parish Hall	5:30 PM 6:00 PM
Thu 2/16	Adult Choir, Parish Center Baptism Class, Parish Center	6:45 PM 7:00 PM

Arrivederci Roma!

Fr. Jack will be away from the Parish on a trip to Rome with his family. He will be leaving on February 16th and returning on February 25th. While in Rome he will be attending a Papal Audience and on Thursday, February 24th he will be celebrating morning Mass at St. Peter’s Basilica. He will be offering this Mass for all our parishioners and their families.

PARISH SUPPORT

	Feb 5 2017	2016
Basket	\$6,606.50	\$7,962.00
On Line Giving	\$1,887.50	\$1,372.50
	Jan 29, 2017	2016
Basket	\$7,628.50	\$7,386.50
On Line Giving	\$1,247.50	\$1,378.50

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



Game Night Gala Auction & Dinner Tickets

Tickets are now available for this year's Gala Auction and Dinner which will be held at the Quonset O Club on Saturday, March 11th from 6 – 11 PM. Please order your tickets this week so that you will not be left out. Our evening will include a cocktail hour, a live/silent auction, games of chance and a great dinner. Please help us help the needy by bring a donation of canned goods for the North Kingstown Food Pantry. Your presence will insure a great evening for us all.

St. Bernard's Gala Auction *We Need Your Help!*

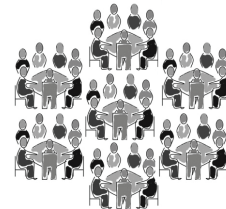
Help raise money for St. Bernard Church! You can help by donating items for our auction & raffle. Possible auction items could include: wine and food baskets, such as coffee theme, etc., sports items and tickets, concert and entertainment tickets, gift certificates, electronics, jewelry, travel, empty 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 dawnmmasterson@gmail.com or 667-2839.

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 today, 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.

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.

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.

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, March 18 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: March 19 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.



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.

K of C BREAKFAST
PUBLIC INVITED

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the
Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kings-
town, on Sunday, February 12th, from 7:30 to
10:30. Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, French Toast, Home
Fries, Hot and Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Coffee and
Tea will be served. The cost is \$9.00, \$4.00 for chil-
dren 12 and under; children 6 and under are
free. Please bring in a non-perishable food donation
for Food Pantry.

St. Bernard Scholarship Fund

Applications are now available on the Parish web
site and at the Parish Office for graduating high
school seniors of the Parish. Eight \$1,250 scholar-
ships will be awarded in June 2017. To be consid-
ered, completed applications must be returned by
April 15, 2017.

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!!



Rehearsal Schedule

Children's Choir: Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.
Teen Choir: Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.
Adult Choir: 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

DEFEND THE UNBORN!

Stop Extreme Abortion Legislation in the RI House!
Tell Your State Rep “NO” on House Bill No 5343.

Call the Co-Sponsors of This Extreme Abortion Bill

Rep. Robert E. Craven Sr. (District 32/North Kingstown) - (401) 294-2222
Rep. Julie A. Casimiro (District 31/North Kingstown/Exeter)- (401) 474-7961

Find your legislator at <https://vote.sos.ri.gov> or by calling SOS at (401) 222-2340.

H5343 is a Radical Abortion Bill that...

- Stops RI from banning PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION.
- Allows unrestricted abortions all the way up until birth.
- Puts vulnerable women in grave danger by striking down longstanding informed consent requirements.
- Puts all abortionists beyond regulatory oversight of the RI Department of Health.

Call Your State Representative Today!

Tell them No on H5343!

Be the Voice of the Voiceless and Innocent Unborn!

“It is necessary to reaffirm our solid opposition to any direct offense against life, especially when innocent and defenseless, and the unborn child in its mother's womb is the quintessence of innocence. Let us remember the words of Vatican Council II: 'Therefore from the moment of its conception, life must be guarded with the greatest care while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes.'”

—Pope Francis, Speech to the Italian Movement for Life, April 11, 2014.

Statement of the RI Catholic Conference on R.I. House Bill 5343

February 1, 2017

Civilized societies are distinguished by the protections they afford their weakest and most vulnerable members, and our government acts its noblest when it speaks for those who have no voice. The Church's opposition to abortion is found in the principle that *each and every human life has inherent dignity, and thus must be treated with the respect due to a human person.* This is the foundation for the Church's social doctrine, including her teachings on war, the use of capital punishment, euthanasia, health care, poverty and immigration.



Recently the immoral and unethical practices of Planned Parenthood have been exposed in various news outlets. Their alleged trafficking in fetal body parts for profit remains under investigation in the U.S. Congress. Abby Johnson, the author of *Unplanned states: "Planned Parenthood has been misleading Congress and American taxpayers for many years. I know — I was part of the deception. For eight years I worked at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas, and for two of those years I was the clinic's director."*

In 2013, America saw the face in the abortion industry during the trial of former Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell, who was convicted of numerous crimes, including murdering three infants born alive during attempted abortion procedures. The grand jury report on Gosnell states that *"he regularly and illegally delivered live, viable babies in the third trimester of pregnancy, and then murdered these newborns by severing their spinal cords with scissors."* Thankfully, Kermit Gosnell is serving a sentence of life imprisonment and no longer endangers women and infants.

This proposed legislation is a radical attempt to remove all state regulation from the unethical and questionable practices of abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood and the Kermit Gosnells of the Ocean State. Removing this regulation by the state disregards the health and safety of thousands of women and children in Rhode Island.

Further, this proposed legislation codifies in RI State Law the violent attack upon the life and dignity of every unborn child. Such a grave moral evil must always be rejected by people of good will especially by the elected leaders of our state.

The RI Catholic Conference stands opposed to the proposed legislation that radically changes RI State Law to allow for unregulated and unrestricted abortion on demand. This extremist legislation is a direct attack upon defenseless and innocent human life and allows the abortion industry to be left unregulated and unrestricted. Human life must be protected and respected in the law at every stage, most especially from the moment of conception. We urge the members of the RI General Assembly to reject this legislation and this attack upon innocent human life.