

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 19, 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.

rom the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Jack is away in the holy city of Rome for a week. While there he is praying for you all and shares with you this "repeat" column he wrote a few years ago.

We shop on Sunday, we clean on Sunday, we wash clothes on Sunday, we do our shopping on Sunday and we play hockey and football on Sunday. I can remember a time before I was a priest when the Saturday Evening Masses had been newly introduced when I would enjoy Sunday mornings because I could attend Mass on Saturday and then "catch up" on all the things I hadn't finished during the week on Sunday. Attending Mass on Saturday left me with my Sundays "free". Sunday remained for us a kind of day of rest. But not anymore!

A few years ago in one of my former parishes a family left the parish because when they registered their child for CCD they were told that to make First Communion we expected that they would be attending Mass regularly. After all, we explained, how can a child be prepared to receive the Eucharist if they never celebrate it or even see it? The parents felt that we were "unreasonable" because they had other things to do on Sunday and so they found a parish where apparently attendance at Sunday Mass is not a requirement.

We now have fewer Alter Servers. One of the reasons, I am told, is that families don't want to be "tied down" to a schedule so that they can be free to do other things on Sundays. Some of the kids tell me that their families are so busy with other things there was simply no time left for Mass on weekends. Those families are by no means exceptions. Families today are as busy on Sunday as any other day of the week, perhaps even more so. Religious observance, if practiced at all, is done on the run between other commitments. And, we also now work on Sundays. In fact, it seems these days we work all the time. Some time ago a friend of mine was asked to give a speech at a conference connected with her work. The talk was scheduled to be given at 10 AM on a Sunday morning. When she asked that it be rescheduled so that she could attend Mass, they looked at her like she was from some other planet.

The Third Commandment tells us not only to worship the Lord on Sunday, it also requires us to keep the Sabbath "holy" by keeping the day, or part of it, free from our labors so that we can rest. It is also a time to get to know our family! Sports events and leagues can reschedule if enough people demand it. Parents should remember the need of their families when committing their children to sports and leagues which do not respect the sanctity of the Sabbath.

If God could get all His work done in 6 days and still knock off on Sunday, we ought to be able to give one hour to Him on our "day of rest".

Fr. Jack



In just a few weeks we will begin the Annual Catholic Charity Fund Appeal in our Parish. The Charity Appeal is the main source of support for our diocesan agencies providing for the physical, educational and spiritual needs of Rhode Islanders each year. Some of our parishioners have already responded to a personal appeal directly from Bishop Tobin, and soon we will make the general appeal to the entire Parish. With your help we are sure to reach our parish goal of \$90,000 this year.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 20:

8:00 AM – *Rose Giacchi & Carmello DiBiasio*
by their family

TUESDAY, February 21:

8:00 AM – *Catherine Mattera*
by her nephew

WEDNESDAY, February 22

8:00 AM – *Mary McDermott, 1st Anniversary*
by Dan & Madeline O’Leary

THURSDAY, February 23:

8:00 AM – *Sr. Kathleen Mary Burke*

FRIDAY, February 24:

8:00 AM – *Muriel Anne Hobin*
by Jim & Valerie O’Brien

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 25:

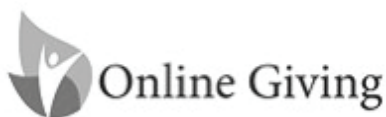
5:00 PM – *The Deceased of the Parish*

SUNDAY, February 26:

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

8:30 AM - *Ashley LaCroix, 16th Anniverasary*
by her parents

10:30 AM –*Daniel F Shea.*
by the Ferriola 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

Mon 2/20	President’s Day: Parish Office Closed	
Wed 02/22	Children’s Choir, Parish Center	5:30 PM
Thu 2/23	Adult Choir, Parish Center	6:45 PM
Fri 2/24	Grades 3, 4 & 5 Mardi Gras Celebration, Parish Hall	5:30 PM
Sun 2/26	Eagle Scout Court of Honor Parish Hall	2:00 PM

We welcome new parishioners

If you are new to the area and would like to register in the parish, please visit us at

www.SBCWickford.org

or call the parish office at 295-0387. There is a lot to get involved in here and we would love to have you join us.

PARISH SUPPORT

	Feb 12, 2017	2016
Basket	\$6,176.00	\$6,519.50
On Line Giving	\$2,312.50	\$1,087.50
	Feb 5 2017	2016
Basket	\$6,606.50	\$7,962.00
On Line Giving	\$1,887.50	\$1,372.50

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!*

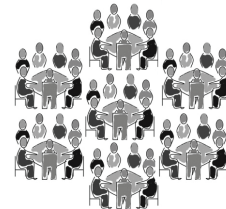
Help raise money for St. Bernard Church! You can help by donating items for our auction & raffle. Possible auction items could include: wine and food baskets, such as coffee theme, etc., sports items and tickets, concert and entertainment tickets, gift certificates, electronics, jewelry, travel, empty 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 on 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.turnto10.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.

Start Collecting your Junk!

Join us for the 2nd Saint Bernard Church / The Haitian
Project **Yardsale Fundraiser!**

When: Saturday April 29, 2017 @ 9am-1pm
Where: Parish Center

Gently-used or new household items donated by pa-
rishioners will be collected and sold. Donations may
be dropped off beginning on March 1. Collection con-
tainers will be placed in the gathering space at the en-
trance of the church.. **Please contact Zach Overly with
any questions. Phone: (401) 400-9038 Email: zover-
ly36@gmail.com**

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