

# The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 26, 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](http://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](mailto: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.*

### ***Reflections on a Super Bowl***

This week, on Ash Wednesday, the Lenten season begins. It provides an opportunity for me to make a few observations about the extraordinary football season that officially ended last week. We New England Patriots fans have enjoyed, and I do mean enjoyed, a very good year. We watched each game as the winning streak grew from 9 to 10 to 14 games. We began to believe the impossible, that we would see the Patriots take the football championship once more. We would be the BEST and no one could ever dispute it. And then, it all came true with one of the most exciting Super Bowl Games ever!

But then, those who were cheering for Atlanta would have learned a valuable lesson we all need to learn. As so often happens in life, we are confronted with the fact that our team is not perfect and that it is possible to lose a game, even when you have played your very best. When our team does not win the game we are disappointed for the team and for ourselves. They gave all they had to give, but it was not quite enough and another worthy team, who also gave their best, took the win from us.

The lesson here is easy to see. No one can win it all every time. Even when we have tried our best and given all we have, we do not always take the top prize. Only one team can have that. But it does not mean that our best efforts were in vain. You and I, who do not come in first very often, have to be satisfied knowing that we did our best. Not winning is no excuse for giving up. If you have ever had the pleasure of attending the Special Olympics, you have seen the true meaning of competition in sports. Everyone does their best, some win medals and some do not, but everyone is a champion.

Lent calls us to a different kind of competition. We are competing with ourselves. We are trying to confront the faults and failures in our own lives that have kept us from being and doing our best in the game of life. Lent reminds us that in order to triumph over life's challenges, Faith must come first. Our relationship with God our Creator is essential in making things better with all our other relationships. Lent is a season of training for those of us who want to be winners at life. It offers us the discipline and spiritual exercise we will need to be more faithful sons and daughters of God.

May we all have a great Lenten season and then rejoice at the Super Bowl of Easter, when together with Christ we win the most valued prize of all, the gift of Eternal Life.

*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 27:

8:00 AM – *Ilma Bichun*

by Linda & Dennis Gray

## TUESDAY, February 28:

8:00 AM – *Joan Keenan*

## WEDNESDAY, March 1 ASH Wednesday

8:00 AM – *Daniel Dextrateur*

7:00 PM *Kimberly Tarbox*

## THURSDAY, March 2:

8:00 AM – *Robert Sciola*

by his brother

## FRIDAY, March 3:

8:00 AM – *William Burns*

by the Babat family

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, March 4:

5:00 PM – *Peggy Slayton*

by George Silva

### SUNDAY, March 5:

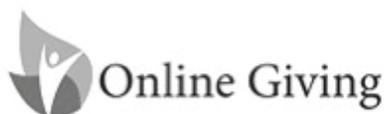
7:00 AM - *The Deceased of the Parish*

8:30 AM - *Josh Zalabowski*

by his family

10:30 AM – *Daniel F Shea.*

by Dotty Madusky



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](http://SBCWickford.org), click on "Support your Parish" and follow the link to OSV, Online Giving.

## Upcoming Meetings

Mon 2/27	SPRED, Parish Hall	6:00 PM
Tue 2/28	RCIA, Parish Center	6:30 PM
Wed 3/1	Children's Choir, Parish Center Teen Choir, Parish Center	5:30 PM 6:30 PM
Thu 3/2	Adult Choir, Parish Center	6:45 PM
Fri 3/3	Stations of the Cross, Church	5:00 PM
Sat 3/4	First Communion 1, Parish Center	8:45 AM
Sun 3/5	Middle Grades 3, 4, 5 Children's Mass Class, Parish Center	8:30 AM 9:30 AM

## ASH WEDNESDAY



*Masses on Ash Wednesday March 1st will be celebrated at 8 AM, and 7 PM. Ashes will be distributed during all the Masses. There will also be a prayer service with distribution of Ashes at 12 Noon.*

**LENTEN WEEKDAY MASS** will be celebrated at 8 AM daily (Monday–Friday).

**STATIONS of the CROSS** will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 5 PM in the Church.

## PARISH SUPPORT

	Feb 19 2017	2016
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,377.00</b>	<b>\$7,913.00</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$1,952.50</b>	<b>\$3,202.50</b>
	<b>Feb 12, 2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$6,176.00</b>	<b>\$6,519.50</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$2,312.50</b>	<b>\$1,087.50</b>

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The deadline to purchase tickets is March 1st.**

### **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!

**The deadline for donations is March 3rd.**

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



### **Lenten Bible Study**

During the Season of Lent, Fr. Unsworth will lead a 4-week study entitled, "**The Gift of Mary**". This study is in conjunction with the "Year of Mary" promulgated by Bishop Tobin for the 2017.

In this bible study we will examine the understanding and the role of Mary in the Church as seen in the Scriptures with a special emphasis on *Mary, the Mother of Sorrows*. We will see the many ways that Mary helps us to better understand the saving message of her Son, Jesus. Sessions will be held on 4 consecutive Fridays in Lent beginning on **Friday, March 10, March 17, March 24 and March 31**. Sessions will be held in the Parish Center Meeting Room from **9 AM until 10:30 AM**. All are welcome.

### **Soup and Spirit Lenten Lunches: 12:00 – 1:00 PM**

The Churches: Then and Now  
Based on the Seven Churches in the  
Book of Revelation

March 1<sup>st</sup> at the First Baptist Church in Wickford  
44 Main Street, Wickford  
Rev. Virginia Alvarez

### **Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations**

A gentle reminder that Church law requires abstinence from meat, meat soups or other dishes made from meat (for those 14 and older) on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, Good Friday is a fast day. Adults between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less: that means, take no solid food between meals and only one meal that day should be a full one. Those with special health restrictions should always follow their doctor's advice before fasting.

***FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM***  
**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**  
**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Weather related Class Cancellations!**

Please log on to [www.turonto10.com](http://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.

**Due to class cancellation on Feb. 12th**, be sure to  
pick up your homework packet on the table next to  
the podium when signing in for Mass or at the Par-  
ish Center Office

**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.

**Defending the Right to Life**

Recently we asked our parishioners to call our  
State Representatives concerning House Bill  
#5343 which would remove restrictions now in  
place on those seeking to terminate pregnancies  
and would also put those who provide abortions  
beyond the regulatory oversight of the RI Dept.  
of Health.

One of our Representatives, *Rep. Robert Craven,  
Sr.*, has responded positively to our inquires and  
has expressed his intention not to vote for any  
such bill if it comes before the House of Repre-  
sentatives. We are very grateful to him for his  
support. Please, let us all continue to watch the  
progress of this bill as it goes to committee and  
be sure to work for its defeat.

**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**



**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](mailto:alison.shea72@gmail.com)