

**St. Bernard Church
275 Tower Hill Road
North Kingstown, R. I.**

A Stewardship Parish

**The First Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2017**

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.



2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

The annual *Catholic Charity Fund Appeal* begins next weekend and, once again this year, we are being asked to help our needy brothers and sisters throughout the Diocese of Providence through our contributions and pledges. This year our parish goal is **\$90,000**. I have every confidence we will reach or exceed this goal as we did last year. Some of our parishioners have already responded to the appeal in the advanced campaign and now we turn to all of our parishioners.

Our annual appeal supports many necessary and important ministries in the Diocese, among them are programs for Marriage and Family Life, Child Day Care Centers, Homes for the Aged, Immigrant and Refugee Services, Hispanic Ministry, Youth Ministry and Inner City Catholic Education.

During the Holy Season of Lent we are asked to seek opportunities each day to practice our faith through works of charity. The Catholic Charity Fund Appeal is one of the most effective ways for us to fulfill that mission for it allows us to help others in a simple and generous way.

This year we will once again be asking you to make your donation or pledge at one of the weekend Masses next week or any week during Lent. We will continue to utilize the “In-Pew Solicitation” method, which was so very successful last year. If you are not prepared to make your donation or pledge next week, you may take home a pledge envelope and return it any weekend.

I also encourage all who have never given to Catholic Charities before to consider a gift this year. It is a very effective way to give generously to those in need right here in our own State and neighborhood. Even a pledge of \$15 or \$25 a month can make a great difference and help us quickly reach our goal.

I join all our fellow Rhode Islanders who will benefit from this year’s appeal in asking that you come to Mass next weekend prepared to make a generous contribution. We also ask that you pray for the success of this year’s Appeal, for your prayers and generous donations help our Diocese accomplish God’s work in Rhode Island for our brothers and sisters, our neighbors in need.

Fr. Jack

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, March 6:

8:00 AM – *Frank Baldino*
by his nephew

TUESDAY, March 7:

8:00 AM – *Ed O’Keefe*

WEDNESDAY, March 8

8:00 AM – Mary May

THURSDAY, March 9:

8:00 AM – *Frances Nannig*
by the parish

FRIDAY, March 10:

8:00 AM – *Alice Bailey*
by her daughter Maureen

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 11:

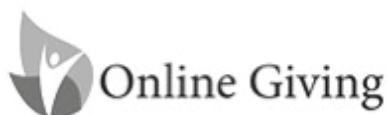
5:00 PM – *The Deceased of the Parish*

SUNDAY, March 12:

7:00 AM - *Maurice LaFreniere*
by his children

8:30 AM - *The Deceased of the Parish*

10:30 AM – *Bozena Kaldroska*
by her children



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 3/5	Middle Grades 3, 4, 5 Children’s Mass Class, Parish Center	8:30 AM 9:30 AM
Wed 3/8	Children’s Choir, Parish Center Teen Choir, Parish Center	5:30 PM 6:30 PM
Thu 3/9	Morning Mass Coffee Adult Choir, Parish Center	8:30 AM 6:45 PM
Fri 3/10	Lenten Bible Study, Parish Center South County Nursing Home Stations of the Cross, Church	9:00 AM 2:00 PM 5:00 PM
Sat 3/11	Gala Auction, Quonset O Club	6:00 PM



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.

PARISH SUPPORT		
	Feb 26, 2017	2016
Basket	\$7,310.00	\$7,440.00
On Line Giving	\$1,304.50	\$1,270.50
	Feb 19 2017	2016
Basket	\$6,377.00	\$7,913.00
On Line Giving	\$1,952.50	\$3,202.50

Announcements



Game Night Gala Auction & Dinner Tickets

LAST CALL !!!

Tickets are still available at the Parish Office 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 pick up 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 bringing a donation of canned goods for the North Kingstown Food Pantry. Your presence will insure a great evening for us all.



K of C IRISH BREAKFAST (PUBLIC INVITED)

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Irish Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, March 12th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled Eggs, Bangers, Rashers, Corned Beef Hash, Home Fries, Baked Beans, Grilled Tomatoes, Soda Bread, Hot and Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.00. Please bring in a non-perishable food donation for Food Pantry



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.**



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 8th at the First Baptist Church of North Kingstown, 1135 Tower Hill Road
Rev. Dr. Leonard Thompson

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
or check the local TV/Radio Channels for updates

First Communion 1:

Next class, April 1st, 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)

Class Today, 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
Next Class April 2nd

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.

Bishop Hendricken Open House

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open
House on Sunday, March 12, from noon – 3:00 PM.
Information on the academics, college placement,
athletic and extracurricular activities will be availa-
ble. The entrance exam for prospective freshman and
sophomore transfers will be held on Saturday, April
8th, at 8:30 AM. For more information or to pre-
register, please call the Admissions Office at 739-
3450, ext. 162.

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**

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.



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