

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

A Stewardship Parish

**The Second Sunday in Lent
March 12, 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.



Twice each year I teach a course as part of the Diocesan Teacher Training program called “CORE”, a program offered by Providence College which provides an opportunity for Catholic School teachers to become certified as teachers of religion in our schools. My course this year was entitled “Sacraments, Rites, Roots and Rituals” and it was offered, not in a classroom, but on-line. Over the years I have learned a great deal about “virtual classrooms” and what it is like to teach students on a computer without ever seeing them.

One of the options provided to students of my course was a “Discussion Forum” in which they could ask questions of me and discuss with one another issues concerning the topic of the course. The most frequently asked questions is: “Why can’t Catholics receive Communion in a Protestant church especially if they are invited by the minister to do so?”

There are many Catholics who attend weddings or funerals in non-Catholic churches and who are invited by the minister, often with good intentions, to receive Communion because “we all believe....” The truth is, however, that we do not all believe in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist in the same way. For Catholics, receiving the Eucharist is not just a sign of our unity in faith. Rather, it is a sign of our unity as a Church. The official Catholic position holds that Holy Communion is not only a source of Christian unity, but it is also THE sign of our unity. We cannot put forth signs of unity when obvious division still exists. Receiving Communion at the same altar is not a sign of unity when we do so with the intention of separating afterwards to return to our various Churches. In short, the Catholic Church teaches that we should not pretend to have true unity if, in reality, we are separated from other Christian Churches. There are many things we do share with our sisters and brothers of other churches, but the Eucharist remains one thing we do not agree on, not only on a ministerial level but also as a matter of doctrine.

In the Missalettes you find in the pews there is a message to non-Catholics inside the front cover. This message was written by the National Council of Catholic Bishops and part of what it says is this: “Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life and worship, members of those Churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion.”

The Eucharist is more than food for the individual Christian. When we come together to celebrate the Eucharist, we express who we are as Church. We look for the day when all Churches will be united, but the reality today is that we are not. Receiving the Eucharist can become a sign of our dis-unity so all the more reason we should pray for the time when we will all be united and, in the meantime, let us show respect for one another.

Fr. Jack



2017 CATHOLIC
CHARITY APPEAL

Next week 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, March 13:

8:00 AM – *Mary Cacchiotti*
by a friend

TUESDAY, March 14:

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

WEDNESDAY, March 15

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

THURSDAY, March 16:

8:00 AM – *Peter Simeone*

FRIDAY, March 17:

8:00 AM – *Hector Jaso*
by his family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 18:

5:00 PM – *Ed Cooney*
by his family

SUNDAY, March 19:

7:00 AM – *Phyllis & Albert Sciola*
by her son

8:30 AM – *Henry & Joan Zaborski*
by their family

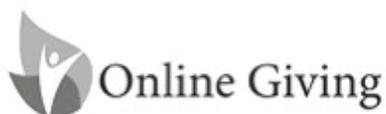
10:30 AM – *Regina Pelli*
by her family

Upcoming Meetings

Mon 3/13	SPRED	6:00 PM
Tue 3/14	RCIA	6:30 PM
Wed 3/15	Children's Choir, Parish Center CUB Scouts, Parish Center Teen Choir, Parish Center	5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM
Thu 3/16	Adult Choir, Parish Center	6:45 PM
Fri 3/17	Lenten Bible Study, Parish Center Stations of the Cross, Church	9:00 AM 5:00 PM
Sat 3/18	First Communion 2 Class	8:45 AM
Sun 3/19	Grades 6 & 7 (Pre-Confirmation) Grades 8 & 9 (Confirmation 1&2)	5:00 PM 5:00 PM

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.



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

	Mar 5 2017	2016
Basket	\$8,551.50	\$9,108.50
On Line Giving	\$1,287.50	\$1,213.50
	Feb 26, 2017	2016
Basket	\$7,310.00	\$7,440.00
On Line Giving	\$1,304.50	\$1,270.50

Announcements

Lenten Dispensation

This year, St. Patrick's Day (March 17) falls on a Friday during Lent. On this specific occasion, in light of the festive nature of the day, Bishop Tobin hereby dispenses Catholics in the Diocese of Providence from the disciplines of fast and abstinence that are normally required on the Fridays of Lent.

Catholics who take advantage of this dispensation are reminded that, in maintaining the penitential spirit of the Lenten Season, some other form of penance, prayer, or charitable work should be substituted at an appropriate time.

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick, a great bishop and missionary of the Church, we should be mindful of the spiritual nature of the day. Let us resolve to imitate St. Patrick's faith, holiness, and apostolic zeal in our daily lives



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, today, 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.

Bible Summer Camp

(June 26 - June 30, 2017)

A weeklong, half day camp hosted at St. Bernard Church for Students entering grade K-5 in the fall of 2017. The theme is Maker

Fun Factory - Created by God, Built for a purpose. There will be a variety of activities including, games, story time, crafts and snack time. More details and registration information will be announced in April. Adult volunteers are needed as "Station Leaders" and High School Students are needed as 'Crew Leaders". If you are interested please contact the Faith Formation Office at 295-0387 or sbc.reled@verizon.net as soon as possible.



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 15th at the North Kingstown United
Methodist Church 450 Boston Neck Road
Rev. Lori Eldridge

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.turnto10.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)

Next Class Sunday April 2nd, 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.

Bishop Hendricken Open House

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open
House today, Sunday, March 12, from noon – 3:00
PM. Information on the academics, college place-
ment, athletic and extracurricular activities will be
available. The entrance exam for prospective fresh-
man and sophomore transfers will be held on Satur-
day, 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.



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 19. If you would like to help, please call Chris
Kosak at 294-2885 or the Parish Center at 295-0387.