

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

A Stewardship Parish

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 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.



The Way of the Cross

A Lenten Devotion for our times

Nothing captures the spirit of Lent like the Stations of the Cross. For centuries, the Church has encouraged this devotion as a popular way to pursue the goals of Lent, among which are:

- ⇒ Turning back to God and away from our sins
- ⇒ Personal conversion and a “change of heart”
- ⇒ A recommitment to serving the poor and suffering

The Stations of the Cross have a very dramatic history. In the very early days after the Resurrection, the young Christian community felt uneasy about the fact that of the 12 disciples, only one (St. John) stood with Jesus at the foot of the Cross. Except for Judas, who hung himself, the others were hiding for fear that they perhaps could be next. It was the very first “scandal” the Church had to deal with. Feelings of guilt and a fear that they had all betrayed their Lord caused some of those early disciples to go out into the streets of Jerusalem and re-trace the steps Jesus took on His last day. As they walked along the streets they would stop to pray 14 times (stations) and recall the sad details of that fateful afternoon.

As the years went by, this popular devotion was brought to other places and eventually to Rome itself where the station churches marked the path and the pilgrims would process. As the popularity of the Way of the Cross became more widespread, the stations were moved into the church and placed on the walls surrounding the interior so that all the faithful could participate.

Each Friday of Lent at 5 PM we, too, celebrate the Way of the Cross. If you are on your way home from work and have about 30 minutes, this can be a great way to bring new meaning to your Lenten prayer. But it is not necessary to wait for the formal service. Booklets containing an abbreviated form of the Stations of the Cross have been placed at the entrances to the Church for your use. Please feel free to go to the church any weekday (we’re open until 4 PM) or anytime on Saturdays to make your own private Way of the Cross. The stations are located on the walls of the church entrance beginning with the First Station to the far right of the Reconciliation Room.

Fr. Jack

CONFESIONS FOR LENT:

On **Monday evening (March 27)** this week, Fr. Jack will be present in the Church **from 5 PM until 7 PM** to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance with anyone who wishes to receive it. This is a very convenient way to receive the Lord’s forgiveness in this great Sacrament and do it on your way home from work.

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2017 CATHOLIC
CHARITY APPEAL

We continue 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 27:

8:00 AM – *Joseph Michael Miller*
 Birthday Remembrance by Alberta Miller

TUESDAY, March 28:

8:00 AM – *Linwood, Margaret & Marguerite Sherman* by their family

WEDNESDAY, March 29

8:00 AM – *Special Intention*

THURSDAY, March 30:

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

FRIDAY, March 31:

8:00 AM – *William Jamison*
 by his family

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 1:

5:00 PM – *Peter Foley*
 by the Byrne family

SUNDAY, April 2:

7:00 AM - *Daniel & Margaret Smith*
 by Maureen Motherway

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

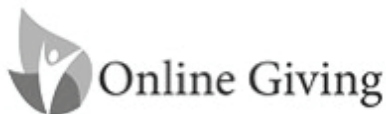
10:30 AM – *Peter Fitzpatrick*
 by his father

Upcoming Meetings

Mon 3/27	Confessions, 5:00 PM –7:00PM SPRED, Parish Center Adult Choir, Parish Center	6:00 PM 6:45 PM
Tue 3/28	RCIA, Parish Center	6:30 PM
Wed 3/29	Children’s Choir, Parish Center Cub Scouts, Parish Center Teen Choir, Parish Center	5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM
Fri 3/31	Lenten Bible Study, Parish Center Stations of the Cross, Church	9:00 AM 5:00 PM
Sat 4/1	First Communion 1, Parish Center	8:45 AM
Sun 4/2	Middle Grades, 3, 4 & 5 Children’s Mass Class, Parish Center First Communion 2, Retreat, Parish Center	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 1:00 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 19 2017	2016
Basket	\$6,688.00	\$6,137.00
On Line Giving	\$1,962.00	\$2,179.50
	Mar 12, 2017	2016
Basket	\$7,469.50	\$7,440.00
On Line Giving	\$1,124.50	\$1,270.50

Announcements

Interested in World Youth Day 2019?

Join us for a preliminary meeting to gauge interest and discuss possible travel options for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Panama, January 22-27, 2019

How about taking a cruise ship with Bishop Frank Cagiano and other pilgrims from around the country?

We will be meeting at the Diocesan Chancery Building

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

6:30 PM

One Cathedral Square

Providence Rhode Island, 02903

Young adults, priests, deacons, religious, youth ministers, catechists, parents, interested youth, and anyone who would like to listen and contribute are welcome. Sponsored by the Diocese of Providence Young Adult Ministry and Office of Youth Ministry. For more information please contact Michael Aoyama at mjpaoyama@dioceseofprovidence.org.

Music Ministry 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

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.

The last session will be held on Friday **March 31**. Sessions are 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 29nd at St Francis de Sales
381 School St, North Kingstown
Rev. David Procaccini

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:

First Communion Retreat: Sunday April 2, 1-4 PM
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) and Confirma-
tion 1 Grade 8**

Next Class: April 9 (Palm Sunday) at 5:00 PM in
the Parish Center concluding with Youth Mass at
6:30 PM.

Confirmation 2 Grade 9 Student and Parent Meeting
April 9 (Palm Sunday) 5:00 PM in the Parish Cen-
ter concluding with Youth Mass at 6:30 PM.

Reminder: Confirmation Candidates are required
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 re-
turn a signed bulletin to the Parish Center on a
regular basis.

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.

Men's Conference

Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence
**"Are You in a Battle? Draw Your Strength from the
Lord"**

Saturday, April 29, 2017
8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Keynote Speakers: Ken Yasinski and Fr. Matthew Wil-
liams

The day begins with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop
Thomas J. Tobin and will include inspiring talks, live
music, prayer, morning coffee, and lunch catered by Ven-
da Ravioli. The Men's Conference will be held at the
Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul and McVinney Audi-
torium. For more information and to register, please visit
discovercatholicfaith.org/mens-conference, or call the
Diocesan Office of Faith Formation at 401-278-4646.
Deadline to register is April 22nd.

Start Collecting your Stuff!

Join us for the 2nd Saint Bernard Church / The Hai-
tian 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
containers will be placed in the gathering space at the
entrance of the church. **Please contact Zach Overly with
any questions. Phone: (401) 400-9038 Email: zover-
ly36@gmail.com**



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 col-
lection.