

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

A Stewardship Parish

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 2, 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
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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 sbcreled@verizon.net.



Do You Know Good Pope John?

A few weeks ago, I was visiting Rome and while there I made it a point to visit the grave of St. John XXIII and celebrated Mass near there. If you are not old enough to remember the Kennedy assassination, then you would not remember Pope John XXIII (23rd) who also died in 1963. He was one of my childhood heroes. Many people today have remarked that Pope Francis is a “breath of fresh air” in the Church, but many of us also said that about Pope John XXIII when he succeeded Pope Pius XII. These two popes give us a common feeling of simplicity, humor, and a connection to the common man – and woman. Having recently made a pilgrimage to his grave, I thought I

would share with you something about this saintly pope and what made him so special.

Angelo Roncalli was born in a small farming village in the north of Italy. He was ordained a priest in 1904 and then became a seminary teacher and the publisher of his diocesan newspaper. During World War I he served as a chaplain and volunteered to be a stretcher-bearer, risking his life to bring wounded soldiers off the battlefield. In 1925 he became a Vatican diplomat, serving in Bulgaria, Turkey and then in France. During World War II he became friends with Orthodox Church leaders in Turkey and with their help, saved and estimated 24,000 Jewish people.

Bishop Roncalli was named a Cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953 and then just one month before celebrating his 78th birthday, he was elected Pope. He took the name John after his father and the patron of Rome’s Cathedral, St. John Lateran. He took his work very seriously but not himself. Many Church leaders of the time saw him as a kindly old man who would not be pope very long and would be a sort of “caretaker”, but not a pope who would change much. The joke was on them! He started by naming Cardinals who were not Italian and made the college more international. He then shocked them all by announcing that he was going to convene an Ecumenical Council to address the role of the Church in the modern world. In 1962 he was deeply involved in efforts to resolve the Cuban missile crisis and his most famous encyclical was written in 1963, *Pacem In Terris* - Peace On Earth. At the opening of the Vatican Council he set the tone for the council by saying: *“The Church has always opposed...errors. Nowadays, however, the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity.”* On his deathbed he said, *“It is not that the Gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better.”*

Good Pope John died on June 3, 1963. Pope John Paul II beatified him in 2000 and Pope Francis canonized him a saint in 2014. Perhaps the quality Pope John is remembered for most is his sense of humor. One day when a reporter asked him, “Your holiness, if you found out that Christ was coming again tomorrow, what advice would you give your Cardinals and Bishops?” Without hesitation the pope replied, “I would tell them to look busy!” During this final week of Lent, let’s “look busy” so that we can truly be made a “new Creation” at Easter.

Fr. Jack

Holy Week

Next Sunday, **April 9th**, is Passion Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Please take a look at the Schedule of Masses and plan to join us for these most Holy Days.

PALM SUNDAY - Weekend Masses as usual on Saturday and Sunday morning.

HOLY THURSDAY - **7:00 PM** - Mass of the Lord’s Supper

GOOD FRIDAY - **3:00 PM** - Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM - Solemn Service of the Lord’s Passion with Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY: **7:30 PM** - Easter Vigil and Mass for Easter (**no 5 PM Mass**).

EASTER SUNDAY: Masses at **7:00 AM, 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM**.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 3:

8:00 AM – *Special Intention*

TUESDAY, April 4:

8:00 AM – *Ernie Balasco, 3rd Anniversary*
by Norma LaSalle

WEDNESDAY, April 5

8:00 AM – *Lawrence Jamison*
by the Bamford Family

THURSDAY, April 6:

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

FRIDAY, April 7:

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

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, April 8:

5:00 PM – *Maj Robert T Motherway*
by his wife Maureen

SUNDAY, April 9:

7:00 AM - *Susan Sherman*
by Mary Ann Sherman

8:30 AM - *Lawrence Jamison*
by the Marcaccio family

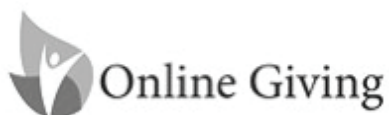
10:30 AM – *Bruce Larson*
by the Mazzone family

Upcoming Meetings

Sun 4/2	Middle Grades, 3, 4 & 5 Children's Mass Class, Parish Center	8:30 AM 9:30 AM
	First Communion 2, Retreat, Parish Center	1:00 PM
Wed 4/5	Children's Choir, Parish Center Teen Choir, Parish Center	5:30 PM 6:30 PM
Thu 4/6	Adult Choir	6:45 PM
Fri 4/7	Stations of the Cross, Church Grades 3, 4, 5 Easter Celebration, Parish Hall	5:00 PM 5:30 PM
	Grades 6, 7 and Confirmation 1, Class, Parish Center	5:00 PM
Sun 4/9	Confirmation 2, Student and Parent Meeting, Church	5:00 PM
	Youth Mass	6:30 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 26, 2017	2016
Basket	\$7,101.00	\$12,343.00
On Line Giving	\$1,312.00	\$2,420.50
	Mar 19 2017	2016
Basket	\$6,688.00	\$6,137.00
On Line Giving	\$1,962.00	\$2,179.50

Announcements

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 scholarships will be awarded in June 2017. To be considered, completed applications must be returned by April 15, 2017.

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

April 5th at St Paul's Episcopal Church
55 Main St., North Kingstown
Rev. Canon Virginia Wilson

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. Registration forms are available in the gathering space of the Church. 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.



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
Supporting the work of the Church

"Faith and Good Works"

*Supports 39 Diocesan Ministries and Programs that
Serve Over 200,000 Rhode Islanders Annually*

It is the goal of every Catholic Charity Appeal ministry to continue the redemptive work of Christ in our world.

What We Do:

1. We teach God's truth
2. We love our neighbor
3. We serve with grateful hearts

Why We Do It:

1. To promote peace and justice
2. To proclaim the dignity of each person
3. To share our values

How We Do It:

1. Through 39 ministries and programs
2. Through dedicated clergy, staff and volunteers
3. Through living what we believe

Case Statement for the Catholic Charity Appeal The Catholic 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. It is our responsibility to ensure that these agencies and programs have the resources available to help our brothers and sisters in need.



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 \$85,000 this year

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 2:

First Communion Retreat: Today, Sunday April 2,
1-4 PM in the Parish Center.

First Communion Rehearsal: Monday May 1st in the
Church

6:00-6:45pm Group A (Saturday Morning Group)

7:00-7:45pm Group B (Saturday Afternoon
Group)

First Communion Masses: Saturday, May 6th in the
Church 11:00am- Group A 1:00pm-Group B

Middle Grades-3, 4, 5 (Post First Communion)

Class today, 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

Last Children's Mass, Sunday May 7th 8:30 AM
followed by end of year celebration in the Parish
Center

**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.

Beat the Chill, Climb the Hill
5K Fun Run

Saturday, April 8, 2017 11:00 AM

Place: Monsignor Clarke School, Wakefield, RI
Entry Fee: Race Day Registration: 9:30-10:45 in the
school gym. Entry fee \$25. Prizes will be given for the
best team costume theme. Register as a team on race
day. T Shirts: T shirts to all preregistered run-
ners. Awards: Top male/female over all. Top male/
female in the following age categories: 13 and under,
14-18, 19-39, 40-59, 60-69, 70+. Top male/ female
MCS student for elementary and middle school. No
duplicate awards.

Register online at Active.com

Start Collecting your Stuff!

Join us for the 2nd Saint Bernard Church / The Hai-
tian Project **Yard Sale 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**

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.

