

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

A Stewardship Parish

**Third Sunday of Easter
April 30, 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 sbc.reled@verizon.net.

rom the Pastor's Desk



Stand up and be counted!

Back in 1976, my first priestly assignment was to the great old parish of St. Mary's in Newport. We were surrounded by mansions, taverns and tourists. They were wonderful years in many ways. In the summer, when most parishes were quiet and the priests could have a little extra time off, we were busier than ever. Buses filled with tour groups would descend on the church to see where President Kennedy and his young bride had taken their vows. It was impossible to get out of town with the summer traffic, and so the pastor bought me a moped so that I could get around town and take up the parish census.

In those days the census was a unique experience for a newly ordained priest (there is nothing to compare to it today!). I would hit the streets around nine in the morning and by the end of the afternoon I might have covered two or three streets. In those days it was still possible to find people at home during the day and a visit from the priest was a special event for many of them. (However, I do remember one person who told me he had joined another church and that if I ever knocked on his door again he would call the cops.) I can't even begin to recount how many new parishioners I picked up just by knocking on doors. Many children who had never been to religious instructions were registered for the new school year. I especially enjoyed spending time with the elderly folks who regaled me with wonderful stories of what Newport was like in the good old days when the Vanderbilts and Rockefellers came to play.

It would be nice to be able to take up a parish census that way today, but unfortunately it is no longer possible to find people at home during the day and the priests are already too busy with the realities of parish life in this new century. We simply would never be able to find the time to do it. Therefore in the office we are beginning the task of updating our parish census. Today we do it on the computer, but we still need your help.

If you are not presently registered in the parish, or think you are but you don't receive any mail from the parish, please call our office (295-0387). If you have children who once lived with you and now are back with you, but we don't know it, please ask them to register too. If you know of a new family in your neighborhood who is a Catholic, ask them to call us as well.

Because of the growing expense of mailing, we will be taking families off our budget mailing list who have not used their budget envelopes for more than a year, so if your envelopes are sitting around collecting dust – “use them or lose them” – or better yet, call us and we will help you set up an ACH account with your bank. We also have many people who registered here but live outside the boundaries of the parish. We are going to have to remove them from our list if they are no longer attending Mass here or do not support the parish in any way. I encourage them to register in their own geography parish.

Thanks for your help!

Fr. Jack

Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter

We are always in need of **new socks, bath towels, and backpacks, twin-sized bedding, etc.** Drop off items at the Parish Center. Contact the office at ParishCenter@SBCWickford.org or 295-0387 for more information.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, May 1:

8:00 AM – *Special Intention*

TUESDAY, May 2:

8:00 AM – *Special Intention*

WEDNESDAY, May 3

8:00 AM – *John & Cathleen Casey*
by *Liz O’Keefe*

THURSDAY, May 4:

8:00 AM – *Brian Casey*
by *Liz O’Keefe*

FRIDAY May 5:

8:00 AM – *Kevin Chamberlin*
Birthday Remembrance

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, May 6:

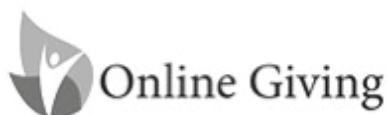
5:00 PM – *Karyl & Ann Motherway*
by *Maureen Motherway*

SUNDAY, May 7:

7:00 AM - *Jimmy Mulligan*
by *Maureen Motherway*

8:30 AM - *Deceased of the parish*

10:30 AM – *Carmelo DiBiasio*
by *his family*



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

Wed 5/3	Children’ & Teen Choir, Parish Center	5:30 PM
Sat 5/6	First Communion, Group 1, Church	11:00 AM
	First Communion, Group 2, Church	1:00 PM
Sun 5/7	Children’s Mass, followed by End of Year Celebration	8:30 AM

MAY 13th ROSARY RALLY

To Honor the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Appearance

We invite you to join us in a Public recitation of the Rosary on Saturday, May 13th from 12 noon until 1 PM on the grounds of St. Bernard’s Church.

This will be one of thousands of Rallies taking place across our Nation. It was on May 13th 1917, in the midst of the horror of WWI that Our Lady first appeared to three shepherd children at Fatima in Portugal. She asked them and all who came after her to pray for Peace.

Please join us to offer our prayers to Mary and help turn our nation and all nations to God and to a lasting peace.

For information, contact Mary Ann Pignataro at mmapc@verizon.net or 401-792-0310.

PARISH SUPPORT

	Apr 23 , 2017	2016
Basket	\$6,399.00	\$6,969.00
On Line Giving	\$1,422.00	\$1,987.00
	Apr 16, 2017	2016
Basket	\$9,582.00	\$7,863.00
On Line Giving	\$2,992.00	\$2,497.00

Announcements



Sunday Community Dinners

The Sunday Community Dinners are held weekly 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 May 21, June 25 and July 23. If you would like to help, please call Chris Kosak at 294-2885 or the Parish Center at 295-0387.



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.

KofC BREAKFAST **(PUBLIC INVITED):**

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Breakfast at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on Sunday, May 7th, from 7:30 to 10:30. Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Home Fries, Baked Beans, Corned Beef Hash, Hot and Cold Cereal, Orange Juice, Coffee and Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.00, \$4.00 for children 12 and under; children 6 and under are free. Please bring in a non-perishable food donation for Food Pantry



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. 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!

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

Grades-3, 4, 5

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

Confirmation Candidates

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 return a signed bulletin to the Parish Center on a regular basis.

RCIA

We are very pleased to welcome our candidates *Lauren Gallagher, Jessica Guerra Rodriques* and *Samuel Capobianco*, who received into full communion with the Church through the reception of Eucharist and Confirmation. They were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil on April 15th. We congratulate them and welcome them into our community of faith.



Summer Bible 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.

Msgr. Clarke School Open House
Sunday May 7th 12 PM—2 PM

Classes are filling up quickly and some may go to waiting list! Contact Sara Marshall, Director of Advancement with any questions or to RSVP. smarshall@monsignorclarkeschool.org or 401-789-0860



North Kingstown
Cub Scouts
Pack 5

Free Informational Meeting
When: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 @ 6-7 pm
Where: St Bernard Church Parish Center

St. Bernard Church has a chartered cub scout pack! A recruitment meeting will be held with information on how you can get your boy involved with camaraderie while having fun! Come learn about scouting while we entertain your cub. We are welcoming boys entering 1st grade through 3rd grade next fall. NKPack5Info@gmail.com Steve Raymond 401-374-2954



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 collection.