

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

**A Stewardship Parish**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 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](http://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](mailto:sbc.reled@verizon.net).

**May  
Month of  
The Blessed  
Mother**



It is no accident that the Church has designated May as the month when we give special honor to Mary, the mother of our Savior. It is also not a coincidence that Mother's Day falls during this month, for both have much in common. Mary has always had a special place of honor in the Church and has served as a model for all Christians – and in a special way for mothers and for all women in the Church. The way the Church understands Mary's role is very well described by Bishop Clark, the retired bishop of Rochester, NY who wrote:

***“Mary is not a woman protected from the demands of faith in daily living. There is nothing sentimental about her. She is a woman with her feet planted firmly on the earth – Mary of Nazareth, the new Eve, the new Mother of all the living, the woman whose risk in faith first made Christ present among us.”***

It is precisely in this way that Mary is the first model for the contemporary woman – not as a mysterious icon or an object of obscure veneration and unattainable blessedness, but as an altogether human woman who was painfully misunderstood by the man she loved and who was confused by her child's behavior. Mary is the woman who was not afraid to speak her mind or voice her questions; who stood by courageously while her Son was executed; who was present at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and who, indeed, had a role of leadership in the early Church.

When Mary's place in the life and ministry of the Church is recognized and understood, the place of all women in the Church is assured. Therefore, women are not seen as onlookers or maidservants but as integral coworkers, as necessary for the work of the Church in our world as Mary was and is for all time.

In her day, Mary was one of the “little people” not important enough to get paid well or to be famous in her day, but she was the most important Christian who ever lived because she was the FIRST Christian. As the Church honors her during the month of May we see the goodness of Mary in our own mothers and we thank God for them for without them we would have no faith and no Church.

Bishop Tobin has asked us to spend special time this year with Mary. We have an opportunity to come to know her better through prayer and the scriptures. This month, especially, when we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apparition of Mary at Fatima in Portugal, our parish will focus our attention on her in special way. For the next two weekends we will make available to you weekly pamphlets which highlight how we can find Mary in the Scriptures and at Fatima. I hope you will join me in spending more time with Mary this month, she is the one we can all relate to and celebrate on Mother's Day.

*Fr. Jack*



***Happy Mother's Day!  
A Prayer For Mothers***

Loving Father, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so watch over us all. Bless our mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that their families will honor and respect them and may they one day join our Blessed Mother in the Eternal Happiness of her Son's Kingdom. Amen.

# Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, May 15:**

8:00 AM – *Special Intention*

**TUESDAY, May 16:**

8:00 AM – *Robert Riccio*

**WEDNESDAY, May 17:**

8:00 AM – *Clara & Joseph Poliziani*  
by *Dilick Family*

**THURSDAY, May 18:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the parish*

**FRIDAY, May 19:**

8:00 AM – *Deceased of the parish*

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, May 20:**

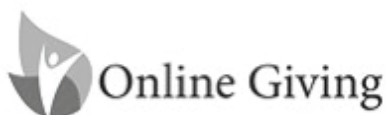
5:00 PM – *William McLaughlin*  
by *his family*

**SUNDAY, May 21:**

7:00 AM – *Deceased of the parish*

8:30 AM – *Michael Ormond*  
by *his wife*

10:30 AM – *Deceased of the parish*



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](http://SBCWickford.org), click on “Support your Parish” and follow the link to OSV, Online Giving.

## Upcoming Meetings

<b>Mon 5/15</b>	<b>Finance Council, Parish Center</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Thu 5/18</b>	<b>Adult Choir, Parish Center Baptism Class, Parish Center</b>	<b>6:45 PM 7:00 PM</b>



### We welcome new parishioners

If you are new to the area and would like to register in the parish, please visit us at

[www.SBCWickford.org](http://www.SBCWickford.org)

or call the parish office at 295-0387. There is a lot to get involved in here and we would love to have you join us.

## PARISH SUPPORT

	<b>May 7, 2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$8,377.00</b>	<b>\$7,199.00</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$1,997.00</b>	<b>\$2,343.00</b>
<b>Year To Date</b>	<b>\$434,030.00</b>	<b>\$453,824.00</b>
	<b>April 30, 2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Basket</b>	<b>\$8,177.00</b>	<b>\$7,600.00</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$1,277.00</b>	<b>\$1,392.00</b>

## 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.

### Life and Family Ministry

The Office of Life and Family is offering a program for Catholic marriages, To Love and To Cherish, designed to enrich/strengthen marriages. This free program provides topics/discussions in a sharing group environment for married couples. It will be presented on Wednesdays', May 17 through June 14, 7:30-8:30 PM at Saint Catherine Church, upper back entrance, 3252 Post Rd., Warwick. For registration, contact Peter Magnotta at 401-423-7833, ext. 217. (Please note this program is not for marriage counseling.)



### 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](mailto:ParishCenter@SBCWickford.org) or 295-0387 for more information.



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**  
**IT'S REGISTRATION TIME!!!!**



Registration forms were emailed this week to families that participated in our programs last year.

If your child was not part of our program last year or you did not receive an email and

you would like to register them for the grade appropriate program, detailed information about the program and registration forms are available in the gathering space in the back of the church and at the Parish Office. They will be on our website in the near future. Completed forms can be mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office, or placed in the collection basket at Mass. Upon your review of the documents should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation Office at [sbc.reled@verizon.net](mailto:sbc.reled@verizon.net) OR 295-0387.

**Registration deadlines:**

**June 30, 2017:** for Grades 1 through 9

**May 31, 2017:** for Grade 10 (Student has completed our 2 year Confirmation Program and will be confirmed in October, 2017 (date TBA))

**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.



**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.



**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](mailto:sbc.reled@verizon.net) as soon as possible.

**The Players at the Barker Playhouse present the musical**

**"Godspell"**

Benefit Night proceeds will benefit  
The Haitian Project.

Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

Doors open at 6:45pm, Show begins at 7:30pm  
400 Benefit St., Providence RI

Seats are \$25 each (100% to benefit THP!) To purchase your seat(s), please contact Amanda Haluga at 401-351-3624 or

[development@haitianproject.org](mailto:development@haitianproject.org).

Space is limited. We hope you can join us!

**25 Week Club Roast Beef Dinner**  
**(Public Invited)**

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Roast Beef Dinner at the Council Hall, 1265 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, on May 20th, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Roast Beef, Gravy, Potatoes, Veggies, Salad, Rolls and Butter, Coffee and Tea will be served.

The cost is \$10.00 / Guest.

Please call 295-0507 for reservations by Thursday May 18th.