March 20, 2016
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

St. Bernard Church
275 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, R. I. 02852
A Stewardship Parish

Rev. John E. Unsworth, Pastor
Pastoral Assistant: Angelo Giacchi
Sundays: Rev. Albino Barrera, OP
  Rev. Charles Maher

Administrative Asst.: Jane Allen

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
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Baptism: Please call 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

Eucharistic Adoration:
Following Tuesday’s 8:00 AM Mass until 11:30 AM

Music Ministry: Alison Shea, Director

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.
Dawn Masterson, Director of Faith Formation
Deborah Fortin, Faith Formation Office Manager

Parish Center: 275 Tower Hill Road
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
HOLY WEEK AT
ST. BERNARD’S

HOLY THURSDAY, March 24 (no morning Mass today)
Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 7:00 PM, washing of feet, procession and adoration. The Church will be open for private prayer until 9:30 PM.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 25 (no morning Mass today)
12 noon to 3 PM – The Church will be open for private devotions and Stations of the Cross booklets will be available.

Stations of the Cross – 3:00 PM – Please join us for this inspirational Way of the Cross.

Solemn Good Friday Service – 7:00 PM – includes the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

HOLY SATURDAY, March 26 (no morning Mass and no 5 PM Mass today)
Easter Vigil Mass – 7:30 PM – this Mass will include Baptism and reception of adult candidates for Eucharist and Confirmation. Attendance at this Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation.

EASTER SUNDAY, March 27
Masses will be at 7:00, 8:30 and 10:30 AM

We invite you to join us for the observance of this Holy Week. It is a unique opportunity to enter into the mystery of the passion and death of our Lord. We hope you and your family can attend all the services this week. If you know someone who has been away from the Church for a while, invite them to join you – they will find their faith renewed.

The Second Collection on Easter Sunday is the annual Easter Collection. This collection becomes part of our Parish’s contribution to the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal and benefits many worthy programs. Please be generous.

A Holy Land Collection – to help support the upkeep of the Holy Land Shrines in Jerusalem will be taken up at the 7:00 PM Good Friday Service.

We welcome new parishioners to St. Bernard Parish. If you are new to the area and would like to register in the parish, please call the Parish office (295-0387). There is a lot to get involved in here and we would love to have you join us.
**Mass Intentions**

**MONDAY, March 21:**
8:00 AM – *Linwood, Margaret, & Marguerite Sherman* by their family

**TUESDAY, March 22:**
8:00 AM – *Mary Schloth* by her family
2:00 PM – *South County Nursing & Rehab.*

**WEDNESDAY, March 23:**
8:00 AM – *Alan Scalabrin* by his wife

**THURSDAY, March 24:**
7:00 PM – *Mass of the Lord’s Supper*

**FRIDAY, March 25:**
3:00 PM – *Stations of the Cross*
7:00 PM – *Solemn Good Friday Service*

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, March 26:**
7:30 PM – *Easter Vigil*

**SUNDAY, March 27:**
7:00 AM – *The deceased of the Parish*
8:30 AM – *The deceased of the Parish*
10:30 AM – *The deceased of the Parish*

**Upcoming Meetings**

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**Lent**

WEEKDAY MASS will be celebrated at 8 AM daily (Monday –Wednesday).

STATIONS of the CROSS will be prayed Good Friday at 3 PM in the Church.

**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 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.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

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St. Bernard offers parishioners the opportunity to make their contributions through Online Giving. Visit [www.SBCWickford.org](http://www.SBCWickford.org). Click on “Support your Parish” then click on the link for OSV Online Giving and follow the prompts.

Many companies offer matching funds for donations to non-profit organizations. Your company might match your donation to St. Bernard! Please find out if your company has this policy.

**Online Giving**

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

From The Music Corner

Children’s Choir Rehearsals:
Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.

Teen Choir rehearsals:
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

Adult Choir rehearsals:
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.

The Parish Center will be closed
March 25, Good Friday.

The Holy Week, Easter and April-June Schedules
for Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors
have been issued and posted on the parish website. If you did not receive one please call Angelo at the Parish Center.

St. Bernard Scholarship Fund applications are now available on the Parish web site and at the Parish Center for graduating high school seniors of the Parish. Eight $1,250 scholarships will be awarded in June 2016. To be considered, completed applications must be returned by April 15, 2016.

The Passion of the Christ – FREE SCREENING
on Good Friday, March 25th, at 7pm at McVinney Auditorium, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence. Freewill Donations to the Catholic Charity Appeal will be accepted. Plenty of FREE Parking.

Are you a caregiver for a family member over the age of 60? The Diocesan CareBreaks Program can help! CareBreaks assists family caregivers in paying for a regular break from caregiving duties. Whether you need a worker to come to your home, help paying for a day of Adult Day Care each week, or even assisting with an occasional overnight stay in a nursing home. or more information call Hector at 421-7833 x 211 or hmunoz@dioceseofprovidence.org.

The Rejoice In Hope Youth Center in Cranston is sponsoring a Search Retreat weekend on April 1-3rd. Any high school youth (grade 10 +) or college age young adult is welcome to attend. Please contact the Rejoice in Hope Youth Center at 401-942-6571 or go to www.CatholicYouthRI.org for any additional information or to register.

Family Vocation Day, April 16, 2016, at Ss. John and Paul Church in Coventry Join families from around the Diocese for a day of prayer and reflection on vocation. Entertainment and free lunch is included. The day will also include the celebration of Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Registration will begin in the parish hall of Ss. John and Paul parish at 9 AM and the day will conclude at 3:30 PM. Please RSVP with Father Murphy, assistant director of vocations, by calling the office of vocations at 331-1316 or emailing him at FatherCJM@gmail.com

End of Life Decisions booklets with Catholic teachings on end of life care are available at the parish center.

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.
**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**Important Dates:**

First Communion 1: Last Class Saturday, April 2 from 9:00 - 11:00 am at the Parish Center

First Communion 2: Important Information:
- Retreat: Saturday, April 9 from 9:00-12:00pm at the Parish Center
- First Communion Rehearsal: Thursday, April 28th at the Church
  - 6:00-6:45pm Group A (Saturday Morning Group)
  - 7:00-7:45pm Group B (Saturday Afternoon Group)
- First Communion Masses: Saturday, April 30th at the Church
  - 11:00am - Group A
  - 1:00pm - Group B

Confirmation 1 & 2 Students:

REMINDER:

Class Sunday, April 10th:
- Confirmation 1: Class at 5:00 PM concluding with Youth Mass at 6:30 PM
- Confirmation 2: Parent’s Meeting 5:00 PM at the Parish Center concluding with Youth Mass at 6:30 PM.

All classes begin at 5:00 pm concluding with a Youth Mass at 6:30 pm which all students must attend.

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.

**PLEASE ARRIVE A FEW MINUTES EARLY SO WE CAN BEGIN CLASS ON TIME.**

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**Middle Grades 3-7 Project:**

**Blessing Bags for the Homeless of the Emmanuel House.**

Thank you to all the students that participated in the project and a special thank you to all the families that donated the items needed so generously.

The students were able to make 109 bags for the homeless!

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**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.

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**Sunday Community Dinners**

The Sunday Community Dinners will be held at 1st BAPTIST CHURCH OF WICKFORD, 44 Main Street. Dinners are served at 1 p.m. and are open to all, FREE. St. Bernard's will be providing the meal today, March 20. If you would like to help, call Chris Kosak at 294-2885 or the Parish Center at 295-0387. For the months of June, July and August, the dinner location will be changed to the N. K. United Methodist Church.

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**The North Kingstown Food Pantry**

For March the Pantry needs canned chili, spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes- diced, stewed or crushed, jams & jellies, pancake mix & syrup, & toothpaste. Drop off your donations in the entry-way of Church or at the Parish Center.

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**Bulletin Submission**

E-mail parishcenter@sbcwrickford.org with bulletin materials. The deadline for submission is Monday by 5:00 pm.