

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

December 12, 2021

Belfast ~ Camden ~ Rockland ~ Islesboro ~ North Haven
~ Vinalhaven ~ St. Dismas Catholic Community (Maine State Prison)



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16



ADVENT

Weekend Mass Schedule

(For weekend live stream schedule see p.3)

SATURDAY

4:00pm Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden

4:00pm St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast

6:00pm St. Bernard, Rockland

SUNDAY

8:00am St. Bernard, Rockland

8:30am St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast

11:00am Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden

11:00am St. Bernard, Rockland

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Half hour before Mass
or by appointment, call 236-4785.

Plus, priests are available during
scheduled Adoration times on Monday,
Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Adoration & Mass During the Week

MONDAY LIVE STREAM from
Our Lady of Good Hope:
Adoration 5:30pm, Mass 6:30pm

TUESDAY:
8:00am Mass at St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY
—8:00am Mass at Our Lady
of Good Hope, Camden
—At St. Francis of Assisi in Belfast,
Adoration 5:30pm, Mass 6:30pm

THURSDAY LIVE STREAM from St. Bernard
Adoration 5:30pm, Mass 6:30pm

FRIDAY LIVE STREAM Mass 8am from St. Francis



Church Doors are open
in all three churches
from 12pm-3pm, Monday-Friday
Come, spend some
quiet time with the Lord—
pray, keep Him company...



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST (MASS TIMES)



St. Bernard
150 Broadway,
Rockland, ME 04841

Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8:00am & 11:00am
Tues 8am & Thurs 6:30pm



Our Lady of Good Hope
7 Union Street,
Camden, ME 04843

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 11:00am
Mon 6:30pm & Wed 8am



St. Francis of Assisi
81 Court Street,
Belfast, ME 04915

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:30am
Wed 6:30pm & Fri 8am

PASTORAL STAFF

Staff email addresses: firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org

Fr. Nathan D. March, Pastor
207-236-4785

Fr. Divine Esua Fossoh, Parochial Vicar
207-930-7044

Deacon Robert Cleveland

OFFICE

Address: 7 Union St. Camden, ME 04843

Phone: 207-236-4785 **Fax:** 207-236-9422

For Parish Social Worker, Jeanne Denny, 207-390-1763

Office Hours: M,T & Th- 8:30am-3:30pm, Wed.- 8:30am - 12:30pm

Email: stbrendan@portlanddiocese.org

Belfast Rectory: 207-930-7044

Website: <http://www.stbrendanparish.net>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stbrendanparishmaine>

Parish email list: Contact Christine Fee at christine.fee@portlanddiocese.org

Additional St. Francis email list: Contact the office.

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PASTORAL LIFE & FAITH FORMATION STAFF

Christine Fee, Pastoral Life Coordinator

Sr. Kathleen Luppens, Parish Catechetical Leader

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Karol Skoby, Business Coordinator

Penny Wolfe, Office Manager

Paula Williamson, Safe Environment Coordinator

Michael Colson, Custodial

John Maas, Custodial

Rich Norman, Soup Kitchen Supervisor

Jeanne Denny, Social Worker (Contact: 207-390-1763)

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism: If you are planning to have a child baptized please call the Parish Office, 207-236-4785, two months prior to the birth.

Marriage Preparation and Ceremony: All couples planning a wedding should contact the parish office at least one year prior to their planned wedding date so that the church or mission can be reserved and the necessary preparation can be discussed.

Anointing the Sick /Communion at home: If you know of a parishioner in need, please call the Parish Office, 236-4785.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Available during the half -hour before every weekend Mass or by appointment.

TO RECEIVE PARISH-WIDE EMAILS, send an e-mail with your name and church you attend most often to Christine Fee at Christine.Fee@portlanddiocese.org

TO ADD NAME TO PARISH PRAYER CHAIN send an email to stbrendan@portlanddiocese.org.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

(Mass times may change and intentions may need to be rescheduled)
LS indicates Live Stream

Saturday, December 11, 2021 – Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Nathan	Al Salvatore Sr. by Mary Salvatore
4:00pm	OLGH	Fr. Divine	Michael Williamson by The Williamson Family

6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine LS	Pro Populo
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Sunday, December 12, 2021 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	Richard Donlin by Pat Donlin
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Nathan LS	Cecelia and Thomas Ritchie by Matt and Elissa Koskela
11:00am	OLGH	Fr. Nathan	Living Intention for June Pokoski & Children by Pat Boice
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	Michael Freda by Josephine Freda

Monday December 13	OLGH 6:30pm	Fr. Nathan LS	Lenore Niles by the family
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Tuesday December 14	St. Bernard 8:00am	Fr. Nathan	William Donahue by Tom and Fay Molloy
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Wednesday December 15	OLGH 8:00am	Fr. Nathan	Paul and Lorinda Sylvestre by Paulette and Russell Spera
	St. Francis 6:30pm	Fr. Divine	Richard Richter by Matt and Elissa Koskela

Thursday December 16	St. Bernard 6:30pm	Fr. Divine LS	Luba Persuk by Catherine & Ira Mandel
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Friday December 17	St. Francis 8:00am	Fr. Divine LS	Living Intention for the Prisoners at Maine State Prison by the parish
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Saturday, December 18, 2021 – Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Mary and Rudy Lucas by Jeannie Lucas and JD Dux
4:00pm	OLGH	Fr. Nathan LS	Gianina Ames by Our Lady of Good Hope Women's Club
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Nathan	Roger Brochu by Craig DeMuth

Sunday, December 19, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Nathan	Jose Marin-Nieto M.D. by his wife
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Pro Populo
11:00am	OLGH	Fr. Divine LS	Ray Pokoski by Paulette and Russell Spera
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Nathan	Parents of Robin Snow by Robin Snow

*Please pray for the
deceased of our parish...*

Anthony Nizik
Huguette Lecasse



**The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Bernard is
being lit this week for Carol Escorsio Kosmalski
by the family**

THIS ADVENT

The Light Is On For You and Christmas Schedule



OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE, CAMDEN

Monday, Dec. 13th, 5:30pm-6:30pm (Mass at 6:30pm)

Wednesday, Dec. 15th, 7:00am-8:00am (Mass at 8:00am)

ST. BERNARD CHURCH, ROCKLAND

Tuesday, Dec. 14th, 7:00am-8:00am (Mass at 8:00am)

Thursday, Dec. 16th, 5:30pm-6:30pm (Mass at 6:30pm)

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BELFAST

Wednesday, Dec. 15th, 5:30pm-6:30pm (Mass at 6:30pm)

Friday, Dec. 17th, 7:00am-8:00am (Mass at 8:00am)

The Nativity of the Lord ~ Christmas Eve/Day Friday/Saturday, December 24/25, 2021

OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE, CAMDEN

Friday, Dec. 24 - 4:00pm ~ Fr. Nathan

Midnight, Dec. 24/25 - 12:00am ~ Fr. Nathan

Saturday, Dec. 25 - 11:00am ~ Fr. Divine



ST. BERNARD CHURCH, ROCKLAND

(NO 8AM MASS ON CHRISTMAS)

Friday, Dec. 24 - 6:00pm ~ Fr. Nathan

Saturday, Dec. 25 - 11:00am ~ Fr. Nathan

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BELFAST

Friday, Dec. 24 - 4:00pm ~ Fr. Divine

Saturday, Dec. 25 - 8:30am ~ Fr. Divine

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Friday/Saturday, Dec. 31, 2021/Jan. 1, 2022

Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden

Friday, Dec. 31 - 4:00pm ~ Fr. Divine

Saturday, Jan 1, 2022 - 11:00am ~ Fr. Nathan



St. Bernard Church, Rockland

(No 8am on Solemnity of Mary)

Friday, Dec. 31 - 6:00pm ~ Fr. Divine

Saturday, Jan 1, 2022 - 11:00am ~ Fr. Divine

St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast

Friday, Dec. 31 - 4:00pm ~ Fr. Nathan

Saturday, Jan 1, 2022 - 8:30am ~ Fr. Nathan

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes will be held at St. Francis on Sunday, December 12th at 9:45am.



Classes will be held for St. Bernard's Faith Formation and Year I and II students from our Family Faith Formation Program together at Our Lady of Good Hope Church at 9:30am on Sunday, December 19th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wed: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-

OLGH BIBLE STUDY

A new Adult and Teen Bible study series has begun at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden. The topic is St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. In this letter, Paul explains what he calls "The Gospel of God." Do you wonder what that means? How would you describe God's good news? Come learn more with us in this new study. Study sessions will begin this fall with online taped lessons. Once the current infections slow down we hope to be able to meet in person again. But for now, it is safer to continue our pandemic video lessons. If you have questions or you want to receive a weekly email about the study contact Mary Smyth, mlstoome@gmail.com.



Links to all the lessons are at:

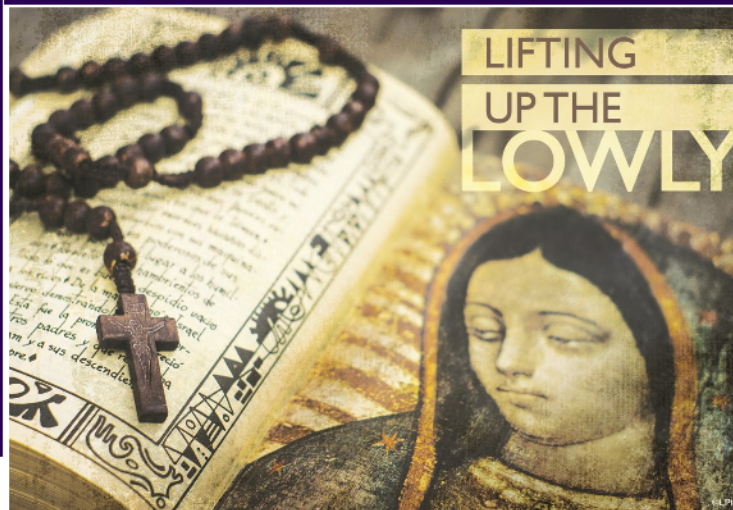
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWBZb5JjCipL4U46qIQCHug>

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

"All were questioning in their hearts." Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore if God is calling you, contact Fr. Greg Dube, Director of Vocations, at (email) vocations@portlanddiocese.org. or (207)-773-6471 Website: www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations; Facebook: VocationsME



LIFTING
UP THE
LOWLY



The weekend Mass schedule remains the same at all Churches.

OLGH GIVING TREE

The Social Justice and Peace ministry, has set up the Giving Tree for Our Lady of Good Hope and as of this week! We have asked that all gifts not exceed the cost of \$25 and we will do our best to try and determine that requests stay within that limit. (If you prefer to do a monetary donation these will be used to help families with our fuel or general assistance fund. See bulletin insert for more details.)



Please attach tags to the outside of the wrapped gift so it will reach the intended recipient since all tags are coded. **It is IMPERATIVE that all gifts be returned no later than Wednesday, December 15th** so no one is left out. We will be collating gifts the next day. If there is a problem with being able to follow through on your choice please contact the office at 236-4785.



NURSING HOMES: The two nursing homes we support would prefer to have greeting cards to hand out to all their residents rather than gifts for just a few. We thought it would be nice to add a friendly note to lift the spirit, especially for those who may not be able to connect with their loved ones this year. Signatures would be optional. The high school youth group will be helping with this.



We appreciate all that our church members have done in the past to provide for those in need and hope you can continue to do so. May the spirit of giving be returned to you this season and in the year ahead. Thank you!

BRAZIL MISSION GIVING TREE AT ST. BERNARD

This Advent Season, St. Bernard Church is again sponsoring a Giving Tree. Envelopes dedicated to the mission in Brazil for a child, seminarian, or sister sponsorship will be hung on the tree in the church vestibule. The envelopes may be returned in any collection basket during Advent. Child sponsorship is \$75 per year while sponsoring a seminarian/sister is \$250. Smaller donations will be pooled so that additional children, seminarians, and sisters can be sponsored. Thank you for your support and generosity!



THE ROCKLAND KNIGHTS

- Limerock Council 136 meets the 3rd Thursday at 7pm in Grispi Hall, at St. Bernard's Church, Rockland. Grand Knight is Paul Chamberlin and can be reached at (207) 691-8882 or info@kofc136.stbrendanparish.net Website: <https://stbrendanparish.net/knight-of-columbus-rockland>



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THE BELFAST KNIGHTS—William S. Brannagan Council 3942 meets the 2nd Wednesday after the 6:30pm Mass at St. Francis church hall. William Brannagan Council 3942 (Belfast, ME). Grand Knight is Gary Boynton and he can be reached at kofccouncil3942@gmail.com. Website: <https://www.kofc3942.org/>

OLGH WOMEN'S CLUB MINI CHRISTMAS FAIR DECEMBER 11/12

The Women's Club at Our Lady of Good Hope will have a Mini

CANCELLED Christmas Fair before and after the weekend Masses on December 11/12.



ADVENT GIVING TREE FOR ST. FRANCIS MISSION FUND

The 2021 St. Francis Giving Tree is ready for Advent and for your donations for the St. Francis Mission Fund! The Mission Fund helps the local people in our parish area through winter emergencies such as fuel assistance and other causes.

You can give in two ways; The Giving Tree will be in the Church or hall area if you wish donate in person, or you can take an envelope by the table near the tree and return in the Collection during Advent.

No amount is too small. It can be a part of an allowance or maybe one day without a carry-out sandwich. The need is great in Waldo County and will be much appreciated — thank you for your generosity!



ST. FRANCIS CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

St. Francis of Assisi Church and the Knights of Columbus have committed to donate 33 Christmas Food Baskets to the Neighbor for Neighbor Program to help feed people in Waldo County.

Tozier's Market in Searsport have graciously given St. Francis Church / Knights of Columbus a deal on the Christmas Baskets again this year. For \$28.49 they will have the baskets packed and ready to be picked up by the Knights to distribute to the people on the Neighbor for Neighbor list. Tim and Jewel O'Donnell will be available after each weekend Mass to receive your donation to buy a basket. Please make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus. If unable to be at church but still wish to donate call Jewel at 207 469 8811 to make arrangements. We need to have all donations in by December 16th.

Every year the people of St Francis have shown their Christmas spirit by generously helping their neighbors in Waldo County. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy Neighbor for Neighbor program.

THAT MAN IS YOU!

That Man Is You! Has been back to meeting on Saturdays at 8am — all men of the parish are invited! We will take a break after Dec. 18th until January, dates TBA. *That Man is You!* is an interactive men's program focused on the development of men in the modern world—combining the best scientific research with the teachings of the Catholic faith, and more. To find out more, contact Joe Cammelieri at 975-4634 or email jccam@tidewater.net.



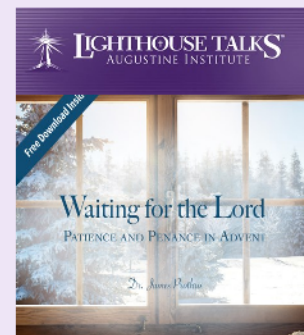
Go to Word On Fire for
these free Advent resources:
www.wordonfire.org



Third Week
of Advent

LIGHTHOUSE CDs FOR ADVENT

Check out the Lighthouse CD kiosks in each of the churches as they have been updated for Advent — all new talks for Year C (the 2022 lectionary readings) — and you can find Years A&B on sale there, too! Enjoy the free booklets on *Our Lady, Untier of Knots*.



SAINTS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

December 13: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
December 14: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church



St. John of the Cross is a Doctor of the Church. The famous works of Saint John include the 'Dark Night of the Soul' and the 'Spiritual Canticle.' His works are considered divine and among the best pieces of Spanish poetry.

"He who interrupts the course of his spiritual exercises and prayer is like a man who allows a bird to escape from his hand; he can hardly catch it again."

<https://kidadl.com/articles/st-john-of-the-cross-quotes-from-the-spanish-priest-and-mystic>

ADVENT GOSPEL REFLECTIONS Reflect With Bishop Barron This Advent...



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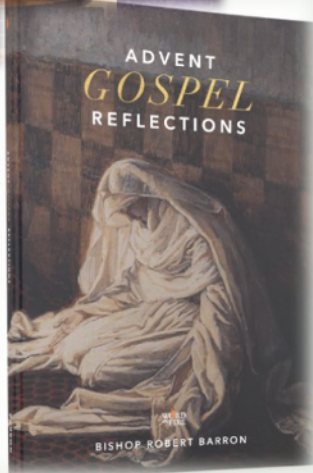
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- Go to formed.org with a web browser ,
- Click on Sign up (upper right of page),
- Click on "I belong to a parish"
- Find your parish: Find "St. Brendan the Navigator Parish 7 Union St. Camden, ME" and highlight/ enter
- Enter your name and email and click "Sign up" and follow prompts.

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Advent Resources from Formed.org

Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage to everyone this Advent and Christmas Season. - This special documentary allows Catholics all around the world to unite and make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land to see the places associated with Christ's Birth. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/adventus>

Advent: Rethinking the Season by Dr. Tim Gray (Lighthouse Talk) - <https://watch.formed.org/videos/advent-rethinking-the-season-by-dr-tim-gray>

Advent - Through an exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus, this Advent study offers an opportunity to experience the joy of the true meaning of Christmas. <https://watch.formed.org/advent-1>

Making Advent Great for Kids—Learn how to help kids experience Advent as a joyful season of preparation for Christmas. <https://watch.formed.org/formed-now-1/season:1/videos/making-advent-great-for-kids>

FORMED Daily: Advent with Dr. Tim Gray
This Advent season, walk with Dr. Tim Gray on a journey of renewal to ready your heart for the coming of Christ. <https://watch.formed.org/advent-reflections-preparing-for-the-birth-of-our-savior-with-tim-gray>

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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 16, 2022

WATCH

JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU
This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



FORMED NOW! MISERY MEETS MERCY: SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA
St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His incredible mercy. Join Dr. Ben Aker and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

LEARN

LISTEN

7 SECRETS OF CONFESSION BY VINNY FLYNN
The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord's mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, best selling author and Catholic speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Parish needs volunteer committee members for both the Finance and Building & Grounds committees — if your expertise falls in these areas and you'd like to help, please speak with Karol at the parish office, 236-47851. Thank you!



CASE OF THE MISSING RING...

A ring was found recently in one of the pews at St. Bernard — please call the office to speak with Karol, 236-4785, if you think it might be yours.



SNOW CANCELLATIONS

FOR SATURDAY VIGIL MASS CANCELLATIONS:

As early as noon and no later than 2:00pm on Saturday, please go to Bangor Daily News website: www.bangordailynews.com/closings or Channel 6: www.newscentermaine.com/closings to view any cancellations.

FOR SUNDAY MASS CANCELLATIONS:

The evening prior to and no later than 6:00am Sunday, please go to *Bangor Daily News* website or Channel 6 to view any cancellations. Parishioners who receive parish-wide emails will also be notified by email. If Sunday Masses are cancelled, all other activities at the churches will also be cancelled, Faith Formation, etc.

FOR WEEKDAY MASSES:

If school is delayed or cancelled there will be no morning Mass. Evening Adoration/Mass will be determined on a case-by-case basis and, if cancelled, parishioners notified by means above.

AT ST. FRANCIS: A reminder for Belfast that when it snows, parking on all blocks in the vicinity of the church must be on **one side only**—for Court Street it is the NE side (opposite the church). On Elm, Park, and Grove it is the first parker who sets the side... This is to allow emergency vehicles access on our narrow streets.



Livestream Masses Now on Parish Website

All livestreamed Masses will be livestreamed to the parish website. Just click on the "Livestream Masses and Events" button on the front page of the parish website at

www.stbrendanparish.net or go to

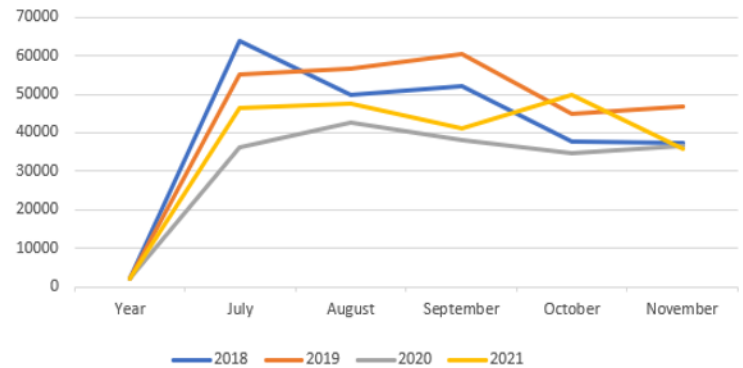
www.stbrendanparish.net/livestream. At that page, scroll to the video screen that says "Watch livestream Masses here" and click on the arrow at Mass time, and you will see the sanctuary. Scheduled livestream Masses for each weekend will be noted at the top of the web page or see the "LS" notation on the Mass Intention schedule on page 3 of the bulletin.



COLLECTION REPORT

<https://stbrendanparish.weshareonline.org/>

Monthly Collections July-Nov 2018-2021



ST. BERNARD SOUP KITCHEN

For the week of Nov. 29, we provided the following meals:

M - 37, T - 44, W - 57, T - 64, F - 47

Thank you to all who helped and to Hannaford for the donated food.

Want to help? Please call Rich Norman at 691-6400.



www.portlanddiocese.org/give

CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE FOR ST. BRENDAN

Current (as of 12/3/21):	\$70,053
Goal:	\$72,486
Percentage reached:	97%

PARISH COPY MACHINE FOR SALE!

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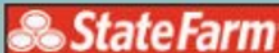
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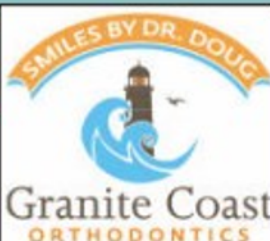
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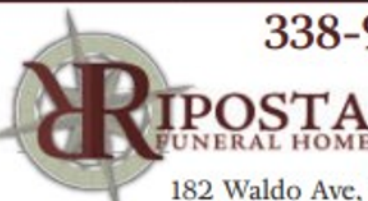
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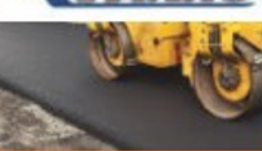
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