

# St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

December 18, 2022

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

## Fourth Week of Advent



The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her." (Mt 1:20)

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## 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 weekend Masses  
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



See  
inside  
for  
updated  
Mass  
sched!

Church Doors are open  
in all three churches  
from 12pm-3pm, Monday-Friday

## Coming Up at St. Brendan!



### Mass Schedule for The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

#### OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE, CAMDEN

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

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

#### ST. BERNARD CHURCH, ROCKLAND

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

Sunday, Dec. 25 - 8:00am ~ Fr. Divine

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



#### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BELFAST

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

Mass at Night, Saturday, Dec. 24 - 10:00pm ~ Fr. Divine

Sunday, Dec. 25 - 8:30am ~ Fr. Nathan



### Mass Schedule for The Solemnity of the Mother of God

#### OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE, CAMDEN

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

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

#### ST. BERNARD CHURCH, ROCKLAND

Saturday, Dec. 31 - 6:00pm ~ Fr. Nathan

Sunday, Jan. 1 - 8:00am ~ Fr. Nathan

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

#### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BELFAST

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

Sunday, Jan. 1 - 8:30am ~ Fr. Divine

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

(Mass times may change and intentions may need to be rescheduled)

**LS** indicates Live Stream

Saturday, December 17, 2022 – Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Mary and Rudy Lucas by Jeannie Lucas and JDDux
4:00pm	OLGH	Fr. Nathan <b>LS</b>	Maria and Arthur Mohr by the family
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Nathan	Roger Brochu by Craig DeMuth

Sunday, December 18, 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Nathan	Jose Marin, MD by the family
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Living Intention for John Hamady by Alex & Siobhan Gilmore
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Divine <b>LS</b>	Frank Milliken by Linda Roden
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Nathan	Pro Populo

**Monday  
Dec. 19** OLGH 6:30pm Fr. Nathan **LS** Living Intention for Klaus Pfeifer  
by Jane Spurrier

**Tuesday  
Dec. 20** St. Bernard 8:00am Fr. Nathan John Fee by Penny Wolfe

**Wednesday  
Dec. 21** OLGH 8:00am Fr. Nathan Colleen Oittinen  
by The Largaespada Family  
St. Francis 6:30pm Fr. Divine Living Intention for Kyle Tannehill  
by Ron, Janice & Emma Clark

**Thursday  
Dec. 22** St. Bernard 6:30pm Fr. Divine **LS** Pasla Dalle Carbonare  
by Patricia Penefflorida

**Friday  
Dec. 23** St. Francis 8:00am Fr. Divine **LS** Living Intention for  
Sisters Anna & Kathleen  
by Ron, Jan & Emma Clark

Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022 – Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Living Intention for Bernice by Ron, Janice & Emma Clark
10:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Pro Populo
4:00pm	OLGH	Fr. Nathan <b>LS</b>	David Deptula by Claire & Bill Deptula
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Nathan	Brandon James Raye by Jacqueline Raye

Sunday, December 25, 2022 – Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	Gioan Thu Tan & Mattha Khien Bui by Teresa Le
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Nathan	Fr. Paul Pare by Elaine Witt
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Nathan <b>LS</b>	Tony by Linda Roden
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	Charlotte and John LaCrosse by the family

*The sanctuary candle at  
St. Francis of Assisi this week is for  
Bernice Lithgow  
by Hector & Kathy Pietra-Santa*



**The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Bernard is being lit  
this week for Michael Ferrara by the family**





## Around the Parish

### ADVENT GIVING TREE FOR ST. FRANCIS MISSION FUND

The 2022 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 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!



### BRAZIL MISSION GIVING TREE AT ST. BERNARD

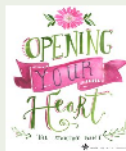
This Advent Season, St. Bernard Church is again sponsoring a Giving Tree. Envelopes dedicated to the mission in Brazil for a child, seminarian, or sister sponsorship will be hung on the tree in the church vestibule. The envelopes may be returned in any collection basket during Advent. Child sponsorship 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!



### WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Our women's Walking With Purpose meetings are starting up again! This year we have two available times:

- **Tuesdays 8:30am St. Bernard** (after the 8am Mass) at St. Bernard Sacred Heart Center.
- **Tuesdays 6:30pm at Our Lady of Good Hope** in the downstairs gathering room.



**“Opening your Heart: The Starting Point”** Women of our parish are invited to participate, no experience necessary! Come as you are with your questions, doubts, joys, and hopes! Come and replenish your spirit! For more information, contact JMHeath66@gmail.com or Carol Brownawell at 410-714-4549.

### THAT MAN IS YOU!

*That Man is You!* Has begun its Fall Program. Men of the parish are invited to join us on Saturdays at Our Lady of Good Hope at 8:00am. For more information contact Joe Cammelieri at 975-4634 or email jccam@tidewater.net.



### FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord directed him.” Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Greg Dube, Director of Vocations, (207)-773-6471, at Facebook: VocationsME, email vocations@portlanddiocese.org or website: www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations



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

**Shirley Anne French  
Peter David McGowan**



### FAITH FORMATION DATES!

**Sunday, Dec. 18:** Youth Group with Fr. Nathan at Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden

**Wednesday eves, 7pm,** Youth Group\* with Fr. Divine ~ “Christ Is Alive!” Letter to *Young People and the Entire People of God* from Pope Francis—7pm St. Francis in Belfast. **On break until January 4th.**



### UPDATE ON MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

With the winter months upon us and darkness falling sooner, **we will be moving our 24-Hour Adoration to a 12-Hour Adoration beginning the month of January. The new hours for 12-Hour Adoration will be 9 am to 9 pm the first Friday of each month.** The next 12-Hour Adoration will be Friday, Jan. 6th and will begin with 8 am Mass followed by 12 hours of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden. We need two people signed up for each hour. Please see our website, Flocknote email or sign-up sheets at each church.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN BELFAST



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Knights of Columbus—William S. Brannagan Council 3942 will be serving breakfast on **Sunday, December 18, 2022 after the 8:30am Mass** at St. Francis in Belfast. On the menu will be our World Famous potatoes, pancakes, scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage and grits. Come join us! The William S. Brannagan Council 3942 meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month after the 6:30pm Mass at St. Francis church hall. New members welcome, if interested Grand Knight Gary Boynton can be reached at kofccouncil3942@gmail.com or https://www.kofc3942.org/



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN ROCKLAND

The Knights of Columbus Limerock Council #136 is located in Rockland, Maine. The Grand Knight for 2022-2023 is Kevin Bailey. You can contact Kevin by phone at Cell: 978-404-1594 or by email at info@kofc136.stbrendanparish.net.



### Knights Helping Neighbors:

The Knights of Columbus in Rockland and Belfast have a new program for members, widows of members, and parishioners of our parish. We will donate labor to help those that need help around their homes and are either physically or financially unable to do the work. This will be for smaller inside projects or yard projects.



To see if we can help you please contact the following Knights:

**In Rockland:** John Ordway  
at 404-615-4256 or jcmenterpr@hotmail.com  
**In Belfast:** Brian Beaulieu  
at 207-542-8967 or bbeaulieu@allenfg.com  
Joseph Mathieu  
at 207-323-1436 or painterjo56@gmail.com



The Laudato Si' Goals guide our action as we embrace Pope Francis' encyclical about the environment. **Goal #6 Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles (continued.):**

Goal #6 helps look at the interrelated nature of reality, our "integral ecology", which simply put means "everything is connected" —our relationship with God, with our neighbor, with our common home. As all these things are joined up we may find hope in our actions, realizing that an "integral ecology is also made of simply daily gestures..."

This is certainly encouraging news, It makes our response to the myriad challenges expressed in Pope Francis' encyclical something that can fit into a daily "to-do-" list. Our mundane, but faithful, decisions about spending, recycling, transportation, diet, can all contribute in some way to this "integral ecology." Are there some opportunities for resolutions in the coming year? Can we brainstorm with family members to broaden our choices?

*Michael Cyr*

READ THE ENCYCLICAL AT  
[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)

*The Laudato Si' Group encourages conversation, prayer, questions and ideas. Contact Dianne Smith [dcjrsmith@hotmail.com](mailto:dcjrsmith@hotmail.com) or 207-322-4443, or any other members —*

*Martha Block, Michael Cyr, Barbara Edmond, Elissa Koskela, or Tim Pritchard.*



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Belfast, ME**

<https://laudatosi-actionplatform.org/>



## LAUDATO SI' GOALS



*In the spirit of integral ecology, hope for the Earth and the Poor.*

### READINGS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24  
 Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25  
 Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38  
 Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56  
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66  
 Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

### OLGH BIBLE STUDY

#### Call Upon the Lord: A Survey of Prayers and the People Who Prayed in the Bible



Joshua was the leader of the people after Moses died. Hard times, desperate measures--the children of Israel were about to try to enter the Promised Land after surviving in the desert for 40 years. Joshua made a decision. "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

He did not sugar coat it. It was not necessarily going to be the easy choice. Or the obvious one. Or without difficulties. But he chose the Lord's service as his calling.

This week's lesson: <https://youtu.be/JMDaMexo8VM>

Can prayer make us stronger? Can prayer help us make decisions? Can prayer help us see our way forward? Yes.

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. -Jeremiah 29:11*

For more information, or to request a weekly email handout and video link, contact Mary Smyth, [goodhopebiblestudy@gmail.com](mailto:goodhopebiblestudy@gmail.com)

To see all the videos of this series or prior series, go to You Tube Channel Good Hope Bible Study here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWBZb5JjCipL4U46qIQCHug>

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- Go to [formed.org](https://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 the prompts.



# GOSPEL

REFLECTIONS

# ADVENT

HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.



## SAINT PETER CANISIUS FEAST DAY: DECEMBER 21ST

The energetic life of Peter Canisius should demolish any stereotypes we may have of the life of a saint as dull or routine. Peter lived his 76 years at a pace which must be considered heroic, even in our time of rapid change. A man blessed with many talents, Peter is an excellent example of the scriptural man who develops his talents for the sake of the Lord's work.

Peter was one of the most important figures in the Catholic Reformation in Germany. He played such a key role that he has often been called the "second apostle of Germany," in that his life parallels the earlier work of Boniface.

Although Peter once accused himself of idleness in his youth, he could not have been idle too long, for at the age of 19 he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards he met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced Peter so much that he joined the recently formed Society of Jesus.

At this early age Peter had already taken up a practice he continued throughout his life—a process of study, reflection, prayer, and writing. After his ordination in 1546, he became widely known for his editions of the writings of St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great. Besides this reflective literary bent, Peter had a zeal for the apostolate. He could often be found visiting the sick or imprisoned, even when his assigned duties in other areas were more than enough to keep most people fully occupied.

In 1547, Peter attended several sessions of the Council of Trent, whose decrees he was later assigned to implement. After a brief teaching assignment at the Jesuit college at Messina, Peter was entrusted with the mission to Germany—from that point on his life's work.

He taught in several universities and was instrumental in establishing many colleges and seminaries. He wrote a catechism that explained the Catholic faith in a way that common people could understand—a great need of that age.

Renowned as a popular preacher, Peter packed churches with those eager to hear his eloquent proclamation of the gospel. He had great diplomatic ability, often serving as a reconciler between disputing factions. In his letters—filling eight volumes—one finds words of wisdom and counsel to people in all walks of life. At times he wrote unprecedented letters of criticism to leaders of the Church—yet always in the context of a loving, sympathetic concern.

At 70, Peter suffered a paralytic seizure, but he continued to preach and write with the aid of a secretary, until his death in his hometown of Nijmegen, Netherlands, on December 21, 1597.

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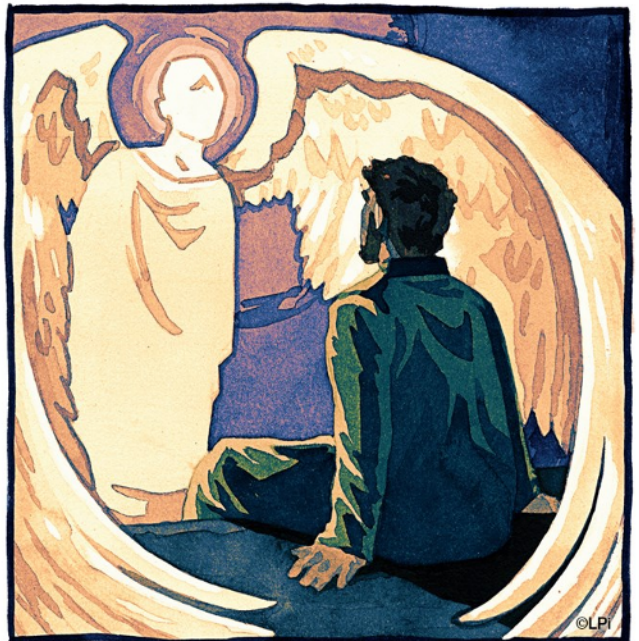
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**"If you have too much to do, with God's help  
you will find time to do it all."**

**Come to teach us  
the path of knowledge**

**ADVENT ANTIPHON DEC 17**





## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST (MASS TIMES)

	<b>St. Bernard</b> 150 Broadway, Rockland, ME 04841	<b>Saturday 6:00pm</b> <b>Sunday 8:00am &amp; 11:00am</b> Tues 8am & Thurs 6:30pm
	<b>Our Lady of Good Hope</b> 7 Union Street, Camden, ME 04843	<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b> <b>Sunday 11:00am</b> Mon 6:30pm & Wed 8am
	<b>St. Francis of Assisi</b> 81 Court Street, Belfast, ME 04915	<b>Saturday 4:00pm</b> <b>Sunday 8:30am</b> Wed 6:30pm & Fri 8am

### PASTORAL STAFF

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

**Fr. Divine Esua Fossoh, Parochial Vicar**  
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**Deacon Robert Cleveland**

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

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### PASTORAL LIFE & FAITH FORMATION STAFF

Christine Fee, Pastoral Life Coordinator and Parish Catechetical Leader

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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.

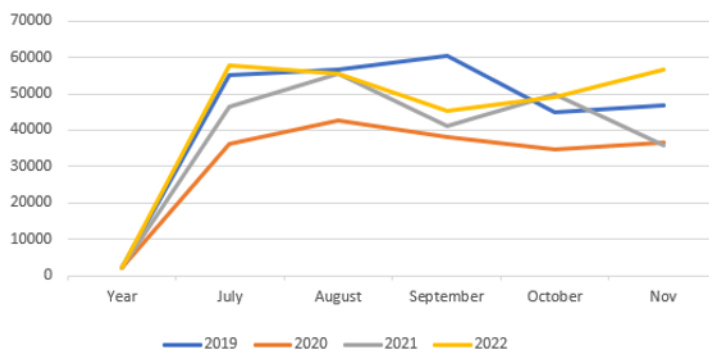
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Available during the half -hour before every weekend Mass or by appointment.

**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](mailto:Christine.Fee@portlanddiocese.org)

**TO ADD NAME TO PARISH PRAYER CHAIN** send an email to [stbrendan@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:stbrendan@portlanddiocese.org).

## COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Collections July-Nov 2019-2022



## ST. BERNARD SOUP KITCHEN

For the week of November 28 we provided the following meals.

M - 63 , T - 50 W - 65 T - 72 F - 58

Thank you to everyone who made this important ministry possible.

Want to help? Contact Rich Norman, 691-6400

**Soup Kitchen donations week thru 12/4/22: \$576.00**

**Online giving through WeShare.**

**You may set that up by going to**

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



## CHANGE IN WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPE SET-UP FOR 2023

**New!**

This year we have a change in how you will receive your 2023 weekly collection envelopes. We are changing our vendor and the process. **The envelopes will be mailed out to you on a bi-monthly basis beginning December 20, 2022. Should you have a change of address, please call the office.** Surprisingly enough, it is less expensive to mail them to you this way. If you do not receive them by the week of December 20th please notify us as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make this switch!



## 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](http://www.bangordailynews.com/closings) or Channel 6:

[www.newscentermaine.com/closings](http://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.





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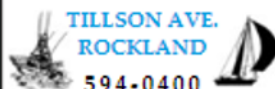


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