

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

 January 15, 2023

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

TESTIFY



“Now I have seen and
testified that he is the
Son of God.”

JOHN 1:34

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



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

Coming Up at St. Brendan!

THIS WEEKEND—JOIN US IN SAYING FAREWELL TO FR. NATHAN JAN. 15TH 12PM AT ST. BERNARD

On **Sunday, January 15th** after the 11am Mass at St. Bernard in Rockland there will be a farewell gathering for Fr. Nathan as he departs for his new assignment in Augusta! Please join us - *we will miss you, Father!*



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN FR. ANTHANASIOS!

This week we also welcome Fr. Athanasios Wirsy as our new Parish Administrator. Fr. Athanasios has been a priest for 19 years and has served as a chaplain, parish priest, rector and finance secretary for the Diocese of Kumbo in Cameroon. Since arriving in Maine in 2016, he has served at parishes in Portland, Peaks Island, Bucksport, Ellsworth and Bar Harbor, as well as in hospital ministry. Welcome Fr. Athanasios!



Let us keep these two special priests in our prayers as they embark on new assignments for the Lord, as well as prayers for all the priests in Maine!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION DATES

YOUTH GROUP WITH FATHER DIVINE

Wednesdays in January after the 6:30pm Mass at St. Francis of Assisi in Belfast. Exploring *Christus Vivit* (Junior High and High School)



ROCKLAND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION ~ Sunday, January 15.

Potluck breakfast in the hall 9am to 9:30 am followed by family faith formation at the Sacred Heart Center.

This year we've been exploring The Creed with our families. So far we've looked at who God is, what faith is, salvation history and our story in God's plan. We focused last month on the Incarnation, the Annunciation and the Immaculate Conception and how God keeps His promise to humanity. For January and February we will be looking at Jesus. What we can learn from Him? Why was Jesus baptized and what is the sacrament of Baptism? What is the significance of the Resurrection? How can our families serve others?

If your family hasn't joined us yet, no worries, it's never too late to come and check out family faith formation. We'd love to see you! For more information contact Christine Fee in the parish office at 236-4785 or see our "Grow in Faith" section of our parish website at www.stbrendanparish.net.

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Francis of Assisi this week is for the Living Intention of Bernice Lithgow by Kathy & Hector Pietra-Santa



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS (Mass times may change and intentions may need to be rescheduled) **LS** indicates Live Stream

Saturday, January 14, 2023 – Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	William Knight III by Kathy Knight
4:00pm	OLGH	Fr. Nathan LS	Michael Williamson by the Williamson Family
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Nathan	Dorothy Brissendon by the parish

Sunday, January 15, 2023 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Nathan	Pro Populo
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Walter & Lillian Sohns By Ann Robbins
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Divine LS	Lorraine Henderson & Family by Paulette & Russell Spera
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Nathan	Julie O'Shea & Richard Kane by Donna Martella

Monday January 16 OLGH 6:30pm Fr. Athanasios **LS** Bill Hartman
by Maureen O'Donnell

Tuesday January 17 St. Bernard 8:00am Fr. Athanasios Eileen Harnedy
by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore

Wednesday January 18 OLGH 8:00am Fr. Athanasios Colleen Oittinen
by The Largaespa Family
St. Francis 6:30pm Fr. Divine Rev. Joseph Koury
by Ron, Janice & Emma Clark

Thursday January 19 St. Bernard 6:30pm Fr. Divine **LS** All Souls by the Parish

Friday January 20 St. Francis 8:00am Fr. Divine **LS** Craig Anthony
by Penny Wolfe

Saturday, January 21, 2023 – Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Athanasios	Msgr. Leopold Nicknair by Ron, Janice & Emma Clark
4:00pm	OLGH	Fr. Divine LS	Pro Populo
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	Mom, Dad & Grandma by Marilyn & Mike Lustgarten

Sunday, January 22, 2023 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	Dominico Kahn Le by Teresa Le
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Athanasios	Alice Blu by Ann Robbins
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Athanasios LS	Sr. Margaret Dorgan, OCD by Peggy & John Delano
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	Michael Ferrara by the family

The parish office
will be closed
Monday, January 16th
in honor of the
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

"Darkness cannot
drive out darkness,
only light can do
that. Hate cannot
drive out hate, only
love can do that."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Around the Parish

SIGN UP FOR 12- HOUR ADORATION FEB. 3RD ST. BERNARD, ROCKLAND

Our parish's next monthly 12-Hour Eucharistic Adoration will take place at St. Bernard Church in Rockland on Friday, Feb. 3, 2023. Exposition will take place after the 8:00am Mass on Friday and continue until 9:00pm.

Two people are needed for each hour and parishioners from all three churches are encouraged to sign up using the website, email, qr-code or sheets in the backs of your churches. Please sign up to spend quiet time with Our Lord!

<https://stbrendanthenavigatorpar.flocknote.com/signups/110500>



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.



NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH IN MAINE AND U.S.

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, created over a decade ago by President Barack Obama to raise awareness about human trafficking, particularly how this crime can be prevented. Below are just a few outreach and educational resources of many:



Assist CourageLIVES (<https://couragelivesme.org>), Maine's first residential program for women over the age of 18 who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation and need a safe secure place to heal, receive treatment, and start to rebuild their lives.

Assist Stop Trafficking US (www.stoptraffickingus.org). Based in Standish, the organization was established to stop the sexual abuse and exploitation of children in Maine.

Tuesday, February 7: A webinar by the USCCB will be held entitled "St. Josephine Bakhita: A Saint for Victims and Survivors of Human Trafficking" from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will learn more about human trafficking issues, including policy issues, trends, and awareness. To register for the free webinar, visit https://usccb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NAk60Y9HRiGkEVwWFqB23Q.

With encouragement from Pope Francis, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General encourage all to remember and pray for survivors and victims of modern-day slavery, praying that we may "work together to remove the causes of this disgraceful scourge that is present in all our cities and neighborhoods."

MORE: <https://portlanddiocese.org/HumanTraffickingAwareness>

SNOW CANCELLATIONS

For Saturday Vigil Mass cancellations: As early as noon but no later than 2 pm on Saturday, please go to WABI Channel 5 <https://www.wabi.tv/weather/closings/>, or WCSH Channel 6 <https://www.newscentermaine.com/> to view any cancellations.

For Sunday Mass cancellations: The evening prior to but no later than 6 am Sunday, please go to WABI or WCSH (links above) to view any cancellations.

Parishioners who receive Flocknote email will be notified by email.

If Sunday Mass is cancelled, all other activities at the churches will also be cancelled, Faith Formation, breakfasts, meetings, 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 will be notified by the means above and by no later than 3 pm that day.

Note: We use these resources as oftentimes, during severe weather events, the parish office will be closed so the phone message will not have updated cancellation information.

And as always, we want you to be safe, please remain home if there is any question of travel. God understands!

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**.



Fight Hunger Bag Program



St. Bernard Soup Kitchen has been selected to receive \$1 from every \$2.50 Fight Hunger Bag sold during the month of January 2023 at the Hannaford at 145 Elm Street, in Camden ME

Support St. Bernard Soup Kitchen Today!



Catholic Charities Corner

Make a Resolution to **VOLUNTEER!**

We have dozens of volunteer opportunities - serve as an after-school classroom assistant in one of our child development centers, visit seniors through the SEARCH program, pick up or sort thrift store donations, and more.

To learn more, visit www.ccmaine.org/volunteer.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN BELFAST



KNIGHTS
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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL

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

OLGH BIBLE STUDY



One of the topics of prayer in the acronym ACTS is C for Contrition or Confession. We all know we have to say sorry to God and we know He will forgive us when we ask sincerely.

Did you know that Nehemiah, a great leader of the Jewish people, prayed his own version of an Act of Contrition?

Lesson: <https://youtu.be/X6TBP2pyQPQ>

There are some differences in our modern version that struck me. We say in a more personal interchange that we are sorry because God did not deserve our thoughtless insult to Him. Not after all He has done for us. But we rely on the same mercy the people of Israel did. And they humbly asked God to come back to them and dwell among them once again. We can invite God to come back to us also.

READINGS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-2

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people.” Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Greg Dube, Director of Vocations by email vocations@portlanddiocese.org, Facebook: VocationsME, at website: www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations, or (207)-773-6471.



St. Francis of Assisi Church
Belfast, ME

<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>



THE LETTER: THE LAUDATO SI' FILM

A few years after Pope Francis wrote *Laudato Si'*, four previously unheard voices were invited to an unprecedented dialogue with the Pope. Hailing from Senegal, the Amazon, India, and Hawaii, they bring perspective and solutions from the poor, the indigenous, the youth, and wildlife into a conversation with Pope Francis himself. This documentary follows their journey to Rome and the extraordinary experiences that took place there, and is packed with powerfully moving personal stories alongside the latest information about the planetary crisis and the toll it's taking on nature and people. Learn more about the protagonists and how you can take action at: <https://TheLetterFilm.org>



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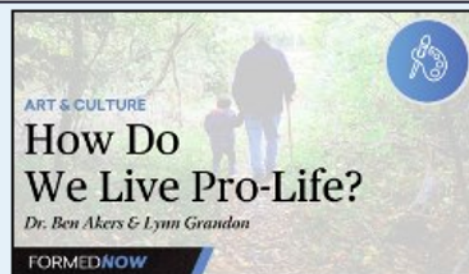
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The Laudato Si' Group encourages conversation, prayer, questions and ideas. Contact Dianne Smith dcjrsmith@hotmail.com or 207-322-4443, or any other members — Martha Block, Michael Cyr, Barbara Edmond, Elissa Koskela, or Tim Pritchard.

FORMED.ORG

Watch, listen and read FREE movies, audiobooks, audiodramas, talks, programs and teachings on your phone, iPads, electronic notebooks, and smart TVs (it is a FREE Roku app)—with our parish subscription! It is very easy to sign up:

- 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 the prompts.



The Holy Spirit at Work in St. Brendan...

Being in the parish office everyday is filled with new joys and new challenges. When we received the below email from Madison Cummings from Canada, we accepted God's challenge! Here is the original email from Madison:

Hope all is well with you. I have a unique situation and want to touch base with you and see if you could offer any insight, suggestions, or ideas. My husband Marko and myself had a civil marriage back in 2020 (due to Covid). He is from Canada, and I am from Belfast, Maine. In order for myself to rejoin him and cross the border we needed to be legally married, and it was the quickest way to go about it.

We however want to be married in the church and have our marriage blessed as this is very important for us. Marko grew up Catholic and I myself did not. However, I have wanted to join the Catholic faith and attended private RCIA classes for months alongside my husband and our Deacon. During 2021 we got pregnant and December 30th our son Luka was born.

With the pandemic and a newborn, we were nervous about bringing him out and about. The church was closed for months however once it opened, we were able to baptize our Son Luka through the Catholic Church. Myself however they were unable to, saying they couldn't baptize until Easter.

Our issue is that, we would love to have our Church wedding, and the only time all of our family can be in attendance and witness this special occasion is April 1st (before Easter).

I am reaching out to you, as St Francis of Assisi will be the church we attend Mass at, while home visiting in Maine on occasion. My father was baptized (in Massachusetts) where he grew up however his parents and him moved to Belfast Maine while he was young, and they attended this church. My grandfather (James Cummings) was part of the Knights of Columbus, and my grandmother (Marjorie Cummings) was very involved with the church community as well.

I am wondering if while I am home, if the church would be willing to take me in and baptize me, so that I can be initiated into the Catholic faith alongside my husband and son.



Wow! OK, how could we say no to that? But, we only had a couple of days to make this happen before Madison, Marko and cute little Luka headed back to Toronto. We were able to verify and received a very nice email from Deacon Robert Suthers, the Deacon in Canada who prepared Madison for becoming Catholic. He did confirm that priests in Canada don't have authority to baptize adults outside of the Easter Vigil.

He wrote the following:

"I am Deacon Robert Suthers writing about Madison Cummings. Madison was able to join our RCIA group and showed a great eagerness to learn as much as she could about becoming a Christian in the Catholic Church.

Unfortunately (or really fortunately) she had to put that on hold whilst she had her baby.

They are a good couple and with Madison's drive I'm sure they will be a good Catholic family. I've been involved with the RCIA program in several parishes for over 30 years and I see, with my experience, that Madison has a great desire to come to a deeper relationship with Jesus."

We were then able to get a letter of permission from Madison's Pastor, Father Andrew Cyruk of Holy Family Church in Bolton, Canada for Madison to receive her sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church.

So, on Tuesday morning, December 27, Madison alongside her husband and baby boy Luka, received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist from Father Nathan. It was a quiet, profound, and joyous event. Madison was visibly moved as she finally received what she had been longing for. The daily Mass parishioners were also moved, many to tears, witnessing this "Holy Family". Afterward all came up to congratulate the family and take pictures.



Madison and Marko said they feel like they have a "new family" with St. Brendan the Navigator parish and called the parishioners "warm and welcoming". We pray for Madison, Marko and Luka to have continued blessings and God's grace through the sacraments as they journey together as a family. We pray for a wonderful sacrament of matrimony in Canada this April. And we look forward to seeing them whenever they are in town.

Written by Pastoral Life Coordinator and Parish Catechetical Leader Christine Fee. If you know of any family member or friends who have questions about Sacraments, missed Sacraments and/or becoming Catholic, please call Christine Fee at the parish office, 207-236-4785.



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

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207-236-4785

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

Deacon Robert Cleveland

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PASTORAL LIFE & FAITH FORMATION STAFF

Christine Fee, Pastoral Life Coordinator and Parish Catechetical Leader

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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.

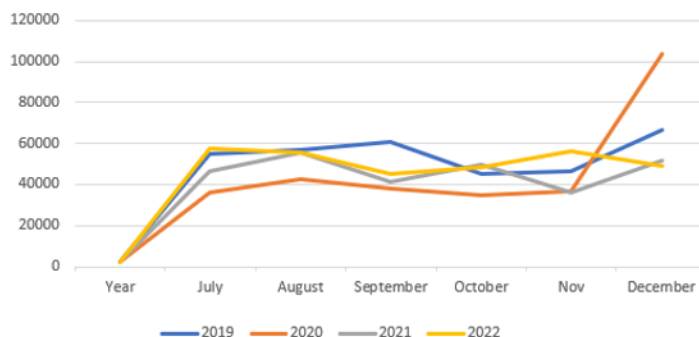
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Available during the half -hour before every weekend Mass or by appointment.

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.

COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Collections July-Dec 2019-2022



ST. BERNARD SOUP KITCHEN

For the week of January 2nd, we provided the following meals
M- 60, T -42 , W - 50 , T- closed-storm, F -56

Our soup kitchen was highlighted in the *Harvest Magazine*.
It was a wonderful article on the excellent work being done
in our soup kitchen for our community. Please read it!

Rich Norman 691-6400

Want to help? Contact Rich Norman, 691-6400

Soup Kitchen donations week thru 1/8/23: \$1,566.00

Online giving through WeShare.8

You may set that up by going to
<https://stbrendanparish.weshareonline.org/>



TAX STATEMENT REQUEST

We are starting to get out our tax statements to parishioners who would like them for their records. If you received one last year, you should be receiving one this year as well. If you would like a tax statement, please contact Paula Williamson at email, paula.williamson@portlanddiocese.org or call 236-4785 ext. 103. We should have them out in the next week. Thank you.



SECOND COLLECTION, JANUARY 22ND



SUPPORT FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

The Conceptionist Sisters of Fortaleza, Brazil, is one community that makes the hosts used at Masses in the diocese. After years of manufacturing hosts, the sisters needed new, more reliable, modern equipment for baking and cutting the hosts. With the assistance of a grant from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Church in Latin America program, the sisters purchased new machinery that allows them to continue this work of service and unity for the local Church now and for years to come. Your generous donations to the Collection for the Church in Latin America are your way of participating in the sisters' work and that of communities throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Thank you for your support!