

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

July 30, 2023

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



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."
- Mt 13:44

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Weekend Mass Schedule

(For weekend live stream schedule see p.2)

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.

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

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

Summer Island Schedule of Masses

St. Mary Church, Islesboro: Saturdays, 9:00am

Union Church, Vinalhaven: Saturdays, 9:00am

North Haven: TBA

Quiet Before and After Mass

The General Instruction for the Roman Missal says that there should be a quiet opportunity in the church for the faithful to prepare prayerfully for the Holy Mass.

BISHOP NKUO TO CELEBRATE MASS AT ST. FRANCIS & OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE

Maine has been blessed to have our Cameroonian missionary priests to celebrate Masses and bring the sacraments to us over the past several years, and we have the Bishop from the Diocese of Kumbo to thank for that—and he will be here visiting this summer! **We will be honored to have Bishop Nkuo presiding over the following two Masses in our parish and encourage parishioners to attend one of them!**

- **Friday, July 28th, 8:00am Mass at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden; Fr. Anthanasius to concelebrate.**
- **Saturday, July 29th, 4:00pm Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Belfast; Fr. Divine to concelebrate. Please join us following Mass for a reception in the Parish Hall!**



Welcome Bishop Nkuo!

Memorial Mass for Bishop Joseph Gerry, OSB



A Memorial Mass for Bishop Joseph Gerry, OSB, will be held on Thursday, August 3, at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on 307 Congress Street in Portland. Bishop Robert Deeley will preside at the Mass at which all are welcome. If you are unable to participate in person, the Mass will also be livestreamed at www.portlandcatholic.org/livestreamed-liturgies.

Bishop Joseph died on Sunday, July 2nd, the 75th anniversary of his profession as a member of the Benedictine community, at the age of 94. He was the 10th Bishop of Portland (1989-2004).

Learn more about Bishop Joseph's amazing life at www.portlanddiocese.org/news/bishop-joseph-gerry-dies-age-94 and view the story of his Mass of Christian Burial at www.portlanddiocese.org/news/bishop-joseph-funeral-mass.



WEDDING BANNS

II. Mindy Lancaster & Alvin Winslow, Jr.



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, July 29, 2023 – Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
9:00am	St. Mary of the Isles	Fr. Anthanasius	Marion Keenan by Barbara Hendricks
9:00am	Vinalhaven	Fr. Divine	Pro Populo by the Parish
4:00pm	St. Francis	Bishop Nkuo & Fr. Divine LS	Living Intention for Craig Lithgow by the Clarks
4:00pm	OLGH	Fr. Anthanasius	Pauline Johnstone by Faith Vautour
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	Robert Pietsch by the family
Sunday, July 30, 2023 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
8:00am	St. Bernard	TBD	Anita Crosby by Ann Distefano
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Katherine Yvonne Pendleton Lessard by Ray Lessard
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Divine LS	Hank Daniels, Jr. by the Brownawell Family
11:00am	St. Bernard	TBD	Colon 'John' & Frances 'Penny' Pearley by Takoda Pearley
Monday July 31	OLGH 6:30pm	Fr. Anthanasius LS	Marriage of Luke Arena and Arena Agnew by Linda Roden
Tuesday August 1	St. Bernard 8:00am Rosary at 7:30am	Fr. Anthanasius	All Souls by the Parish
Wednesday August 2	OLGH 8:00am Rosary at 7:30am St. Francis 6:30pm	Fr. Anthanasius Fr. Divine	Barbara Souther by Robert Souther Claire Gilmore by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore
Thursday August 3	St. Bernard 6:30pm	Fr. Divine LS	Living Soul of Victoria W. by the family
Friday August 4	St. Francis 8:00am Rosary at 7:30am	Fr. Divine	Living Intention for Patty McGowan by Maureen O'Donnell
12Hr. Adoration	OLGH 8:00am	Fr. Anthanasius LS	All Souls by the Parish
Saturday, August 5, 2023 – Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
9:00am	St. Mary of the Isles	Fr. Divine	All Souls by the Parish
9:00am	Vinalhaven	Fr. Anthanasius	All Souls by the Parish
4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Anthanasius	Living Intention for Ben Lithgow by the Clarks
4:00pm	OLGH	Fr. Divine LS	Richard Rhoda by Claire and Bill Deptula
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	Pro Populo
Sunday, August 6, 2023 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	Claire Gilmore by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Anthanasius	Linus Heinz by the family
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthanasius LS	Matthew Hao by Teresa Le
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	Deceased Members of the Bartlett Family by the Bartlett Family

FAITH FORMATION

Families with any questions about Sacramental preparation or Faith Formation can reach Jennifer Parker, Parish Catechetical Leader, at 207-408-8591 or by email at jennifer.parker@portlanddiocese.org



YOUTH GROUP WITH FATHER DIVINE

The Wednesday evening youth meetings take place after the 6:30pm Mass at St. Francis in Belfast. We will be continuing our discussion of *Christus Vivit!*



PIE AND BAKE SALE

The Women's Club at Our Lady of Good Hope is having a Pie and Bake Sale after the weekend Masses on August 5/6. Would you like to make a fruit pie or your favorite cookies or squares to help us raise money for scholarships and to help those in need? All baked goods are welcome! If you're not a baker but would still like to help, there will be lots of delicious home-made baked goods for sale. Donations will be gratefully accepted in the church hall on Friday, August 4 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm or on Saturday morning, August 5, from 10:00am to noon. Thank you for your generosity in helping us to help others.

ST. FRANCIS PRAYER SHAWL & BAPTISMAL BLANKET MINISTRY

St. Francis is starting a new ministry for knitting/crocheting prayer shawls and baptismal blankets to be given to those visiting the homebound and for the newly baptized. There are two needs: (1) For those interested in making the shawls, please contact Diane Melone at diamelone@gmail.com and (2) If anyone has spare yarn they'd like to donate to the ministry, please leave in marked container at St. Francis of Assisi in the chapel/library area. Thank you!

PETERS PENCE: SECOND COLLECTION AUGUST 5/6

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ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Feastday-July 30)

Born at Imola, Italy in 380, St. Peter was baptized, educated, and ordained a deacon by Cornelius, Bishop of Imola. St. Peter merited being called "Chrysologus" (golden-worded) from his exceptional oratorical eloquence. In 433, Pope Sixtus III consecrated him bishop of Ravenna. He practiced many corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and ruled his flock with utmost diligence and care.



b. 380
d. 450

CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE FOR ST. BRENDAN

Current (as of 07/24/23)	\$57,607
Goal:	\$77,339
Percentage reached:	74%

CATHOLIC APPEAL SPOTLIGHT ON:

The Cathedral of Immaculate Conception



"I've been amazed by this building and all that it stands for since I came here." - Bishop Robert Deeley

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, located in Portland, is the Mother Church of our diocese and the seat of the bishop.

The Directory for the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops calls cathedrals the most important of a diocese's churches, saying they are "a sign of unity" and a "sign of the teaching authority and the sacred power" of the bishop. Special liturgies, such as the Chrism Mass, the Neophyte Mass, and ordinations are celebrated at the cathedral, and the Appeal helps the parish with the associated costs. In 2019, the cathedral celebrated its 150th anniversary.



Ministries Supported by the Catholic Appeal | Diocese of Portland (portlanddiocese.org)

Donations to the Catholic Appeal may be made online at www.portlanddiocese.org/giving/make-gift, via QR-code on this page, or envelopes found in your pews. Thank you for your generosity!



TWELVE-HOUR ADORATION SIGN UP

Please sign up for our next twelve hour Eucharistic Adoration. It will be taking place on **August 4th at Our Lady of Good Hope**. Two people are needed for each hour. Please sign up on Flocknote, by using the provided QR code, or by filling out the forms located at the Church entrance.

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Quotational Excerpts from: *Look to Ven. Fulton Sheen for the Eucharistic Revival*
by Derek Rotty, National Catholic Register

"The mount of Calvary where He performed the last and solemn act of His priesthood was the Cathedral; the Cross suspended between Heaven and earth, in reconciliation of both, was His altar; the crimson that poured out from the precious wardrobe of His side was the royal vestment of sacrifice; the sun turning to red at the horrors it saw was the sanctuary lamp; the Body which He gave as Bread was the host; the blood which He poured out like water was the priceless wine; the separation of both by the crucifixion and the act of His will was the consecration; and His last words commending His soul to the hands of the Heavenly Father was the *Ite Missa est*." - Ven. Fulton Sheen, *The Eternal Galilean*



"Thanks to the Eucharist, the age-long symbol of the common meal becomes the basis of the brotherhood of men and the Fatherhood of God. ... Once men are made brothers of Christ and sons of the Heavenly Father at the Communion rail, then Equality and Liberty follow. ... The Communion rail is for that reason the most democratic institution on the face of the earth; it is even a greater leveller than death, for there the distinction between the rich and poor, the learned and unlearned disappears; there the millionaire must take the paten from the common laborer, the employer must kneel at the same board as the employee, the university professor must eat the same Bread as the simple Irish-woman who knows only how to tell her beads. There the dividing wall between nationalities is broken down and rebuilt into that spiritual Kingdom where all are one, because of One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One Bread." - Ven. Fulton Sheen, 1936

RCIA: ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW FEELING CALLED TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program is for those who are unbaptized and seeking to know more about the Catholic faith. RCIA is also for:

- Baptized Catholics who need to receive the other sacraments of initiation—Confirmation and First Holy Communion.
- Other Christian denominations and faiths or those with no faith background at all who wish to explore becoming Catholic. Children over the age of 7.

If you know someone or you yourself are interested in learning more, please contact the parish office at 207-236-4785.

Tell others about the truth that sets you free.
(Pope Benedict XVI)



**FAITH GROUP AT ST. BERNARD
1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS**

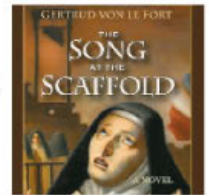
Come share your stories and the Holy Spirit will surprise you! This is a faith sharing group that explores life and faith topics on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 10:00am at the Sacred heart Center at St. Bernard in Rockland. If interested in joining and to find out more, leave a message with your contact information for Lucas at 594-9490 and he will get back to you.

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This Week's Spotlight:



READINGS FOR WEEK OF JULY 30, 2023

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"...and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified." The Lord knows your heart, even if you are uncertain. Contact the Director of Vocations by Facebook at VocationsME, by phone at (207) 773-6471, or by email at vocations@portlanddiocese.org.
www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations



PRAY THE ROSARY

In 1917 Our Lady of Fatima, asked us to pray the rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. During the week, you are invited to pray the Rosary before our 8:00am Masses:

- Tuesday, 7:30am, at St. Bernard in Rockland
- Wednesday, 7:30am, at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden
- Friday, 7:30am, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Belfast



G.K. Chesterton

"The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried."

b. 1874
d. 1936

"The Church is not merely armed against the heresies of the past or even of the present, but equally against those of the future."

Parish Ministries

BELFAST KNIGHTS

The William S. Brannagan Council 3942 meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month after the 6:30pm Mass at St. Francis in the church hall. New members are welcome, if interested Grand Knight Gary Boynton can be reached at kofccouncil3942@gmail.com or <https://www.kofc3942.org/>



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READ POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL AT

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html



ROCKLAND KNIGHTS

The Rockland Knights will hold their monthly breakfast after the 8am Mass on Sunday, July 30th, please join us! All proceeds will be donated to support Vocations – Seminarians and Religious.



The Rockland Knights - Limerock Council 136 meets the 3rd Thursday at 7pm in Grispi Hall, at St. Bernard's Church, Rockland.
<http://kofc136.stbrendanparish.net>

The Grand Knight for 2022-2023 is Kevin Bailey. You can contact Kevin by cell: 978-404-1594 or by email at: info@kofc136.stbrendanparish.net

Website: <https://www.stbrendanparish.net/knight-of-columbus-rockland> <http://kofc136.stbrendanparish.net>

KOFC 4TH DEGREE

The 4th Degree Knights meet the second Monday of the month at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden at 7:00pm. To find out more, contact Gregg Turley at 702-408-5996.



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, please contact the following Knights:

In Rockland: Liam Yung at 207-450-3915

In Belfast: Brian Beaulieu at 207-542-8967 or bbeaulieu@allenfg.com
Joseph Mathieu at 207-323-1436 or painterjo56@gmail.com

DAUGHTERS OF ST. BERNARD

The Daughters of St. Bernard will have their next meeting on Friday, August 4th at 1:00pm in the Sacred Heart Center. We will discuss upcoming events, including the celebration to honor our patron saint. It will be great to see all the Daughters after our summer break!



We encourage all women of St. Bernard church to join our charitable, fraternal group. For more information, contact Claire Redden, president, at 207-208-0584.

A full listing of parish ministries is in development and will be made available upon completion.

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

O Lord, grant us the grace to respect and care for Your creation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, bless all of your creatures as a sign of Your wondrous love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

St. Francis of Assisi: Patron Saint of Ecology

Excerpts from Brian Roewe's *Why is Francis of Assisi the patron saint of ecology?*

On Nov. 29, 1979, Pope John Paul II issued a papal bull that declared St. Francis of Assisi the patron of ecology and of those who promote ecology.



In the bull, John Paul II wrote, "Among the holy and admirable men who have revered nature as a wonderful gift of God to the human race, St. Francis of Assisi deserves special consideration."

The pope went on to note Francis' deep sense of the Creator at work in the world, and through it, the presence of the divine spirit. John Paul II mentioned too the "Canticle of the Creatures," Francis' famous prayer poem that is one of the cornerstones of Franciscan spirituality. (The canticle's recurring refrain "Praised be you, my Lord," or in Umbrian dialect of early Italian, "Laudato Si', mi signore," inspired the name of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on the environment and human ecology, "Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home." And it was Pope Francis who was the first to tap the Assisi saint as his papal namesake.)

Naming Francis of Assisi as the patron saint of ecology came at the end of the 1970s, a decade that witnessed the birth of the modern environmental movement and began with the celebration of the first Earth Day, held in the United States. The confluence of these two events may be more coincidence than anything, as Earth Day didn't become a global event until 1990.

CAMDEN FOOD PANTRY

The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry will be collecting a new food item for the month of August. It will be peanut butter. Please place items in the bin in the entrance to Cote Hall at Our Lady of Good Hope.

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN: To request prayers or to pray for others, please contact Kathleen Daley: daleykathy90@gmail.com

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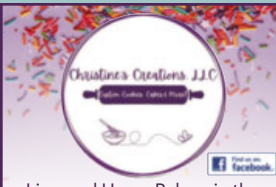
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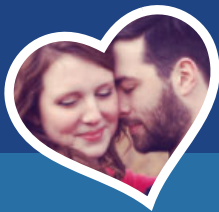
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St. Bernard
150 Broadway,
Rockland, ME 04841

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

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207-236-4785

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Deacon Robert Cleveland

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Austin Gallant, Office Manager
Paula Williamson, Safe Environment Coordinator
Michael Colson, Custodial
John Maas, Custodial
Rich Norman, Soup Kitchen Supervisor

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 Penny Wolfe at penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org

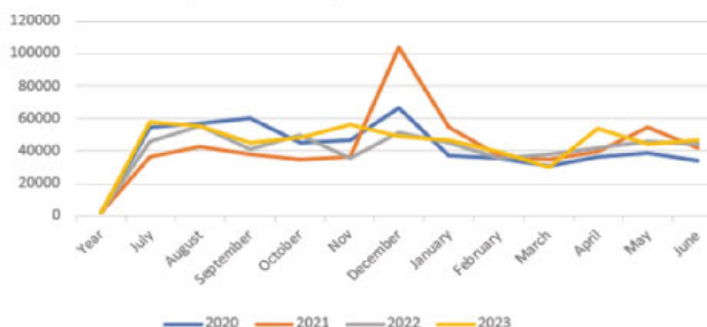
TO ADD NAME TO PARISH PRAYER CHAIN send an email to stbrendan@portlanddiocese.org.



"I put before you the one great thing to love
on earth: the Blessed Sacrament."
- J.R.R. Tolkien

COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Collections July 2019-June 2023



MONTHLY OFFERTORY: ACTUAL vs. BUDGETED

Actual	Actual	Budget	2023
June	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	Budget
\$46,429	\$572,890	\$536,371	\$536,371

Online giving through WeShare

You may set that up by going to

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



ST. BERNARD SOUP KITCHEN

For the week of July 17th, we provided the following meals
M- 63 , T - 73 , W - 59 , T - 66 , F - 61

Please consider volunteering your talent and time to our soup kitchen; we need volunteers on Thursday's.

Want to help? Contact Rich Norman 691-6400.

Soup Kitchen donations week thru 7/23/23: \$236.00

PARISH JOB OPENINGS

POSITION: PARISH BUSINESS COORDINATOR

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish is seeking a self-motivated, detailed-oriented, and well-organized leader with an accounting and administrative background, including supervising employees. Experience with Human Resources is helpful. Candidates should have excellent computer skills and budgeting experience. Experience with contract negotiations and property management is a plus. As a member of the core management team, the successful candidate will be a team player who possesses and demonstrates an appreciation of this position in ministry, excellent interpersonal communication skills, creativity and flexibility. Must be a practicing member in good standing of the Roman Catholic Church. This is a full-time position. Send applications or inquiries to karol.skoby@portlanddiocese.org.



ON SUMMER BREAK:

The following parish groups will be on summer break—stay tuned in the Fall for resumption of meetings!

Our Lady of Good Hope Bible Study

Contact - Mary Smyth: goodhopebiblestudy@gmail.com

That Man Is You

Contact - Joe Cammellieri: 975-4634 or jccam@tidewater.net

Walking with Purpose

Contact - Janet Heath: JMHeath66@gmail.com