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September 17, 2023

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24[™] SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

- Mt 18:21-22

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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.

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

Dominus vobiscum

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

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.



IMPORTANT CHANGES TO YOUR ONLINE GIVING!

We are moving the parish online giving program from WeShare to eCatholic! We're excited to share that the parish is offering an improved online giving service provided by eCatholic. This excellent option for donors offers simple giving for one-time or recurring donations. Adhering closely to a mission focused on serving the Church, eCatholic's online giving tool also benefits the parish with safer bookkeeping, fast processing, and more efficient communication tools.

Please note, this is a 2-step process:

1. SIGN UP WITH ECATHOLIC ONLINE GIVING

- a. Go to stbrendanparish.net/donate.
- b. See step 1 to set up new account with eCatholic at stbrendanparish.net/offertory and follow "DONATE" instructions with the recurring donation option (this will begin the set-up for your online giving account).

THEN

2. PLEASE CANCEL PREVIOUS ONLINE GIVING WITH WESHARE (only after you have created an eCatholic account)

a. Sign into your WeShare account at

stbrendanparish.weshareonline.org/

- a. In the upper right-hand corner, click your name, and then click 'My Account'
- b. At the top of the page click 'Scheduled'
- c. Click the pencil to edit recurring gift.
- d. Click 'End Date' and simply put the date you want the gift to stop OR under the 'Scheduled tab click 'Stop this payment'

You will also see these instructions at stbrendanparish.net/donate.

Please call the office if any questions and thank you!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

LS indicates Live Stream

Saturday, September 16, 2023 - Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Anthanasius	For the success of the Eucharistic Revival in our parish and for the conversion of the world to the Eucharistic Jesus by the Eucharistic Revival Team
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Divine	Kathe Webers by Penny Wolfe
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine LS	Pro Populo
8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	For the success of the Euchanistic Revival
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Anthanasius	in our parish and for the conversion of the world to the Eucharistic Jesus by the Eucharistic Revival Team Roger Ptak
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Anthanasius	world to the Eucharistic Jesus by the Eucharistic Revival Team
8:30am 11:00am	St. Francis Our Lady of Good Hope		world to the Eucharistic Jesus by the Eucharistic Revival Team Roger Ptak

Fr. Anthanasius John Brascia

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Rosary at 7:30am by David Bardon

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Native Cameroonian Priests

Fr. Anthanasius Janina by Alicja-Tad Strzalka

6:30pm Serving in Maine by Ron, Janice & Emma Clark Thursday St. Bernard Barbara Hutchins Nelson Fr. Divine LS September 21 6:30pm by a friend Friday St. Francis Living Intention for Philip Fr. Divine LS September 22 Rosary at 7:30am & Jean Stuart by Elaine Witt 8:00am

Fr. Divine

Rosary at 7:30am

Saturday, September 23, 2023 - Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time				
4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Bishop George Nkuo By Ron, Janice & Emma Clark	
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthanasius	Pro Populo	
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	Sid Peasley by Takoda Peasley & Kathleen Daley	

St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	Bree Hunter-Chase by Takoda Peasley	
St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Kurtis Backiel by Diane and Matt Brown	
Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Divine LS	Matt Kraczik by Pat McAuliffe	
St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	Frank Martella (Rocco) Jr. & Sr. by Donna Maria Martella & Family	
	St. Francis Our Lady of Good Hope	St. Francis Fr. Divine Our Lady of Good Hope Fr. Divine LS	

Sunday, September 24, 2023 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEDDING BANNS

Monday

Tuesday

September 18

September 19

Wednesday

September 20

OLGH

6:30pm

8:00am

OLGH

8:00am

St. Francis

St. Bernard

III. Michael Chapman & Andrea Bozza II. Erin Pierce & Christopher Gallogly



Parish Life

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

To families with children of all ages,

Please fill out faith formation registration forms for the upcoming year. They can be found in the church hall. Completed forms can be returned to the office or left with the other forms where they will be picked up. Families with any questions can reach Jennifer Parker, Parish Catechetical Leader, at 207-408-8591 or by email at jennifer.parker@portlanddiocese.org.

THAT MAN IS YOU

That Man Is You will be resuming their weekly meetings on September 16th. The new meeting time will be Saturdays at 8:30am in the Our Lady of Good Hope Upper Room. For more information please contact Joe Cammelieri at jccam@tidewater.net.



That Man is You honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical

science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive!

THE SISTERS OF TRANSFIGURATION HERMITAGE BAKE SALE: SEPT 27/28 @ OLGH

The Sisters of Transfiguration Hermitage will be holding their fall bake sale before and after all the Masses at OLGH on September 23 & 24. Help yourself to some of their delicious goodies and at the same time help support their life of prayer for all people! We'll even have the first of this year's fruitcakes!

OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE FELLOWSHIP

The next Our Lady of Good Hope After-Mass Fellowship will be on September 17th! We hope to see you after mass for donuts, coffee, and good camaraderie!

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Walking with Purpose invites all women to participate in a new Bible study: Touching the

Divine. Enjoy spending time in one place, in one book—the

Gospel of John—reading Jesus' actual words and focusing entirely on Him. Join us for coffee and meaningful conversation as we discover a new identity in Christ.



WWP's mission is to help every Catholic woman and girl in

America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies

Mark your calendar: New session starts Tues. Sept. 26th, 6:30PM at Our Lady of Good Hope.

For more info: Janet Heath 207-841-1975 or Carol Brownawell

A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to thank Paula Williamson, Carol Brownawell, Christine McVeary, Michelle Chamberlin, Paulette Spera, and all who helped with this years parish picnic. It was a well attended, well enjoyed, and fun-filled afternoon.

CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE FOR ST. BRENDAN

Current (as of 08/17/23) \$69,322 Goal: \$77,339

Percentage reached: 90% Getting close!

CATHOLIC APPEAL:

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ROCKLAND KNIGHTS BREAKFAST

The Rockland Knights will hold their monthly breakfast after the 8am Mass on Sunday, September 24th, please join us! All proceeds will be donated to support The St. Bernard Soup Kitchen.

SPECIAL YOUTH MASS

Families, please join us for a special youth Mass at St. Bernard on Sunday, September 17 at 8am. Children are invited to greet parishioners and hand out bulletins, sing with the choir, present the gifts, and say the readings. Families are invited to gather in the hall after mass for refreshments. Please contact Rachel Vallance at rachrisv@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH: Tuesday Eves at St. Francis and Our Lady of Good Hope



St. Brendan the Navigator Parish is offering a gathering at two of our church locations this Fall as a guide for those exploring our Catholic Faith options or who are just wondering about life's deeper questions, such as "Why

am I here?," What is the purpose of my life?," Does or could Christianity really fit into my life experiences of death, sorrow, happiness, science, family, and faith?" On Tuesday evenings from September 19 through October 24th, 6:00pm at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden (Upper Room) and St. Francis parish hall in Belfast, we will be showing 30-minute episodes of Chris Stefanic's *The Search* followed by a discussion guided by a team of parishioner leaders to explore questions and insights raised from the episodes.

If you know anyone interested in attending, please have them call the office, 207-236-4785, or invite them to just show up!



Excerpts from the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the Eucharist (1415-1419)

1415 Anyone who desires to receive Christ in Eucharistic communion must be in the state of grace. Anyone aware of having sinned mortally must not receive communion without having received absolution in the sacrament of penance.

1416 Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ increases the communicant's union with the Lord, forgives his venial sins, and preserves him from grave sins. Since receiving this sacrament strengthens the bonds of charity between the communicant and Christ, it also reinforces the unity of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ.

1417 The Church warmly recommends that the faithful receive Holy Communion when they participate in the celebration of the Eucharist; she obliges them to do so at least once a year.

1418 Because Christ himself is present in the sacrament of the altar, he is to be honored with the worship of adoration. "To visit the Blessed Sacrament is . . . a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord" (Paul VI, MF 66).

1419 Having passed from this world to the Father, Christ gives us in the Eucharist the pledge of glory with him. Participation in the Holy Sacrifice identifies us with his Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints.

OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE BIBLE STUDY

This week we begin our study of The Letter to the Hebrews. This is the 19th book of the New Testament. It is unique in the New Testament because it has such a heavy emphasis on the history of the people's experiences with the God of the Old Testament and the connection of prior knowledge of God as the underpinning for understanding Jesus Christ.

But who exactly were "The Hebrews"? The word sort of translates to "The Wanderers"

Aren't we all wanderers?

Lesson: https://youtu.be/N_Y2WZhR2v8

So glad you are on this journey with me. I am looking forward to seeing where it goes. (You do realize I never really know in advance, right?)

To receive weekly emails please contact Mary Smyth at goodhopebiblestudy@gmail.com

Did you know?



The Catholic Church is entirely responsible for the composition of the Bible, which books are included, as well as the breakup of the chapters and verses. Protestants have removed some books of the Bible because some of the verses were inconsistent with their theology. Martin Luther was a prime offender in this regard, removing

Tobit, Judith, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach and Baruch. He also made an effort to remove James and Revelations, but this was rejected by his followers and those two books were kept. Catholics are often accused of "adding" the books, but despite this common belief, it is false. Older, pre-Protestant, Catholic translations of the Bible include them.

BUILD YOUR FAITH ON FORMED.ORG

Though they never appear in canonical Scripture, Sts. Joachim and Anne—the grandparents of Jesus—hold a place of great importance in the Church's tradition. Discover more about the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this episode of Catholic Saints with



This Week's Spotlight:

Mary McGeehan and Augustine Institute professor Dr. Carl Vennerstrom.

Sign up and watch for free on formed.org using our parish sign in!

1.) Go to formed.org on a web browser

- 2.) Under 'How would you like to sign up?' choose 'Sign up as a parishioner'
- Under 'Create a New Account' in the box, put in the ZIP code of 04843 and choose 'St. Brendan the Navigator, Camden, ME'
- Enter your name and email and click 'sign up' and follow the prompts.

READINGS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt

18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself." How is God calling you to live for others? Could it be as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother? If you are discerning a religious vocation, contact the Director of Vocations by Facebook at VocationsME, by phone at



(207) 773-6471, or by email at vocations@portlanddiocese.org.

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 in Belfast



St. Hildegard of Bingen b. 1098 d. September 17, 1179 Feast: September 17

On May 10, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI gave St Hildegard an equivalent canonization, and laid down the ground-work for naming her a Doctor of the Church. Five months later, she officially became a Doctor of the Church, making her the fourth woman of 35 saints to be given that title by the Roman Catholic Church. Pope Benedict XVI called Hildegard, "perennially relevant" and "an authentic teacher of theology and a profound scholar of natural science and music."

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/

ROCKLAND KNIGHTS

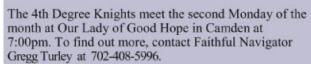
The Rockland Knights - Limerock Council 136 meets the 3rd Thursday at 7pm in Grispi Hall, at St. Bernard's Church, Rockland.

http://kofc136.stbrendanparishnet.

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

KOFC 4TH DEGREE





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 207-542-8967or bbeaulieu@allenfg.com
Joseph Mathieu at 207-323-1436 or painterjo56@gmail.com

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.

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

St. Brendan the Navigator, pray for us.

DAUGHTERS OF SAINT BERNARD: ZOE'S GIFT PRESENTATION

The Daughters of St. Bernard recently presented Leah Carle, Executive Director for Zoe, A Women's Center, a check for \$500.00 to support the important work they do in our community. Contributions like



this are made possible by the generosity of our parishioners who support our ongoing fundraisers.

JOIN THE PARISH IN PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR LIFE!

The newly-formed Pro-Life Ministry of our parish, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, will be launching the Respect Life Month of October with praying a Rosary for Life at each of our churches. This will begin on Respect Life Sunday, October 1st and we invite you to join us before Masses on the three occasions below with special meditations for pregnant women and their unborn children. Below are the dates and times during which the Knights will lead us as we pray the Rosaries for Life together at our parish—outside in front of the churches if the weather permits. Please join us!

Sunday, October 1st: 7:50am at St. Francis of Assisi in Belfast Wednesday, October 4th: 7:30am at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden Thursday, October 5th: 5:00pm at St. Bernard in Rockland

Many more activities will also be happening in Respect Life month so stay



READ POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL AT https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/



Season of Creation Brown Bag Option at All Events

Laudato Si's focus for the month of September is the Season of Creation. Save the four Wednesdays in September. Check the bulletin each week to get news on coming events.

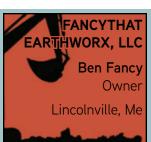
Wednesday, September 20th

You're invited to a tree identification walk along the Rail Trail with Cloe Chunn, naturalist and educator. Why did God create so many kinds of plants and trees? Do we notice and appreciate the diversity? Meet at Rail Trail's Upper Bridge parking lot at 11:30, bring brown bag lunch and water for lunch at picnic area along the Trail; walk will conclude at the train station, with transport back to parking lot, but participants may elect to return to parking lot after lunch. Walk will be repeated on September 22.

For more information regarding Season of Creation events, please contact Dianne Smith at: dcrjsmith@hotmail.com

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

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



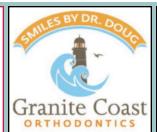
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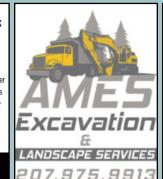


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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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.

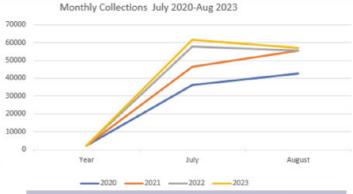
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Available during the half-hour before every weekend Mass or by appointment.

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 OFFERTORY: ACTUAL vs. BUDGETED Actual Actual Budget 2023/2024

August Year-to-Date Year-to-Date Budget \$56,999 \$118,554 \$97,023 \$533,188

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ST. BERNARD SOUP KITCHEN

For the week Sept 4th, we provided the following meals: M - HOLIDAY, T - 73, W - 68, T - 70, F - 65

We wish to thank Wayne Oxton of Alaskan Captain Restaurant for his generous donation of food to our Soup kitchen. Want to help? Contact Rich Norman 691-6400.

Soup Kitchen donations week thru 9/10/23: \$325.00

"The illusion that moral relativism provides the key for peaceful coexistence is actually the origin of divisions and the denial of the dignity of human beings."

- Pope Benedict XVI



St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.