St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

October 15, 2023

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



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15~28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

PSALM: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 23)



SECOND READING: I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:12-13)

GOSPEL: "Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9

THIS WEEK AT ST. BRENDAN'S

An upcoming look at what's happening at our parish in addition to the normal Mass times and ministry meetings:

Sunday, Oct. 15th: 4pm, OLGH, Lector & Sacristan Training Monday Oct. 16th: 3:30pm, OLGH, Protecting God's Children class for those who are signed up.

Tuesday, Oct. 17th: 8am St. Bernard, SHC, Family Faith after Mass Wednesday, Oct. 18th: 10am Mass at Windward Gardens Saturday, Oct. 21st: 9am St. Bernard, Sacrament Retreat

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. You will receive an email prompting you to create an 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!

Please pray for the recently deceased of our parish, especially,





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.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

1.8 indicates Live Stream

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Saturday, October 14, 2023 – Vigil: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Anthanasius	Living Intention for Christopher Beaulieu by the Clarks
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Divine	Pauline Johnstone by Mary Merrifield
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine LS	Daniel Davey by Nikki Orbin
Sunday, October 15, 2023 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	For An End to Abortion by St. Bernard Pro-Life Ministry
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Anthanasius	Judy Roche and Jenny Semancik by Donna Ptak
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthanasius	For An End to Abortion by OLGH Pro-Life Ministry
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	Pro Populo
Monday October 16	OLGH 6:30pm	Fr. Anthanasius	Stephen Moss by Sue and Dick Flaherty
Tuesday October 17	St. Bernard 8:00am	Fr. Anthanasius Rosary at 7:30am	Living Intention for William Bardon by David Bardon
Wednesday October 18	OLGH 8:00am	Fr. Anthanasius Rosary at 7:30am	Maria and Arthur Mohr by the family
	St. Francis 6:30pm	Fr. Divine	Paula and Franklin Richards by Hector & Kathy Pietra-Santa
Thursday October 19	St. Bernard 6:30pm	Fr. Divine LS	Lucy Bardon by David Bardon
Friday October 20	St. Francis 8:00am	Fr. Divine LS Rosary at 7:30am	Giorgio Boschi by Phil and Mary Carthage
Saturday, October 21, 2023 - Vigil: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Living Intention for Faith Marie Beaulieu by Emma Clark
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthanasius	Katharina and Franz Pietsch by the family
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	Anne Ferreira by Mary Katherine Hayes
Sunday, October 22, 2023 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	Douglas & Alyce Law Eric and Donna Hebert
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Mark DeRoche by Elissa and Matt Koskela
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Divine LS	Pro Populo
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	Barbara Hutchins Nelson by the parish

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Francis is being lit this week for:

Dorothy & Harold Porrello by Phyllis Greathouse



FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Faith Formation Classes:

- Sundays at St. Bernard, Rockland, after the 8:00am Mass
- Sundays at St. Francis, Belfast, after the 8:30am Mass

Family Fellowship at St. Bernard:

Join us for faith and fun on Tuesday mornings.

Mass at 8am then gather in the Sacred Heart Center. We will have a faith lesson for all ages, arts and crafts, board games, and snacks. Contact Rachel Vallance at 207-458-8675 or rachrisv@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES!

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION RETREAT:

October 21, Saturday at 9:00 at St. Bernard

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION WITH BISHOP ROBERT P. DEELEY:

October 29, Sunday at 11:00 at St. Bernard.

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

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.

The Search & Symbolon

For the month of October, at St. Francis in Belfast and at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden, the parish will be showing episodes of Chris Stefanic's *The Search* on



Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm. This show examines life's many challenging and meaningful questions in the light of God, and the viewings are accompanied by leader-guided discussions. On Tuesdays in November and December, for those beginning the Catholic Faith journey, we will be watching *Symbolon*, which delves into teachings of the Catholic faith more in depth. Please join us!

If you know someone or you yourself are interested in learning about our Catholic faith and would like to join us on Tuesday evenings, you/they are welcome and would be Helpful, but not necessary to 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



"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Prayer for Radical Solidarity" (respectlife.org/
prayer-for-radical-solidarity)

It is not too late to join in with Catholics around the country as we pray a Novena for

Life, which began on Friday October 13th. Copies went home in previous bulletins on goldenrod paper and a link to the novena is available on our ministry page at www.stbrendanparish.net/pro-life-ministry. Thank you for joining us in praying for life at every stage.

Copies of Why We're Pro-Life by Trent Horn,

published by Catholic Answers Press, are available in each of our churches. It is a beautifully written statement on why unborn life is undeniably human and should be afforded the rights of all humans. Please take a copy for your family.

Pray a Rosary for Life before Mass. We will gather outside, weather-permitting, or in the church hall.

- Sundays October 22nd & 29th: 7:50am at St. Francis in Belfast
- Wednesdays October 18th & 25th: 7:30am at OLGH in Camden
- Thursdays, October 19th & 26th: 5:00pm at St. Bernard in Rockland

https://stbrendanparish.net/pro-life-ministry





St. Julian Eymard: the Eucharistic Saint

Eucharistic Saints (thepriest.com)

It is hard to find more beautiful expressions about the Eucharist than those of Julian Eymard. At his 1962 canonization, following the first session of the Second Vatican Council and before 2,000-plus attendees, Pope St. John XXIII (r. 1958-63) referred to him as the Eucharistic saint. Eymard's works and life certainly justified his selection as a saint and arguably qualify him for consideration as a Doctor of the Church.

In his book "The Eucharist and Christian Perfection II," St. Peter Julian Eymard addressed the lack of homilies, or even discussion among the clergy, about the Eucharist: "The world is ignorant concerning the Eucharist. It is not preached about often enough. The faithful complain of this and wait for someone who will feed them with the word of true life. If we do not preach the Blessed Sacrament, the reason is that our hearts do not understand It. If preachers adored the Blessed Sacrament more often, they would preach about It more often. And yet the salvation of the world lies in Jesus Christ abiding in our midst." The faithful today say little about the infrequent preaching; this revival instituted by the U.S. bishops will undoubtedly delve into this situation.

Eymard, while on a pilgrimage in 1851, realized that there was no religious organization dedicated to worshipping Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Seven years later, he received Church approval to establish the Congregation of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Besides spending time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, these priests prepared adults and children for their first Communion. They also spent much effort attempting to encourage fallenaway Catholics to return to the Church, to the Eucharist, much like what is anticipated in the United States over the next three years.

OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE BIBLE STUDY

Letter to the Hebrews Week 5

This week we are told to 'pay attention'. It is so easy to let our attention drift to present concerns and circumstances. But the message to the Hebrews tells us we will miss out if we do that. How many people in our world fall into that trap?

Lesson: https://youtu.be/MXn5VEoW528

Rather than take the tone that ignoring God will lead to condemnation, what if we think about it like this: we could be living a more peaceful, joyous, contented life. We can be messengers of truth, kindness and calm. We can be better than we are. But we have to pay attention to what really matters.

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. —Hebrews 2:1

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

PRAY THE ROSARY

"If you recite the Family Rosary, all united, you shall taste peace." – Pope John XXIII

- · 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

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THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT: THE LEGENDS OF ROBIN HOOD

The child of a reputable family and a faithful son of the Church, Robert of Locksley had no intention of becoming an outlaw. But the relentless cruelty and tyranny by the elite nobility of England demanded that someone rise up to give answer. And so Robert of Locksley became Robin Hood — a man thrown into a fierce struggle to balance his deep faith with a call to action in a violent age.



EASY AND FREE SIGN-UP FOR PARISHIONERS:

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'
- 3. Under 'Create a New Account' in the box, put in the ZIP code of 04843 and choose 'St. Brendan the Navigator, Camden, ME'
- 4. Enter your name and email and click 'sign up' and follow the prompts.
- 5. (It is also a free Roku app!)

READINGS FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Many are called, but few are chosen." Consider following Christ more closely as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life. Contact the Director of Vocations by Facebook at VocationsME, by phone at (207)773-6471, or by email at



vocations@portlanddiocese.org, or at website, www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations

DID YOU KNOW?

The shortest reign of a pope was for Urban VII, who lived only 13 days after his election in 1590.

The longest, aside from St. Peter, was Blessed Pius IX, who died in 1878, after serving for more than 31 years.



ST. AURELIA OF STRASBOURG

d. 1027 Feast: October 15

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A princess who became a hermitess. A friend of St. Wolfgang, Aurelia spent more than half a century as a recluse in a Benedictine abbey in Salzburg, Austria.

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 Belfast 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/

The KofC world famous breakfast in Belfast typically takes place on the third Sunday after the 8:30am Mass. Proceeds help various charitable efforts, thank you!

ROCKLAND KNIGHTS

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

The KofC delicious breakfast in Rockland typically takes place on the last Sunday after the 8:00am Mass. Proceeds help various charitable efforts, thank you!

KOFC 4TH DEGREE

4th Degree Assembly 340 will hold the Officer Initiation Ceremony at Our Lady of Good Hope at 3:45pm on Sunday, October 22, 2023.

All 4th degree Knights and their families are invited to attend. There will be a potluck dinner following the Ceremony. Please contact Faithful Navigator Gregg Turley at 702-408-5996 for more information.

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

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

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





WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Enabling women to know Christ personally through Scripture. Tuesdays, 6:30PM at Our Lady of Good Hope in the designated WWP room downstairs. For more info: Janet Heath 207-841-1975 or Carol Brownawell 410-714-4549

THAT MAN IS YOU

That Man Is You meets 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.



READ POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL AT https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco 20150524 enciclica-laudato-

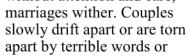


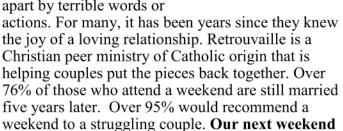
How can we not admire this tenderness of Jesus for all the beings that accompany us along the way!

Pope Francis released apostolic exhortation *Laudate Deum* on October 4), the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, that completes his encyclical *Laudato Si'* published in May 2015, and is addressed "to all people of good will on the climate crisis." You can find the full text by searching "Laudate Deum" or at the Vatican website, here: https://www.caritas.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/B0692-XX.02.pdf

THERE IS HOPE & HELP FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

How can you help a couple whose marriage seems stuck in misery? As a couple who attended Retrouvaille more than ten years ago, we know that without attention and care,





weekend to a struggling couple. Our next weekend is November 10, 2023 in Boston, MA. FMI: etrouvaillene@gmail.com

Don't wait and don't give up - go to https://www.helpourmarriage.org/and register today.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST (MASS TIMES)



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Our Lady of Good Hope 7 Union Street, Camden, ME 04843 Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 11:00am Mon 6:30pm & Wed 8am



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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.

St. Francis of Assisi, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Brendan the Navigator, PRAY FOR US!

CATHOLIC APPEAL

Join us today in support of the Catholic Appeal with a gift by scanning the QR code to make a gift online or with the pledge envelope found in your pew. Your support enables the works of programs and ministries around the diocese including Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, Catholic Charities, Hospital Chaplains and much, much more! Donations to the Catholic Appeal may be made via QR-code on this page, online at w.portlanddiocese.org/giving/make-gift, or envelopes found in your pews. Thank you for your generosity!

Socoocococo close! Who can help is to the top? CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE FOR ST. BRENDAN

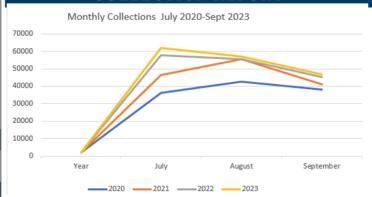
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COLLECTION REPORT



MONTHLY OFFERTORY: ACTUAL vs. BUDGETED

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 \$46,961
 \$165,915
 \$141,484
 \$533,188

ST. BERNARD SOUP KITCHEN

For the week Oct. 2nd, we provided the following meals:

M - 65, T - 57, W - 52, T - 69, F - 66

Thank you to a representative of the Maine Marine patrol for their donation to out soup kitchen.

We need help on Thursday & Friday.

Want to help? Contact Rich Norman 691-6400.

Soup Kitchen donations week thru 10/8: \$493.85

SECOND COLLECTION, OCT. 21/22 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year, Pope Francis illuminates World Mission Sunday with the theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." Let us ignite our hearts with Christ's love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable corners of our world. Your ferv



most vulnerable corners of our world. Your fervent prayers and upcoming generosity in next weekend's second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will bolster the missionaries working in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and certain regions of Latin America and Europe. Thank you!





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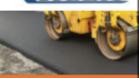


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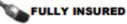
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