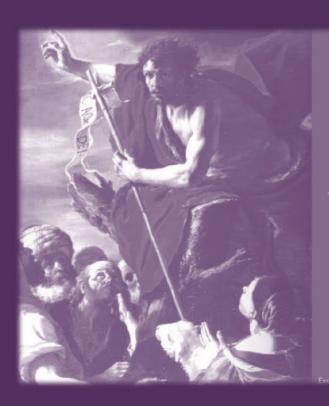
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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

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.

ADVENT TEACHINGS BY OUR CLERGY

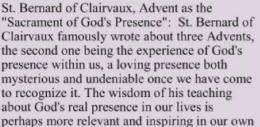
Monday, December 11 following the 6:30pm Mass at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden - Fr. Anthanasius

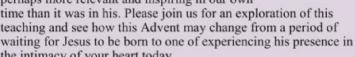
Eucharist as a Sacrifice and a Sacrament: Deepen your understanding of the Eucharistic in this time of Eucharistic Revival and seek a more fruitful participation in the Holy Mass.



Wednesday, December 13 following the 6:30pm Mass at St. Francis of Assisi in Belfast - Fr. Divine Fossoh Eucharistic Revival: TBA

Thursday, December 14 following the 6:30p Mass at St. Bernard - Deacon Bob Cleveland





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THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU; WEEK OF DEC. 18TH

Come prepare for the coming of Our Lord into your heart this Advent in parish Penitential Services: Each evening there will be music, a gospel reading, homily, time for examination of conscience and four priests to hear confessions:

Monday, Dec. 18th, Wednesday, 6:00pm at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden

Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 6:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi in Belfast

Thursday, Dec. 21st, 6:00pm at St. Bernard in Rockland

The Penitential Services will replace the normal Adoration and Mass on these evenings at our Churches.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 4:00pm ~ Fr. Divine Monday, Dec. 25 - 11:00am ~ Fr. Joseph

St. Bernard Church, Rockland

*Sunday, Dec. 24 - 4:00pm ~ Fr. Anthanasius Monday, Dec. 25 - 8:00am ~ Fr. Divine Monday, Dec. 25 - 11:00am ~ Fr. Divine

St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast

8:30am

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St. Francis

Our Lady of

Good Hope

St. Bernard

Fr. Divine

Fr. Divine LS

Fr. Anthanasius

Phil Murphy by Tim Murphy

Sloane Turner

by Chris Mazza

by Bill Donaghy

End to Eucharistic Abuses

Sunday, Dec. 24 - 4:00pm ~ Fr. Joseph Monday, Dec. 25 - 8:30am ~ Fr. Anthanasius

*NEW TIME

OUIET 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) indicates Live Stream

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Saturday, De	cember 9, 2023	 Vigil: Second S 	unday of Advent			
4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Anthanasius	Albert J. Salvatore by Mary Salvatore			
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Divine	Michael Williamson by the Williamson Family			
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine LS	Lorraine Hall by Takoda Peasley			
Sunday, December 10, 2023 - Second Sunday of Advent						
8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine LS	Pro Populo			
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Anthanasius	Living Intention for Brian and Dawn Beaulieu by the Clarks			
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthanasius	Katharina and Franz Pietsch by the family			
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	Michael Freda by Josephine Freda			
Monday December 11	OLGH 6:30pm	Fr. Anthanasius	For An End to Abortion by the OLGH Pro-Life Ministry			
Tuesday December 12	St. Bernard 8:00am	Fr. Anthanasius Rosary at 7:30am	For An End to Abortion by the St. Bernard Pro-Life Ministry			
Wednesday December 13	OLGH 8:00am	Fr. Anthanasius Rosary at 7:30am	Living Intention for Klaus Pfeifer By Jane Spurrier			
	St. Francis 6:30pm	Fr. Divine	For An End to Abortion by the St. Francis Pro-Life Ministry			
Thursday December 14	St. Bernard 6:30pm	Fr. Divine LS	Josephine "Joey" Curran by Penny Wolfe			
Friday December 15	St. Francis 8:00am	Fr. Divine LS Rosary at 7:30am	Frank & Maureen Folscher by Heidi Teneyuca			
Saturday, December 16, 2023 - Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent						
4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Living Intention for the Proulx Family by the Clarks			
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthanasius	For an end to hatred, war, violence and discrimination in our world by the parish			
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	Roger Brochu by Craig Demuth			
Sunday, Dec	ember 17, 2023	3 – Third Sunday o	of Advent			
8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	Pro Populo			

Parish Life

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 rachel.vallance@portlanddiocese.org

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.

JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MEETINGS
Junior high and high school youth are welcome to both of the
following groups led by Fr. Anthanasius and Fr. Divine.

Sun. evenings, *Rediscover Jesus*, led by Fr. Anthanasius @ St. Bernard, 4:00pm, next meeting TBA

Starting Wed. Dec. 6th: Youth Meetings, led by Fr. Divine @ St. Francis of Assisi after the 6:30pm Mass.

BRAZIL MISSION GIVING TREE AT ST. BERNARD

This Advent Season, St. Bernard Church is again sponsoring a giving tree. Envelopes dedicated to the mission in Brazil for a child, seminarian, or sister sponsorship will be hung on the tree in the church vestibule. The envelope may be returned in any collection basket during Advent. Child sponsorship is \$75 per year while sponsoring a seminarian/sister is \$250. Smaller donations will be pooled so that additional children, seminarians, and sisters can be sponsored. Thank you for your support and generosity.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE AT OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE



The Social Justice and Peace Ministry has set up the Giving Tree for Our Lady of Good Hope. The tree has a number of tags on it with a brief description of a child for whom you can buy a Christmas gift (age, boy or girl, size, type of gift). We ask that gifts not exceed the cost of \$25.

Please attach the tag to the outside of the wrapped gift so it will reach the intended recipient since all tags are coded. All gifts must be returned by no later than Sunday, Dec. 17th.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to the parish office, 236-4785.

RCIA CLASSES BEGINNING

For those interested in exploring the Catholic faith, the parish will be beginning first and third Tuesday evening gatherings to explore the Catholic faith at Our Lady of Good Hope. Stay tuned for more details. Beginning Tuesday, in December. With any questions, please call Penny Wolfe, Parish Life Coordinator, at 236-4785.

ADVENT GIVING TREE: ST. FRANCIS MISSION FUND

The 2023 St. Francis Giving Tree is ready for Advent and for your donations for the St. Francis Mission Fund! The Mission Fund helps with the local people in our parish area through winter emergencies such as fuel assistance and other causes.



You can give in two ways. The tree will be in the church hall if you wish to donate in person. You may also take an envelope by the table near the tree and return it in the collection throughout Advent. No amount is too small. The need is great in Waldo County and will be much appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry will be collecting new food items for the months of November and December. They will be stuffing, cranberry sauce, and gravy. Please place items in the bin in the entrance to Cote Hall at Our Lady of Good Hope.

OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE FELLOWSHIP

There will be a change this month in our Sunday Fellowship. Coffee and Donuts will be served after Mass on Sunday, December 17th. Please join us in this Christmas Fellowship! Coffee, tea, hot cocoa, donuts, coffee cake, Christmas cookies and candy canes! If you would like to bring a Christmas specialty to share please do. Join us for a Christmas Fellowship December 17th in the church hall after the 11am Mass.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS: TO OFFER CHRISTMAS BREAK DAY OF PRAYER & DISCERNMENT

The Diocese of Portland's Office of Vocations invites men discerning a possible call to the priesthood to come together for a Christmas Break Day of Prayer & Discernment. The day is an opportunity for discerners to pray together, get to know each other, meet diocesan priests, and spend time with the Lord.

This annual Christmas season event will be held on **December 30**, 2023, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. John Church and St. John's Community Center, 39-43 Pleasant Street in Brunswick. It is intended for men who are over 18 years of age.

If you think this event is for you and are interested in attending, please email the Office of Vocations at vocations@portlanddiocese.org by December 27.

There is no cost to attend.

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

Joseph Butler by Phyllis Greathouse



St. Augustine, pray for us.

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/

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.



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 next KofC breakfast in Rockland will be on December 10th after the 10am Mass. All proceeds will benefit Coats for Kids. We hope to see you there!

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.

In Rockland:

Liam Yung at 207-450-3915, Rich Norman at 691-6400 In Belfast:

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

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.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

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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

NEW ADDITIONAL WWP MEETING TIME:

Walking With Purpose will be offering an additional meeting time/group which will meet at the Sacred Heart Center starting Jan. 4th. The group will meet every Thursday morning at 9AM and will be covering the same study of the Gospel of John, *Touching the Divine*.



St. Brendan's Pro-Life Ministry is holding a CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!

Help support this life-giving ministry by entering for the chance to win one of our lovely Christmas gift baskets - a perfect gift for you or a loved one! A selection of themed baskets will be raffled off on the 3rd Sunday of Advent (12/17) during the KofC breakfast at StF. Tickets are on sale at all three churches before & after weekend Masses on 12/9, 12/10, 12/16 (also the morning of 12/17 at StF only) at a cost of \$2 each or \$5 for three. Please see the posters in our churches for more info on basket contents and check out the baskets on display this weekend in each church.

*Tuesday December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Protectress of the unborn, pray for us!

*Please join us in praying a Rosary for Life:
OLGH: The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month,
starting in December, @ 7:30am, right before the
8am Mass. St B's: The 2rd Thursday of the
month, starting in December @ 5pm, right before
Adoration. StF: Saturday 12/16 @ 3:20pm before
the 4:00 Mass

FAITH GROUP AT ST. BERNARD

Come Share your Stories and the Holy Spirit Will Surprise You! This faith-sharing group explores life and faith topics on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 10:00am at the Sacred Heart Center Library at St. Bernard in Rockland.

To find out more, leave a message with your contact information for Lucas at 594-9490.



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







The Real Presence; cont.

From Credo: Compendium of the Catholic Faith by Bishop Athanasius Schneider

Is there any bread or wine remaining on the altar after the consecration?

No. After the consecration, the substance of bread and wine no longer exist—only their sensible species or *accidents* remain on the altar.

Is Jesus Christ, whole and entire, then present in the Eucharist? Yes. Jesus Christ, whole and entire, is substantially present under the appearance of bread, as He is also wholly and entirely present under the appearance of wine.

How is Christ's human soul also present in the Eucharist?
"The soul is present under both kinds, by the force of that natural

connection and concomitancy whereby the parts of Christ Our Lord, who hath now risen from the dead to die no more, are united together.:

How is Christ's divinity also present in the Eucharist?

"The divinity is present on account of the admirable hypostatical union thereof with His body and soul."

How can we explain the mode of Christ's presence in the Eucharist?

It is a *sacramental* mode: His body is not present there *locally*, like a physical body that takes up dimensional space, for His living and risen body is properly in heaven. Rather, He is present *substantially*—within every particle of the sacred host, and every drop of the precious blood. In this way, He can be "present in many places in a sacramental manner at one and the same time, without external extension."

Do the consecrated species still retain their natural properties?

Yes. The sacred species have the same properties as they did before transubstantiation (taste, appearance, etc.), and act as they would have acted when the bread and wine were present.

When does Christ cease to be present under the sacred species? His presence departs when the sacramental species are irreparably altered or corrupted; e.g., the host is digested or decays, or the precious blood is diluted.

Should the Eucharist itself be worshipped?

Yes. "If anyone saith, that, in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, is not to be adored with the worship, even external of *latria*, and is, consequently, neither to be venerated with a special festive solemnity, nor to be solemnly borne about in processions, according to the laudable and universal rite and custom of holy Church; or, is not to be proposed publicly to the people to be adored, and that the adorers thereof are idolators; let him be in anathema."

Is the Eucharist the most excellent of all the sacraments?

Yes. For it contains Jesus Christ Himself, whereas the other sacraments have only an instrumental power derived from Him. We call the Eucharist the *Sacrament of sacraments* because it is "the end and consummation of all the sacraments."

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READINGS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26 Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"A voice is calling." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org



OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE BIBLE STUDY

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews is reviewing "the basics" of the faith in Chapter 6. What would you say are the basics of our faith?



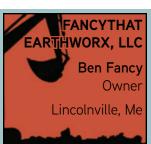
Lesson: https://youtu.be/OldMlluHZyA

There is a warning here but also a promise to us to encourage us to keep going.

"For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love you have demonstrated for his name by having served. Be imitators of those who, through faith and patience, are inheriting the promises." Hebrews 6:10,12

Remember that we have wonderful examples of people who are inheriting God's promises as they live and work among us. Look for them and learn from them!

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



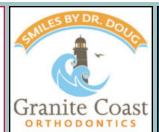
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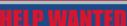
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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE FOR ST. BRENDAN

Current (as of 11/30/23) \$81,297 Goal: \$77,339 105% Percentage reached:

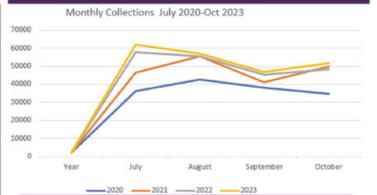
Online giving through eCatholic

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COLLECTION REPORT



MONTHLY OFFERTORY: ACTUAL vs. BUDGETED

Actual	Actual	Budget	2023/24
Oct	YTD	YTD	Budget

\$51,841 \$191,444 \$217,967 \$533,188

ST. BERNARD SOUP KITCHEN

For the week of Nov 27th, we provided the following meals:

M - 60, T - 60, W - 55, T - 55, F - 58

Thank you to the Good Shepard Food Bank for their tremendous support of our soup kitchen.

Want to help? Call Rich Norman: 691 6400

Soup Kitchen donations week thru 12/03: \$180.00

December 9/10, Second Collection



Elderly religious need your help. Like those pictured, nearly 25,000 ers and religious order priests have dedicated th serving others through prayer and ministry. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a profound shortage in retirement savings. Your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish care, medicine and other ties. Please give ge

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