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February 11, 2024

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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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 14th

8:00am @ Our Lady of Good Hope

6:30pm @ St. Francis of Assisi

6:30pm @ St. Bernard

*Memento, homō, quia pulvis es.
(Remember, man, that thou art dust.)*



SAVE THE DATE!

The Daughters of St. Bernard Present a
Super Bowl of Soup, Salad, Bread and Dessert
Luncheon!



Super Bowl Sunday, February 11, following
the 11am Mass @ St. Bernard Church

Entertainment provided by our Talented Church Choir!

Donations gladly accepted to support scholarships for high school seniors, etc.

There will be a raffle before and after all Masses that weekend.

Prizes include a round of golf for 4, two children's gift baskets and another you won't want to miss!

Winners will be drawn at the Super Bowl of Soup Luncheon!



*Please pray for the repose of the souls of
our recently deceased, especially:*

**Tom Christie
Walter Robertson
Moxie Haney
Charlene O'Clair**

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

***Living intention for Paul Luttrell
by Jesse & Family***



O Immaculate Heart of
Mary,
refuge of sinners,
I beg of you by the infinite
merits of the Sacred Heart
of Jesus,
and by the graces God has
granted to you since your
Immaculate Conception,
the grace of never going
astray again.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, February 10, 2024 – Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Divine LS	Marilyn A. Karl by Phil and Mary Carthage
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4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthanasius	Mary Gricus by Sarah Zurek
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6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Joseph	Pro Populo
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Sunday, February 11, 2024 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Joseph	Dominico Le by Teresa Le
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8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Living Intention for Fr. Joseph Awoh by the Clark Family
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11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Msgr. Stefanko	Meg Scott by the Brownawell Family
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11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Joseph LS	Guy Nadeau by John and Claire Redden
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Monday February 12	OLGH 6:30pm	Fr. Divine LS	Carol Marra by Sally Lane Smith
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Tuesday February 13	St. Bernard 8:00am	Fr. Divine Rosary at 7:30am	End to Eucharistic Abuses by Bill Donaghy
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Wednesday February 14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	OLGH 8:00am	Fr. Divine Rosary at 7:30am	John Mahoney by Patty and John Gibbons
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	St. Francis 6:30pm	Fr. Joseph	Michael Greeley by Robbie, Janet, and Martha Proulx
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	St. Bernard 6:30pm	Fr. Divine	Gilbert Ringuette by John and Claire Redden
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Thursday February 15	St. Bernard 6:30pm	Fr. Divine LS	Tom Masters by Mike and Marilyn Lustgarten
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Friday February 16	St. Francis 8:00am	Fr. Divine LS Rosary at 7:30am	Michael Greeley by Robbie, Janet, and Martha Proulx
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Saturday, February 17, 2024 – Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Joseph	James Glidden by Grace Perdrizet
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4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Divine	Mary Gricus by Sarah Zurek
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6:00pm	St. Bernard	Msgr. Stefanko LS	Pro Populo
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Sunday, February 18, 2024 – First Sunday of Lent

8:00am	St. Bernard	Msgr. Stefanko	Joyce Ellis by Susan Aasen
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8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Joseph LS	Lawrence and Dorothy Burleigh by the Clarks
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11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Divine	Timothy Watroba by the Brownawell Family
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11:00am	St. Bernard	Msgr. Stefanko	Geraldine Menard by John and Claire Redden
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ASH WEDNESDAY: DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. **The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.**

DONATION TAX SUMMARY 2023

If you would like your donation list for 2023 for your taxes, please notify the Parish Office. If you have received them in the past, they will be automatically sent. They should be out by next week.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY THANK YOU!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Francis would like to thank everyone for the abundance of donated yarn. We have been creating many beautiful prayer and baptismal shawls. If you, a family member or friend are in need of a warm prayer shawl, please contact Donna Jones at Dldjones59@gmail.com or 207-568-5032. We will make sure we get one to you!

OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE FELLOWSHIP

This Sunday, February 11 is Fellowship Sunday at Our Lady Of Good Hope.

Please join us after Mass for coffee, donuts, and more!

RCIA CLASSES

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...



- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Penny Wolfe at penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org

DIOCESE OF PORTLAND LISTENING SESSIONS

Under the guidance of Pope Francis and in preparation for the second and final session of the ongoing Synod for the universal church scheduled for October 2024, every diocese in the world has been asked to host additional listening sessions. These listening sessions are for Catholics, practicing and non-practicing, as well as non-Catholics to express their thoughts and reflections on the ongoing Synod. To this end, three listening sessions are to be held in the State of Maine during the Holy Season of Lent:

Saturday, February 17, 10:00am—11:30am
@ Holy Rosary Parish Center, Caribou

Saturday, March 2, 10:00am—11:30am
@ St. John the Baptist School Hall, Winslow

Saturday, March 9, 10:00am—11:30am
@ St. Maximillian Kolbe Hall, Scarborough

St. Mark, pray for us.

MINISTRY NOTES AND BULLETIN DEADLINES

A note to ministries who would like to have announcements in the bulletin. The deadline for bulletin requests is Monday afternoon. Please send information to austin.gallant@portlanddiocese.org and also copy penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org. Please put "Bulletin note for Sunday, DATE" in the subject line. Thank you!

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

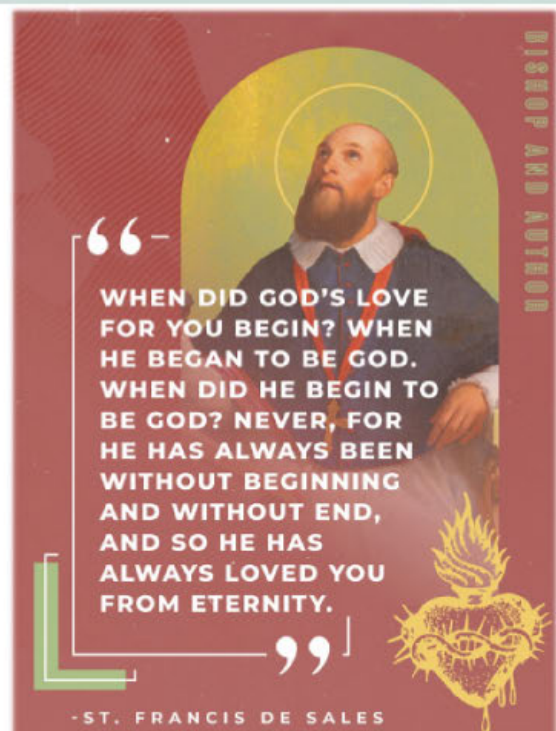
Junior high and high school youth are welcome to both of the following groups led by Fr. Athanasius and Fr. Divine.

Sun. evenings, Rediscover Jesus, led by Fr. Athanasius @ St. Bernard (Sacred Heart center), 4:00pm, Feb. 11th, 18th; Mar. 10th, 17th

Life of Saints and Catechism of the Catholic Church, led by Fr. Divine ; Wednesdays, after the 6:30 Mass at St. Francis

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry will be collecting new food items for the month of February. They will be spaghetti and pasta sauce. Please place items in the bin in the entrance to Cote Hall at Our Lady of Good Hope.



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 monthly KofC breakfast in Belfast typically takes place on the third Sunday of every month after the 8:30 Mass. Proceeds help various charitable efforts, thank you!



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 Faithful Navigator 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 KofC delicious breakfast in Rockland typically takes place on the last Sunday after the 8:00am Mass. Proceeds help various charitable efforts.



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 207-542-8967 or bbeaulieu@allenfg.com

Joseph Mathieu at 207-323-1436 or painterjo56@gmail.com

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

ADDITIONAL WWP MEETING TIME:

Walking With Purpose offers an additional meeting time/group which meets at the Sacred Heart Center. The group meets every Thursday morning at 9AM and covers the same study of the Gospel of John, *Touching the Divine*.

A FREE ESTATE KOC PLANNING SEMINAR

DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024, 10:00AM TO 11:30AM

PLACE: ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH HALL,
81 COURT ST, BELFAST, MAINE

PRESENTED BY: THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 3942

INSTRUCTOR: Estate Planning ATTORNEY JESSE BIFULCO
(Knight of Columbus, St. Brendan's Parishioner)

FOR RESERVATIONS: CALL Gary Boynton at 207 992-7310 or EMAIL Bill Weiss @ william.weiss@kofc.org with names of attendees and telephone numbers to receive confirmation of your reservation. Drop ins-are welcome, however reservations help with snack preparation.

PROGRAM TO INCLUDE:

Attorney Bifulco will provide pertinent information regarding the importance and value of your life estate planning. Topics covered will include:

- Do I gift property to my children now or leave the property to them in my will?
- How does the issue of income tax and estate tax apply to my estate planning (stepped up tax basis analyzed)?
- What does Probate mean and how can I avoid it?
- Maine has adopted estate recovery for MaineCare nursing home benefits. How can I avoid this?
- Do I need a Trust? What kind? How will that help me?
- Should I have a Durable Power of Attorney? And why?
- Should I have a Health Care Directive and a Living Will? What do they do?
- The Secure Act is now law. The benefits of my 401K and my IRA are not as good for my children as they once were. What can I do about it?
- Who may pay for my nursing home expenses? The State of Maine or my children?
- Can I protect my estate despite the 5-year lookback?

"This is all we do" says attorney Jesse Bifulco who has made thousands of estate plans over 25 yrs in practice.



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.

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 Cammelleri 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.

St. Brendan the Navigator, pray for us.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

<https://www.stbrendanparish.net/eucharistic-revival>



The Sacraments: Eucharist

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

Administration of the Eucharist

Who may receive Holy Communion?

Any baptized Catholic who has the use of reason and proper dispositions.

Why is it important to be properly disposed for Holy Communion?

Every important action demands preparation, and the receiving of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in Holy Communion is the most important action that man may perform on earth.

What dispositions are required for receiving Holy Communion?

There are two kinds: dispositions of soul and dispositions of body.

What dispositions of *soul* are required for Holy Communion?

1. Assent to all Catholic doctrine, including all of the Church's moral teachings; 2. The state of grace, i.e., being conscious of no unconfessed mortal sins. Being thus joined to Christ by faith and charity, we are ready to welcome Him into ourselves through the sacrament of His love.

Is it necessary to confess even venial sins before receiving Holy Communion?

It is not necessary, but very suitable. By purifying the soul, confession removes obstacles to certain actual graces and other precious benefits in Holy Communion, and intensifies our awareness of its dignity.

What further dispositions of soul are most proper for Holy Communion?

Detachment from all sin and worldly affections, with a desire of being united to Christ in faith, humility, confidence, and love.

More from Bishop Schneider next week..



St. Severinus

Feastday: February 11

Severinus was born in Burgundy. He joined the monastery of Agaunum as a youth. He cured King Clovis of a disease that his doctors had been unable to cure in 504, and is reported to have performed miracles of healing before his death at Chateau-Landon. St. Severin church in Paris is named after him. His feast day is February 11.

BUILD YOUR FAITH ON FORMED.ORG

Q&A with an Exorcist | Fr. Chad Ripperger | Chris Stefanick Show

In this video series, Chris Stefanick sits down with priest and exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger. In these episodes, they discuss everything exorcisms, spiritual warfare, the psychology of the demonic, and much more.

This Week's Spotlight:



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READINGS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do everything for the glory of God." Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven.



OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE BIBLE STUDY

In our study of the Book of Hebrews, we are searching for an answer to the question of why Jesus' sacrifice was necessary. Sometimes you hear people say that it is hard to believe that God is so cruel or demanding. Couldn't there have been something less extreme required?



But what if nothing less would have been enough? And what if God had a plan for sacrificing Himself for our sake all along?

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

But now once for all He has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by His sacrifice. Hebrews 9:26

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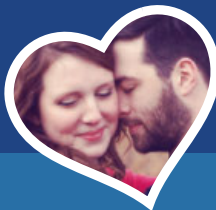
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Tues 8am & Thurs 6:30pm



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St. Francis of Assisi
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Belfast, ME 04915

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:30am
Wed 6:30pm & Fri 8am

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Kate Hoyt, Soup Kitchen Assistant

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



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

SNOW CANCELLATIONS

Please go to Bangor Daily News:
www.bangordailynews.com/closings
or Channel 6:
www.newscentermaine.com/closings

For weekend Masses, look for email or on parish website.

Online giving through eCatholic

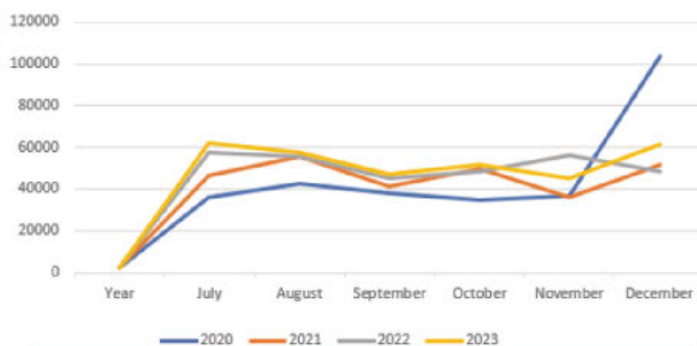
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COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Collections July 2020-Dec 2023



MONTHLY OFFERTORY: ACTUAL vs. BUDGETED

Actual Dec	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2023/24 Budget
\$61,065	\$324,356	\$276,093	\$533,188

ST. BERNARD SOUP KITCHEN

For the week of January 29th we provided the following meals:

M - 41, T - 63, W - 71, T - 60, F - 63

A BIG thank you To Hannaford for their continued support of our kitchen with donated food. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers

Want to help? Call Rich Norman: 691-6400

Soup Kitchen donations week thru 02/04: \$1222.00



SECOND COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 11th Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Your gift to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe makes a difference for those living in former communist countries. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year.