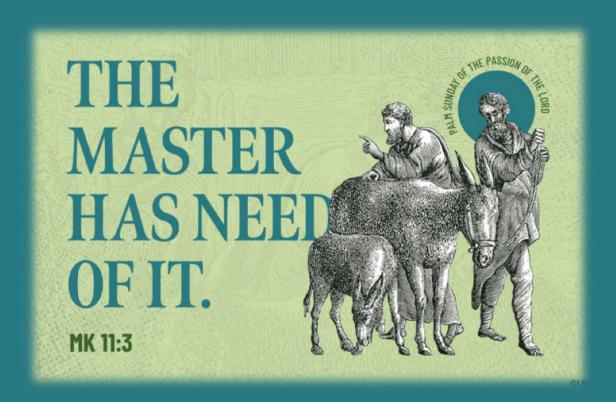
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(For weekend live stream schedule see p.2)

## 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.

# Weekend Mass Schedule | Adoration & Mass During the Week

See inside

for

Holy Week

schedule!

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.







# PALM SUNDAY, March 23/24: Normal weekend Mass schedule with Processions on Sunday

# HOLY THURSDAYOF THE LORD'S SUPPER,

March 28, 2024 – followed by Adoration until 9:00pm

6:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthanasius	
6:30pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine	
6:30pm	St. Francis of Assisi	Fr. Joseph	

## Friday of the Passion of the Lord, March 29, 2024

12:00pm at Chestnut St. Baptist Church, Camden (29 Chestnut St., Camden)

Camden Community Ecumenical Good Friday Service

2:30pm Stations 3:00pm Service	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Divine
6pm/6:30pm Stations/Service	St. Bernard	Fr. Joseph
6pm/6:30pm Stations/Service	St. Francis of Assisi	Fr. Anthanasius

# SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024, Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

8:00pm at Our Lady of Good Hope Fr. Anthanasius, Msgr. Stefanko, Fr. Divine, Fr. Joseph, Deacon Bob

# EASTERSUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD,

March 31, 2024			
8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	
8:30am	St. Francis of Assisi	Fr. Joseph	
11am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Divine	
11:00am	St. Bernard	Msgr. Stefanko	



# **VERITAS**

#### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

18 indicates Live Stream

Saturday,	Waren 25, 2024 -	Vigii: Paim Sund	ay of the Passion of the Lord
4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Pro Populo
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthanasius	Thomas Stammen by Steve & Jean Moro
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Joseph	Al, Margaret, & Mary Lustgarten by Mike & Marilyn Lustgarten
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4.00pm	Good Hope	I.S	by Steve & Jean Moro
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Joseph	Al, Margaret, & Mary Lustgarten by Mike & Marilyn Lustgarten
Sunday, Mar	ch 24, 2024 –	Palm Sunday of th	e Passion of the Lord
8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Joseph	Simone Blanchette by Takoda Peasley
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Chad Kosmo by Elaine Witt
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthanasius	Katharina & Franz Pietsch by the family
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Joseph	Michael Freda by Josephine Freda
Monday March 25	OLGH 6:30pm	Fr. Anthanasius	Christopher Hyacinth By Linda Roden
Tuesday March 26	St. Bernard 8:00am	Fr. Anthanasius	Living Intention for Feargal Gilmore by Siobhan & Alex Gilmore
Wednesday March 27	OLGH 8:00am	Fr. Joseph Rosary at 7:30am	Connie Milliken by Susan M
	St. Francis 6:30pm	Fr. Anthanasius Rosary at 7:30am	Living Intention for Rev. Ronald L. Berngeh by the Clarks
HOLY THURSDAY March 28	St. Bernard 6:30pm	Fr. Divine LS	Living Intention for Feargal Gilmore by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore
Followed	OLGH 6:00pm	Fr. Anthanasius	Nancee Grimes by Jim Grimes
by Adoration Until 9pm	St. Francis 6:30pm	Fr. Joseph	Living Intention for Fr. Anthanasius Wirsiy by the Clarks
GOOD FRIDAY	OLGH 3:00pm	Fr. Divine	Good Friday Passion of the Lord Stations at 2:30pm
March 29	St. Bernard 6:30pm	Fr. Joseph	Good Friday Passion of the Lord Stations at 6:00pm
	St. Francis 6:30pm	Fr. Anthanasius	Good Friday Passion of the Lord Stations at 6:00pm
Saturday, Ma	arch 30, 2024 –	Vigil: Easter Sund	lay
8:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	All Clergy	Pro Populo
Sunday, Mar	ch 31, 2024 –	Easter Sunday of the	he Resurrection of the Lord
8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	Ricky Juco by Carol & Jeff Mills
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Joseph LS	Living Intention for V. Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie by the Clarks
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Divine	Carmela Pala by the Morse Family

# **QUIET BEFORE AND AFTER MASS**

Msgr. Stefanko

Carl Patch Jr.

by Polly & Jack Kurowski

11:00am

St. Bernard

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.

## PLEASE RETURN ALL ZOE BABY BOTTLES

Our Lady of Good Hope is still looking for NINE baby bottles; please be sure to return them, with or without money! We thank you all for your efforts to support the right to life for all babies, from natural conception to birth. St. Bernard's is also seeking several bottles to return.

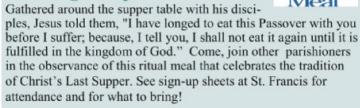


## FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

# The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry will be

collecting a new food item for the month of March. It will be canned pasta. Please place items in the bin in the entrance to Cote Hall at Our Lady of Good Hope.

# SEDER MEAL: Saturday, March 23rd at St. Francis, following the 4pm Mass



## FAITH SHARING CELL GROUPS

Do you want to share and grow your faith with a small group of friends in the neighborhood? Listen to a monthly teaching provided by our priests? Pray together?

Come and join one of the Faith Sharing Cell Groups, which have existed for several years now at St. Brendan the Navigator Parish. There are active groups in the Belfast area, the Camden area, and the Rockland area. Everybody is welcome, so you also could invite your non-Catholic friends.

Please contact either Georg Haubs (georg.haubs@gmail.com) or Anja Haubs (anjahaubs@gmail.com), if you would like to join a group or to receive further information.

# DAUGHTERS OF ST. BERNARD APRIL MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, April 5th at 1:00pm in the Sacred Heart Center. We warmly welcome Father Divine, who will share some inspiring words, followed by snacks and beverages. All women of St. Bernard's are invited to join our charitable, fraternal group. FMI, contact Claire Redden, President at 207-208-0584.



# Diocesan Inclusion Initiative for Those with Disabilities

With the goal of creating a unifying, comprehensive framework to help parish communities in our diocese grow in awareness and inclusion of persons with disabili-



ties, the diocesan Office of Lifelong Faith Formation has launched an Inclusion initiative. As part of the initiative, full-day, in-person gatherings are planned for April. The keynote presenter will be Charleen Katra, executive director of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability.

#### Dates and Sites for the Events:

Wednesday, April 10, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Holy Martyrs of North America Church, 266 Foreside Road, Falmouth

Thursday, April 11, Noon to 5:30 p.m., at Immaculate Conception Church, 31 Calais Avenue, Calais

Friday, April 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Holy Rosary Parish Center, 32 Vaughn Street, Caribou

**Registration details:** Gatherings are open to clergy, parish staff, and interested parishioners. The cost is \$20 per person. If interested in participating, please contact your parish faith formation leader for a conversation and to acquire the online registration link.

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Palm Sunday (fisheaters.com)

Today, this "Second Sunday of the Passion," is the memorial of Christ's "triumphant," but misunderstood, entry into Jerusalem, the day that begins Holy Week. This entry into Jerusalem -- through the Golden Gate where His grandparents, St. Joachim and St. Anne met up when Our Lady was conceived -- is seen as the prophetic fulfillment of Zacharias 9:9-10:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion, shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem: BEHOLD THY KING will come to thee, the just and saviour: he is poor, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. And I will destroy the chariot out of Ephraim, and the horse out of Jerusalem, and the bow for war shall be broken: and he shall speak peace to the Gentiles, and his power shall be from sea to sea, and from the rivers even to the end of the earth.

Carrying palms in procession goes way back into the Old Testament, where it was not only approved but commanded by God at the very foundation of the Old Testament religion. In the fall of the year, after the harvest, when the people gathered for the Feast of Tabernacles God said in Leviticus 23:40:

And you shall take to you on the first day the fruits of the fairest tree, and branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook: And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God.

Again we read of palms in the II Machabees 10:6-8:

And they kept eight days with joy, after the manner of the feast of the tabernacles, remembering that not long before they had kept the feast of the tabernacles when they were in the mountains, and in dens like wild beasts. Therefore they now carried boughs and green branches and palms, for him that had given them good success in cleansing his place. And they ordained by a common statute, and decree, that all the nation of the Jews should keep those days every year.

## 12 WAYS TO MAKE HOLY WEEK MORE MEANINGFUL

- THINK PRAYER. If you have to work or go to school during Holy Week, think about how you can incorporate prayer breaks into each day.
- MAKE AN ADDITIONAL SACRIFICE by fasting and abstaining from meat on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday in addition to Good Friday.
- 3. **DON'T WATCH TELEVISION** from sundown on Holy Thursday until Easter morning.
- 4. GO to confession.
- 5. **SET ASIDE 10 minutes** every day to read Passion accounts in the Gospels.
- 6. Make it a point to FORGIVE someone on Good Friday.
- 7. PRAY the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- OFFER UP any pain or difficulties you experience during Holy Week and unite your sufferings with the pain of Christ.
- 9. PRAY the Stations of the Cross.
- ATTEND all of the Triduum liturgies.
- 11.**INVITE** family members, friends and neighbors especially people who have strayed from the church to come to church with you.
- 12.VOLUNTEER to help decorate your parish on Holy Saturday for Easter.

FROM: https://www.simplycatholic.com/your-guide-to-holyweek/

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? For information please contact Penny Wolfe at penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org

#### HEALING SERVICE IN BRUNSWICK, APR. 14th

Fr. Richard Rice is a Catholic Priest who will lead a special healing service at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Brunswick, ME on Sunday, April 14 at 1:30 p.m. Fr. Rice will be available to pray for each person who wants prayer and will be assisted by a prayer team from our parish. All are welcome to join us. More information can be found by emailing allsaints@portlanddiocese.org.

# HANNAFORDS FIGHT HUNGER BAGS BENNEFITTING SOUP KITCHEN

We're so excited that St. Bernard's Soup Kitchen will receive \$1 for each \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag sold throughout April 2024 at the Camden Hannaford's location (145 Elm Street, Camden, ME).



#### 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 (Sacred Heart center), 4:00pm, Mar. 10th, 17th; Apr. 21st, 28th

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

## OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE BIBLE STUDY

Moses was the greatest leader of the Children of Israel. He is the savior figure of the Old Testament. The Letter to the Hebrews draws on the history of God's people to encourage the current audience to see how God continues to save His people,



particularly through the leadership of His Son.

Lesson: https://youtu.be/jIcixbKECio

How often do we need to be reminded that God saves? All the time. God, grant us patience and faith.

Then they believed God's words and sang His praise. But they soon forgot all He had done; they had no patience for His plan. Psalm 106:12-13

# 12-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. FRANCIS, FRIDAY, ARPIL 5

The parish's next 12-Hour Eucharistic Adoration will be at St. Francis of Assisi in Belfast on Friday, April 5, 2024. Exposition will begin following the 8am Mass and continue until 9pm. Two people are needed for each hour. Thank you for coming to pray with Our Lord, answering His question "Can you not stay with me for one hour?"



See sign-up sheets in the back of church or sing up at Flocknote: https://stbrendanthenavigatorpar.flocknote.com/signup/160681



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Many previous reflections in this space have discussed what individuals can do to show increased care in concern for our common home. Such individual efforts are a good start and very necessary but not sufficient to tackle the enormity of the problems we face.

(219) "Self-improvement on the part of individuals will not by itself remedy the extremely complex situation facing our world today. Social problems must be addressed by community networks and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds" or even a united effort to call for individual actions.

"It calls for a union of skills and a unity of achievement that can only grow from a quite different attitude.

The ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion."

(231) Along with the importance of small everyday gestures, we are called to devise larger political, economic, and cultural strategies to halt environmental degradation and encourage a "culture of care" which permeates all of society."

Our advocacy for community conversion can take many forms. We can advocate for laws at local, national, and international levels to help better preserve water and air resources or to curb activities and practices that continue to exacerbate destruction and waste. We can call on politicians to be courageous in their support of such efforts. We can encourage local dialogue and community education about the real challenges we are facing. (232) If not interested in political activity, we can get involved in the "countless array of organizations which work to promote the common good and to defend the environment." They can benefit from our time, our talent, and our treasure. We can get involved with others to show concern for a public place or protect a common resource that belongs to everyone. We can be more thoughtful and informed about where we invest our financial assets and put the power of money to work for good, not greed.

"Around these community actions, relationships develop or are recovered, and a new social fabric emerges. These actions cultivate a shared identity of care and solidarity for the common good" and present a path to break out of the indifference induced by consumerism.

May our Lenten Laudato Si reflections bring us all to an Easter of joy, heightened faith in God, and renewed conviction to act as guardians for all his creations.

# St. Brendan the Navigator Pro-Life Ministry

Look at the happy faces of our St. Brendan parishioners at Maine Right to Life's annual "Hands at the Capital" event in Augusta this past March 11<sup>th</sup>. To be Pro-Life truly is to be Pro-Joy! **(Photographs below)** 



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This event was both educational and inspiring. Who knew that there are so many free pregnancy resources in our State? Not only did we meet with many pro-life pregnancy centers, maternity homes, a Christian adoption agency and other pro-life organizations, but we heard many excellent speakers advocating for the importance of standing up for the voiceless and supporting mothers and fathers in need. It was also announced that Maine Right to Life is launching a new fundraising project to supply "Safe Haven Baby Boxes" in our state, so that unwanted babies can be safely surrendered at police stations and fire houses in an anonymous way, ensuring that more unwanted babies can be cared for and adopted.

Our presence at the capital showed our state representatives that we want Life here in the State of Maine. To learn more about this event please check Maine Right to Life's Facebook page at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MaineRightToLife/">https://www.facebook.com/MaineRightToLife/</a> and please visit our parish's pro-life webpage for more info and pictures too! <a href="https://stbrendanparish.net/pro-life-ministry">https://stbrendanparish.net/pro-life-ministry</a>.

Will you be one of the joyful faces standing up for life? Please write to Maureen or Emma (maureen.stbrendanprolife@gmail.com; emma.stbrendanprolife@gmail.com) to learn more about how you can get involved in the pro-life ministry at our parish. If you signed up back in September, kindly send your contact once again to both Maureen and Emma. Thank you!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn and Star of the New Evangelization, pray for us!









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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.

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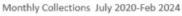
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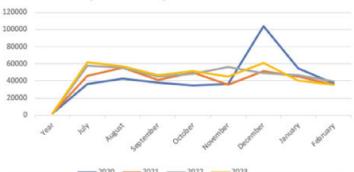
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Actual	Actual	Budget	2023/24
Feb	YTD	YTD	Budget

\$35,536 \$382,235 \$362,947 \$533,188

## ST. BERNARD SOUP KITCHEN

For the week of March 11th we provided the following meals:

M - 56, T - 57, W - 67, T - 73, F - 57

Thank you to all our volunteers who adjust their schedules so they can help us do the necessary work in serving our community.

Want to help? Call Rich Norman: 691-6400

#### Soup Kitchen donations week thru 03/17: \$175.00

#### **READINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2024**

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt26:14-25 Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

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