

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

March 31, 2024

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THE LORD FROM THE TOMB.

JN 20:2



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.

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

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

12-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. FRANCIS, FRIDAY, APRIL 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 sign up at Flocknote: <https://stbrendanthenavigatorpar.flocknote.com/signup/160681>



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA BEGINS GOOD FRIDAY

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, March 29th. Novena pamphlets are available near the entrances of each of our churches. Please join fellow parishioners, and Catholics from around the world, in praying this blessed novena.

The novena concludes on April 7th, the Feast of Divine Mercy. **This will be celebrated at St. Bernard's @ ~2:30pm.**



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

Donna Withington
&
Irene Gallant
Requiescat in pace

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Bernard was lit this for:

Our Mother Jaye Umberger
by the Umberger Family



SAVE THE DATE

Fr. Divine's 10th Anniversary on May 5 at St. B. Mass at 4:00 followed by a reception.

St. B Soup Kitchen 40th Anniversary on June 29 from 2:00 – 6:00. Party in the parking lot! Live music, games, and food.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, March 30, 2024 – Vigil: Easter Sunday

8:00pm OLGH All Clergy **LS** Pro Populo

Sunday, March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00am St. Bernard Fr. Athanasius Ricky Juco
by Carol & Jeff Mills

8:30am St. Francis Fr. Joseph Living Intention for V. Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie by the Clarks

11:00am Our Lady of Good Hope Fr. Divine **LS** Carmela Pala
by the Morse Family

11:00am St. Bernard Msgr. Stefanko Carl Patch Jr.
by Polly & Jack Kurowski

Monday April 1 OLGH 6:30pm Fr. Athanasius **LS** Pauline Duffy
by Linda Roden

Tuesday April 2 St. Bernard 8:00am Fr. Athanasius Maria Suy Tran
Rosary at 7:30am by Teresa Le

Wednesday April 3 OLGH 8:00am Fr. Joseph Erika Miltner
Rosary at 7:30am by the family
St. Francis 6:30pm Fr. Athanasius Living Intention for Fr. Justin Sefembiy by the Clarks

Thursday April 4 St. Bernard 6:30pm Fr. Divine **LS** Steve Roberts
by Bill & Ann Payson

Friday April 5 St. Francis 8:00am Fr. Divine **Rosary at 7:30am** Raphael Esua
by Linda Roden

Saturday, April 6, 2024 – Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter

4:00pm St. Francis Fr. Athanasius **LS** Pro Populo

4:00pm Our Lady of Good Hope Fr. Joseph Mary Merrifield
by the Williamson family

6:00pm St. Bernard Fr. Divine Tom Masters
by Alice & William Dashiell

Sunday, April 7, 2024 – Second Sunday of Easter | Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00am St. Bernard Fr. Divine Living Intention for Cathal Gilmore
by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore

8:30am St. Francis Fr. Athanasius Living Intention for Transfiguration
Hermitage & Rev. Lequin
by the Clarks

11:00am Our Lady of Good Hope Fr. Joseph Anne O. Mueller
by her daughter, Geroganne Bendall

11:00am St. Bernard Fr. Divine **LS** Peter LeGage
Takoda Peasley & Kathleen Daley

DIVINE MERCY ~2:30pm St. Bernard Clergy Conclusion of the Divine Mercy Novena

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.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

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

OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fellowship Committee of Our Lady of Good Hope is desperate for new members! This group is currently operating with only two active members and is responsible for hosting the monthly fellowship hour after 11 am Mass on Sundays, coordinating and hosting Friday night soup nights during Lent, and coordinating and hosting the church's Feast celebration held each year in June. Please contact the office, Sue Michaud, or Michelle Chamberlain if you can join in joyful service! The Apostle Paul echoed the words of Jesus teaching that we are to serve one another from a heart of love (Galatians 5:13).

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.

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.

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 disabilities, 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.



EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday (fisheaters.com)

The Temple of Christ's Body is restored; He is risen, alleluia! Today is the Feast of Feasts! Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, and John 20 all recount the story of what happened that on the day we commemorate now: Mary Magdalen "and the other Mary" went to His tomb on Sunday, only to find it empty. They ran to tell Peter, who, along with another disciple, returned with the women to the tomb and found His miraculous burial shroud.

Mary then began to weep at the loss of Christ's body when she hears someone ask her a question. "Woman, why weepest thou?" Before turning to face her interlocutor, she replied, "Because they have taken away my Lord; and I know not where they have laid Him." She then looks up and sees the person she'd been talking to and mistakes Him for a gardener. The "gardener" then calls her by her name, and she recognizes that it was the risen and glorified Christ Who was speaking to her. Filled with relief and joy, she tries to embrace Him, but He says to her, "Do not touch Me ["noli me tangere" in Latin], for I am not yet ascended to my Father. But go to My brethren, and say to them: I ascend to My Father and to your Father, to My God and your God."

And she goes to tell the disciples, an act that makes her "the apostle to the apostles."

On this, the holiest day of the entire year, and for the entire Octave of Easter, Latin Catholics greet each other with the words of Luke 24:34, "Surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia!" ("The Lord is risen indeed!"). The person so greeted responds, "Et apparuit Simoni, alleluia!" ("And hath appeared unto Simon!"). Catholics may even answer their telephones with this greeting. An old Ukrainian legend relates that, after His Resurrection, Christ threw Satan into a deep pit, chaining him with twelve iron chains. When Satan has chewed through each of the twelve chains, the end of the world will come. All year long, the Evil One gnaws at the iron, getting to the last link in the last chain -- but too late, for it is Easter, and when the people cry "Christ is risen!" all of Satan's efforts are reversed. When the faithful stop saying the Easter acclamation, the end of time has come...

Throughout the entire Easter Season, the Angelus prayer that is offered, when possible, at the ringing of the Angelus bells, is replaced by the joyous Regina Coeli, which begins, "Queen of Heaven rejoice, alleluia: For He Whom you merited to bear, alleluia, Has risen as He said, alleluia."



Happy Easter!

St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us.

HOLY OILS

Holy Oils (fisheaters.com)

There are three kinds of sacred oils, all of which signify the work of the Holy Spirit and symbolize it in that oil "serves to sweeten, to strengthen, to render supple" (Catholic Encyclopedia). The three holy oils are:



The Oil of Catechumens ("Oleum Catechumenorum" or "Oleum Sanctum") used in Baptism along with water, in the consecration of churches, in the blessing of Altars, in the ordination of priests, and, sometimes, in the crowning of Catholic kings and queens.

The Holy Chrism ("Sanctum Chrisma") or "Oil of Gladness," which is olive oil mixed with a small amount of balm or balsam. It is used in Confirmation, Baptism, in the consecration of a Bishop, the consecration of various things such as churches, chalices, patens, and bells.

The Oil of the Sick ("Oleum Infirmorum"), which is used in Unction

The blessing of oils is performed by the Bishop of each diocese on or around Maundy Thursday ("Holy Thursday") in the diocese's cathedral during a "Chrism Mass." The oils are kept in metal or glass bottles called "chrismatories," "chrismals," or "ampullae." These vessels are then stored in a cabinet called an "ambry," which is usually fixed to the wall of the sanctuary. Priests also have a portable "oilstock" which has a section for each of the three holy oils. Lay people are not to handle the holy oils, even to carry them, except in emergencies.



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 BENEFITTING 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, 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

As Chapter 11 of Hebrews wraps up in a rush of quick one-line references to famous acts of faith by people in the Old Testament, we ask ourselves what faith we have been called to. What are we supposed to do in our time and place to keep the story of faith carrying forward?



Lesson: <https://youtu.be/1X83g1vJWYA>

The work is both harder and simpler than we think.

Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." John 6:29

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



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Canticle of the Creatures by St. Francis of Assisi

All praise be yours, My Lord
through all that you have made.

And first my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day...
How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Moon and Stars;
In the heavens you have made them, bright and precious and fair.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air...

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Water,
So useful, lowly, precious and pure.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you brighten up the night...

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Earth, our mother,
Who feeds us...and produces various fruits
With colored flowers and herbs...

Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks,
And serve him with great humility.



COR MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday at 7:15pm Upper Room
@ Our Lady of Good Hope
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our parish is served by two primary Knights of Columbus councils; The William S. Brannagan Council 3942 (Belfast) & The Limerock Council 136. For more information visit kofc.org



ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR PRO-LIFE MINISTRY



A joyous Easter to All! We praise and thank God for LIFE.

***Pray a Rosary for Life:**

OLGH: The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, @ 7:30am; **St B's:** The 2nd Thursday of the month, @ 5pm, **StF:** Each Sunday of the month @7:50am

***Please continue to pray for Nurse Stephanie and all the nurses from the Pro-Life Nurse Text Line, infinetworth.org. Available 24/7, the live nurse text chat line provides immediate support and information to empower women facing challenging pregnancies to make the choice for life.**

***Wendy, the Director of Resolve Life Pregnancy Center in Waterville, has asked for prayers of petition and of praise. Please join in praying for these intentions.**

Petition: Please pray. . .

- A married couple is facing the possibility of a Spina Bifida diagnosis. From conversation with her, I fear she may lean heavily toward abortion if that possibility becomes reality. Please pray for them as they await the appointment (you know how nerve-wracking that can be), and for the Lord to instill in them the value of this little one.

- We have not been able to make contact with the couple who came a few weeks ago that were determined to abort but then saw their baby.

Please keep praying.

- For defeat of LD 227 which would make abortion a legal right and make Maine a destination state for abortion.....as well as many other evil things.

Praise God for recent births by some of our clients!

All who are genuinely committed to the advancement of women can and must offer a woman or a girl who is pregnant, frightened, and alone a better alternative than the destruction of her own unborn child.

- Mary Ann Glendon, 4th World Conference on Women, Beijing, Sept. 5, 1995

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

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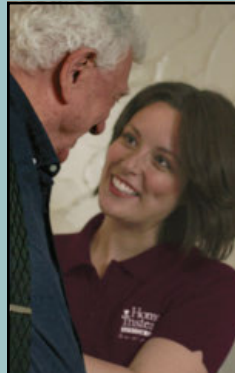
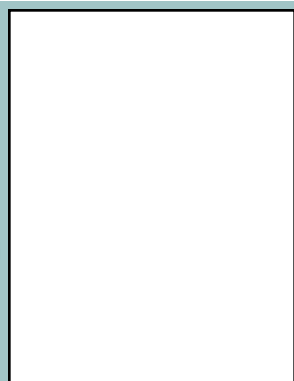
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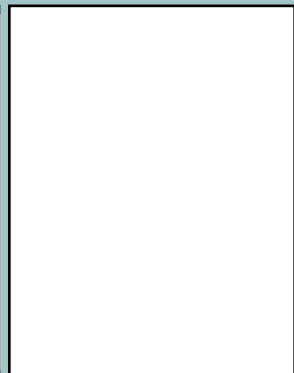
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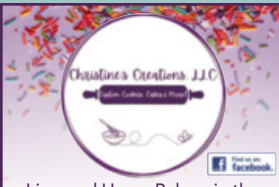
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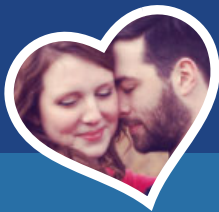
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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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.

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"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

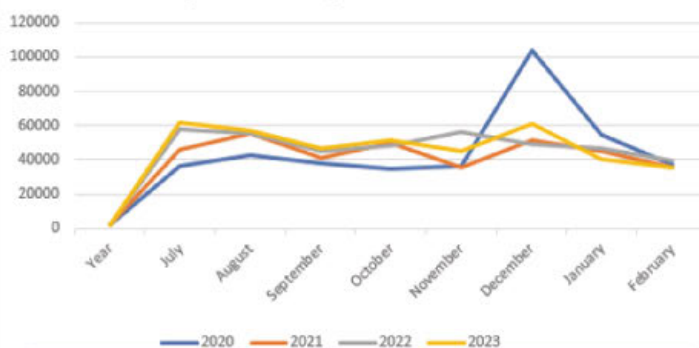
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COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Collections July 2020-Feb 2024



MONTHLY OFFERTORY: ACTUAL vs. BUDGETED

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 18th we provided the following meals:

M - 70, T - 64, W - 65, T - 70, F - 50

Thank you to the Rockland Hannaford for there donation of food to our kitchen.

Want to help? Call Rich Norman: 691-6400

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

READINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2024

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

EASTER SUNDAY

"The Lord is truly risen!" Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord's resurrection as a priest, religious sister or brother? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

