

# St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

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## Our Churches ~ Mass Schedule ~ Adoration

### St. Bernard

150 Broadway, Rockland, ME 04841

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am & 11:00am

Tues 8am & Thurs 6:30pm

Adoration: Thurs. 5:30pm-6:30pm

### Our Lady of Good Hope

7 Union Street, Camden, ME 04843

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 11:00am

Mon 6:30pm & Wed 8am

Adoration: Mon. 5:30pm-6:30pm

### St. Francis of Assisi

81 Court Street, Belfast, ME 04915

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am

Wed 6:30pm & Fri 8am

Adoration: Wed. eves 5:30pm-6:30pm

**Doors are open at all mainland churches  
Monday through Friday from 12pm-3pm.**

### St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

From July-Sept - Saturday: 9:00am

18 Pendleton Point Rd, Islesboro, ME 04848

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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Half hour before weekend Masses  
or by appointment, call 207-236-4785.  
Plus, priests are available during  
scheduled Adoration times on Monday,  
Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

## Our Clergy

Fr. Athanasius Wirsiy, Pastor  
Fr. Jarvis Laban, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Robert Cleveland

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them,  
and they follow me." - Jn 10:27

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MAY 11, 2025 | 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 10, 2025 – Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Easter			
4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Anthonasius	For Parishioners
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Javis	Hannah Williamson by Frank and Nancy Toole
6:00pm	St. Bernard <b>LS</b>	Fr. Javis	Cody Arsenault by Takoda Peasely
Sunday, May 11, 2025 - 4th Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day			
8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius	Michael Higgins by his brothers and sisters
8:30am	St. Francis <b>LS</b>	Fr. Anthonasius <b>Rosary at 7:50am</b>	Gary Witt by Sue Woehler
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthonasius	Erika Miltner by the family
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Javis	Charlotte & John LaCross by MaryAnne Delsandro
Monday May 12	OLGH 6:30pm <b>LS</b>	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Intention for Patricia McAuliffe by Maureen O'Donnell
Tuesday May 13	St. Bernard 8:00am	Fr. Anthonasius <b>Rosary at 7:30am</b>	Living Int for Feargal Gilmore by Siobhan & Alex Gilmore
Wednesday May 14	OLGH 8:00am	Fr. Javis <b>Rosary at 7:30am</b>	Living Int for Charlotte Simon by Maureen O'Donnell
	NursHm - QH 10am	Fr. Javis	Betty Bohndell by Maureen O'Donnell
	St. Francis 6:30pm	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Int for Fr. Anthonasius for Anniversary of Ordination by the Clarks
Thursday May 15	St. Bernard 6:30pm <b>LS</b>	Fr. Javis	Maria & Arthur Mohr by the family
Friday May 16	St. Francis 8:00am	Fr. Javis	Living Intention for Rose & Oliver Thorburn by the Clarks
Saturday, May 17, 2025 – Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Easter			
4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Anthonasius	Henry & Methyl Park by Sue & Tim Pritchard
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope <b>LS</b>	Fr. Javis	Cornelius Bonner by Ken Gricus
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Javis	For parishioners
Sunday, May 18, 2025 - 5th Sunday of Easter			
8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Javis	Living Intention for Elaine Smith by Children & Grandchildren
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Anthonasius <b>Rosary at 7:50am</b>	Normand Gagne by Nancy Whitcomb
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope <b>LS</b>	Fr. Anthonasius	Jacquelynn Diaz by Teresa Piccari
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Javis	Michael Freda by Josephine Freda

## Parish Life & Faith Formation Staff

Contact staff via email:

[firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org)

### FAITH FORMATION

Jacqueline Biddle, Parish Catechetical Leader  
Jennifer Parker, Faith Formation Coordinator, St. Francis  
Rachel Vallance, Faith Formation Coordinator, St. Bernard  
Penelope Wolfe, Pastoral Life Coordinator

### ADMINISTRATIVE

Laura Gibson, Business Coordinator  
Paula Williamson, Safe Environment Coordinator  
Michael Colson, Sexton  
John Maas, Custodian  
Rich Norman, Soup Kitchen Supervisor

### 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, 207-236-4785.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Available during the half-hour before every weekend Mass, during weekly Adoration, and by appointment at 207-236-4785.

**To Receive Parish-Wide Email:** Send an email with your name and church you attend most often to Penny Wolfe at [penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org).

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

**Paul Luttrell**

by Jessie and Family



Please pray for the recently  
deceased of our parish, especially

**Deacon Frank Semancik**

James Stone

Jayne Haverty



## St. Bernard Soup Kitchen

For the week of April 28th, we provided the following meals.

M - 63 , T - 75 , W - 60 , T - 59 , F - 65

Please consider making a donation to our kitchen. We are seeing cuts in our food allocation from Good Shepherd Food Bank and we are seeing increase increases the cost of milk, butter, eggs, and other foods.

Thank you! - Rich Norman (207) 691.6400

Please welcome the newly  
baptized to our parish family ~  
Congratulations  
Hunter Hustus!



## Eucharistic Adoration

Come experience an hour alone with the Lord and let Him transform your life! Our parish's next 12-hour Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Friday, June 6, 2025 at St. Bernard in Rockland, beginning after the 8am Mass. Two people are needed for each hour to keep our Lord company. See sign-up sheets in the backs of the Churches or sign up at this Flocknote link:

<https://stbrendanthenavigatorpar.flocknote.com/signup/210797>



Mark your calendars for Corpus Christi processions  
and 24-Hour Adoration preceding June 22nd!



A beautiful reminder of our Mother Mary,  
as our Parish celebrated the  
May Crowning of Mary this past Sunday.

Thank you to all who  
planned and participated!



## AED TRAINING - BELFAST



Knights of Columbus Council 3942, Belfast will be sponsoring a training in the proper use of an AED (automated external defibrillator). The training will be held 11am on May 24th @ St. Francis of Assisi Hall. The requested donation of \$10 per person will go to the trainer. This is not a certification course, but will walk through the necessary steps in using the device safely. All parishioners are welcome.

**Contact for info:** Brian Beaulieu (207) 542-8967



## Youth & Family Faith Formation



**COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

4th Sunday of Easter • John 10:27-30

It's never too late to join the children of the parish and their families as we come together to learn more about our Catholic faith! Please contact Jacqueline Biddle, Parish Catechetical Leader, at [Jacqueline.Biddle@PortlandDiocese.org](mailto:Jacqueline.Biddle@PortlandDiocese.org) if you have any questions.

## Vocations

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:27) Let's unite as a Church to ask the Lord to inspire more hearts to hear His call and to follow Him in the priesthood and consecrated life. Trust that He knows each of us by name and will lead the right hearts to their vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613 1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@portlanddiocese.org).

## Daily Readings

Sun: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wed: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

## Adult Faith Formation

**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](mailto: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:** Enabling women to know Christ personally through Scripture. Tuesdays, 6:30pm at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden, in the WWP room downstairs, and Thursdays at 9:00am at the Sacred Heart Center at St. Bernard in Rockland. For more info: Janet Heath, 207-841-1975 or Anne Norman, 207-691-6401.

**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. There are active groups in the Belfast, Camden and Rockland areas. Everybody is welcome, so you also could invite your non-Catholic friends. Please contact [FSCGStB@gmail.com](mailto:FSCGStB@gmail.com) if you would like to join a group or to receive further information.

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- Enter your name and email and follow the prompts.
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On FORMED - Catholic Moms Summit  
A collection of talks in which women encourage and support one another in the vocation of Catholic motherhood.



## St. Brendan Pro-Life Ministry

RESPECT LIFE

BE NOT  
*Afraid*

**Pray a Rosary for Life** - The Rosary for Life continues weekly at each Church as scheduled.

### Peaceful Prayer Vigil

**Where:** On the sidewalk outside the Belfast Family Planning

**When:** Every Friday with EXTENDED HOURS from 9-12pm  
Pray with us during any of those hours.

**Our Goal:** More Hours, More Prayers, More Presence

**Contact:** Edward Jones - mgtdocean@gmail.com and/or

Paulette Spera - Paulette.spera@gmail.com.

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### Walk for Life

Mark your calendars for Zoe, A Women's Center annual walk taking place June 7<sup>th</sup> in Rockland. Posters and bulletin announcements with more information coming soon! Join the walk or sponsor a walker.

### Bottle Drive Results

Our Parish's participation in Zoe's Bottle Drive contributed a total of \$2,556.71! **Thank you!**

St. B's: \$835.00 with 23/25 bottles returned

St. F's: \$865.78 with 19/25 bottles returned

OLGH: \$855.93 with 20/25 bottles returned

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us.**

**DEADLINES  
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*\*Graduating parishioner*

Contact: Parish Office or  
bobohrt148@gmail.com

**Deadline: May 19, 2025 @ 3pm**



## Knights of Columbus



Our parish is blessed to be served by two primary Knights of Columbus Councils:

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BELFAST:

The William S. Brannagan Council #3942 Monthly Breakfast:  
Every third Sunday of the month after the 8:30am Mass

**Contact:** Brian Beaulieu 542-8967, bbeaulieu@allenfg.com  
Joseph Mathieu at 323-1436, painterjo56@gmail.com

**ST. BERNARD, ROCKLAND:** The Limerock Council #136 meets the 3rd Thursday at 7pm in Grispi Hall, at St. Bernard's Church, Rockland. Monthly Breakfast: Last Sunday of the month after the 8:00am Mass.

<https://www.stbrendanparish.net/knight-of-columbus-rockland>

**Contact:** Redden 720-0246 or Rich Norman 691-6400

**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.

**Contact:** Gregg Turley 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.

For more information visit [kofc.org](http://kofc.org).

## Daughters of St. Bernard

The Daughters of St. Bernard meet at the Sacred Heart Center the first Friday of each month, 1pm. We warmly welcome all women of St. Bernard to join as we help with various parish activities, such as funeral receptions, scholarships, and more.

**Contact:** Claire Redden (207) 208.0584

## ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR SCHOLARSHIPS

### WOMEN'S CLUB OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE

*\*Must be a registered parishioner  
(at least 6 mos).*

Contact: Parish Office or  
pgibbons@tidewater.net

**Deadline: May 12, 2025**

### BELFAST KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - THE WILLIAM S. BRANNAGAN COUNCIL #3942

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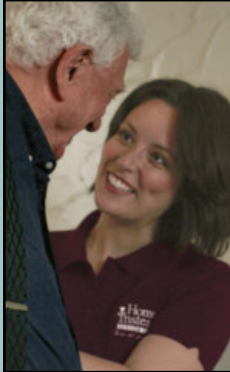
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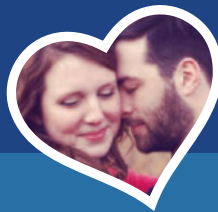
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## Reflection on Mothers from Pope Francis

From Papal Mass, January 2019



The Church too needs to renew her amazement at being the dwelling place of the living God, the Bride of the Lord, a Mother who gives birth to her children. Otherwise, she risks turning into a beautiful museum of the past. A "Church museum". Our Lady instead gives the Church the feel of a home, a home in which the God of newness dwells. Let us receive with amazement the mystery of the Mother of God, as the inhabitants of Ephesus did at the time of the Council. Like them, let us acclaim her "Holy Mother of God". From her, *let us allow ourselves to be gazed upon, to be embraced, to be taken by the hand.*

*Let us allow ourselves to be gazed upon.* Especially in times of need, when we are entangled in life's knots, we rightly lift our eyes to Our Lady, to Our Mother. Yet first, we should let ourselves be gazed upon by Our Lady. When she gazes upon us, she does not see sinners but children. It is said that the eyes are the mirror of the soul; the eyes of Mary, *full of grace*, reflect the beauty of God, they show us a reflection of heaven. Jesus himself said that the eye is "the lamp of the body" (Mt 6:22): the eyes of Our Lady are able to bring light to every dark corner; everywhere they rekindle hope. As she gazes upon us, she says: "Take heart, dear children; here I am, your Mother!"

This maternal gaze, which instils confidence and trust, helps us to grow in faith. Faith is a bond with God that engages the whole person; to be preserved, it needs the Mother of God. Her maternal gaze helps us see ourselves as beloved children in God's faithful people, and to love one another regardless of our individual limitations and approaches. Our Lady keeps us rooted in the Church, where unity counts more than diversity; she encourages us to care for one another. Mary's gaze reminds us that faith demands a tenderness that can save us from becoming lukewarm. Tenderness: the Church of tenderness. Tenderness is a word that today many want to remove from the dictionary. When faith makes a place for the Mother of God, we never lose sight of the center: the Lord, for Mary never points to herself but to Jesus; and our brothers and sisters, for Mary is mother.

The gaze of the Mother, and the gaze of every mother. A world that looks to the future without a mother's gaze is shortsighted. It may well increase its profits, but it will no longer see others as children. It will make money, but not for everyone. We will all dwell in the same house, but not as brothers and sisters. The human family is built upon mothers. A world in which maternal tenderness is dismissed as mere sentiment may be rich materially, but poor where the future is concerned. Mother of God, teach us to see life as you do. Turn your gaze upon us, upon our misery, our poverty. *Turn to us thine eyes of mercy.*

Let us allow ourselves to be embraced. From Mary's gaze, we now turn to her heart, in which, as today's Gospel recounts, she "treasured all these things and pondered them" (Lk 2:19). Our Lady, in other words, took everything to heart; she embraced everything, events both good and bad. And she pondered all these things; she brought them before God. This was her secret. In the same way, she now takes to heart the life of each of us: she wants to embrace our every situation and to present it to God.

*In today's fragmented world, where we risk losing our bearings, a Mother's embrace is essential.*



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