

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish



Parish office: 7 Union St., Camden, ME 04843

Phone: (207) 236-4785

Hours: M, T, Th 8:30-3:30, Wed., 8:30-12:00

Website: stbrendanparish.net

Email: stbrendan@portlanddiocese.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stbrendanparishmaine>

Our Churches ~ Mass Schedule ~ Adoration

Our Clergy

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

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

Email contact: firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org

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

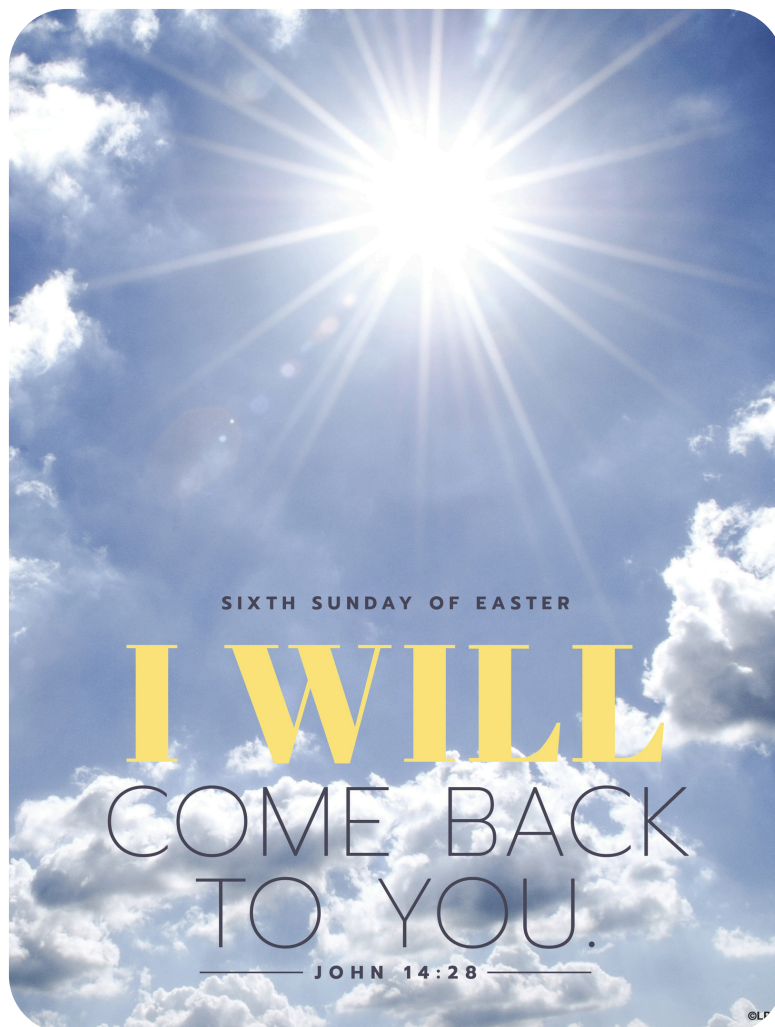
18 Pendleton Point Rd, Islesboro, ME 04848

Vinalhaven at Union Church

North Haven TBA

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.



MAY 25, 2025 | 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 24, 2025 – Vigil of the 6th Sunday of Easter			
4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Intention for Flash Gordon by the Clarks
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope LS	Fr. Jarvis	Mary Grace Ginn Maddox by Ken Gricus
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Jarvis	Cameron Frisone by Takoda Peasley
Sunday, May 25, 2025 - 6th Sunday of Easter			
8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Jarvis	Darlene & Robert Galkowski by Larry Galkowski
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Anthonasius Rosary at 7:50am	Alice Blu by Ann Robbins
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope LS	Fr. Anthonasius	For Parishioners
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Jarvis	Jean Diemert by Polly & Jack Kurowski
Monday May 26	OLGH 8:00am LS	Fr. Anthonasius	Barbara Souther by Bob Souther
Tuesday May 27	St. Bernard 8:00am	Fr. Anthonasius Rosary at 7:30am	William Butman by Tom & Fay Molloy
Wednesday May 28	OLGH 8:00am	Fr. Jarvis	Robert Pietsch by the family
	NH -Quarry Hill 10:00am	Fr. Jarvis	Pauline Johnstone by Maureen O'Donnell
	St. Francis 6:30pm	Fr. Anthonasius	Cameron Morissette by The Clarks
Thursday May 29	St. Bernard 6:30pm LS	Fr. Jarvis	Andrue Leach by Takoda Peasely
Friday May 30	No Mass Today		
Saturday, May 31, 2025 – Vigil of the 7th Sunday of Easter			
4:00pm	St. Francis LS	Fr. Jarvis	Liliane Sohns by Ann Robbins
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthonasius	Deceased & Living Priests of the Parish by Amanda Krenke
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius	For Parishioners
Sunday, June 1, 2025 - 7th Sunday of Easter			
8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius	Song-Ngo Nguyen by Teresa Le
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Jarvis Rosary at 7:50am	John Jacques by the parish
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Jarvis	Pauline Johnstone by Paulette & Russell Spera
11:00am	St. Bernard LS	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Intention for Siobhan & Alex Gilmore by The Gimores

Parish Life & Faith Formation Staff

Contact staff via email:
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.

Online Giving

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Special Intentions

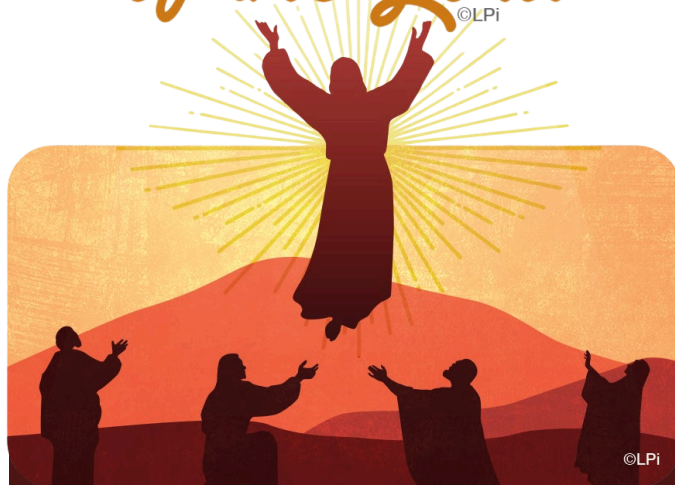
If you would like to have a Sanctuary Candle lit for a loved one, please contact the office or use the designated envelopes.



Please pray for the recently deceased of our parish, especially

Maria Oliva Triana Ruiz

ASCENSION of the Lord



This week, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. When Jesus ascended into heaven, he gave specific directions to his Apostles. "Go and make disciples of all nations." They listened! They made disciples, who made disciples, who made disciples, who made disciples, on down the centuries. And here we are! So, what's next? The truth is that we're all commissioned and sent. It happened at our baptism, when we were made sharers in this sacred mission of Jesus. Who will make the next disciples? I hope it's you!

Wednesday, May 28th

- St. Francis - 5:30pm (no Eucharistic Adoration)

Thursday, May 29th

- Our Lady of Good Hope - 8:00am
- St. Bernard - 5:30pm (no Eucharistic Adoration)

A Special Thank You

Through the generosity of Catholic Charities and St. Francis' Laudato Si ministry, our parish was gifted a significant upgrade in media resources. **We would like to extend our gratitude!**

Dianne Smith states that with this gift we will be able "to further



the education of how the poor, particularly throughout the world, are being seriously affected by social living habits that have created more product waste than the earth can handle. It is our hope that any of our church ministry's education efforts will be blessed with this upgrade."

Bake Sale

The **Sisters of Transfiguration Hermitage** will be holding their first bake sale of the season before and after all the Masses during the weekend of

May 31st/June 1st @ Our Lady of Good Hope

Help yourself to some of their goodies and help support their lives of prayer for all people.



IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO HAVE SELFLESSLY
GIVEN AND VALIANTLY SERVED OUR NATION,

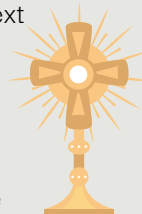
THANK YOU



The parish will be closed in honor of the Memorial Day holiday. Please pray for our fallen veterans and their families. The Monday Mass at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden will be at 8:00am and there will be no evening Eucharistic Adoration or Mass on Monday.

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** 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 on Flocknote:



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

Children are welcome! Jesus wants them there and so do we (Matthew 19:14)! Start with small visits (even 10 minutes) and bring them right up front.

Encourage children to thank Jesus for blessings in their lives. They can journal the names of people, places, and things they are thankful for one by one. A religious coloring sheet or book are also appropriate ways to spend time with our Lord.

Ministerio Hispano/Hispanic Ministry

¡Nuevo! Habrá una Misa en Español cada tercer viernes del mes a las 5:30 pm en la Iglesia de San Bernardo, 150 Broadway en Rockland. ¡Más detalles en el porvenir!



New! There will be a Mass in Spanish every 3rd Friday of the month at 5:30pm at St. Bernard Church, 150 Broadway in Rockland. More details to come!

Youth & Family Faith Formation



GOSPEL

Jesus wants you to love him so much that you will always do what he asks. Jesus knows that if you put God first, you will have peace. Instead of wanting more toys, you will be happy to share them. Instead of wanting to get your own way, you will enjoy taking turns. You will feel good helping other people.



PRAYER

Dear God, change my heart so that I want to put you and other people first.

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! If you have any questions, please contact

Jacqueline Biddle, Parish Catechetical Leader, at

Jacqueline.Biddle@PortlandDiocese.org

Vocations

"The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (John 14:26) How has the Holy Spirit spoken to or guided you? Do you feel called to the priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org.

Daily Readings

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Adult Faith Formation

THAT MAN IS YOU: 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.

Saturdays @ OLGH, 8:30am (Upper Room)

Contact: Joe Cammelleri at jccam@tidewater.net.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE: Enabling women to know Christ personally through Scripture.

Tuesdays @ OLGH, 6:30pm (downstairs)

Thursdays @ St. B, 9:00am (Sacred Heart Ctr.)

Contact: Janet Heath: 207-841-1975

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 if you would like to join a group or to receive further information.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 21ST-25TH

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St. Brendan Pro-Life Ministry



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

Paulette Spera - Paulette.spera@gmail.com.

Use the QR codes to watch and learn

Pro Choice Women
Watch Abortion



Abby Johnson
Coming to Maine
Author of the movie
UNPLANNED



Coming Soon! - Walk for Life

Mark your calendars for Zoe, A Women's Center annual walk taking place **June 7th** in Rockland. Please pray for the walk, support and sponsor a walker, and join in! See posters and sign-up sheets at each of our churches.

Did you know? (Part 2)

- As reported by the **National Catholic Register** on May 13: On Mother's Day (of all days), Planned Parenthood released its 2023-24 annual report, entitled "A Force for Hope," in which it was revealed that the organization provided **402,230 abortions over the year**, an increase of 10,000 over the previous year and a record high in PP's history.
- Taxpayer funding of PP also increased**, making up about 40% of PP's revenue, with **public funding up by about \$100 million** from the previous year's report
- March 19, 2025: The National Catholic Register reported on Planned Parenthood's announcement that it would be shutting down its flagship Manhattan facility due to financial pressures and mounting maintenance costs. Answered prayer for those who have knelt on its sidewalk - Amen!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us.

St. Bernard Soup Kitchen

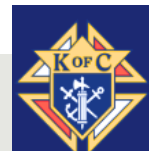
For the week of May 12th, we provided the following meals:

M - 64 , T - 54 , W - 71 , T - 72 , F - 67

We wish to congratulate AIO food pantry on there 35th anniversary celebration. Thanks for your partnership in feeding our community. Also , thank you to the Home Kitchen Cafe for their delicious donation of food.

Rich Norman 691-6400

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.

The Knights of Columbus Council 136A to host a
**Free Estate Planning Seminar
with Attorney Jesse Bifulco**
(fellow Knight and parishioner)

Monday, June 9th @ 10-11:30am
Our Lady of Good Hope - Cote Hall

RSVP's are encouraged, but drop-ins are welcome!
Kevin Bailey at (978) 404-1594
Bill Weiss at william.weiss@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.

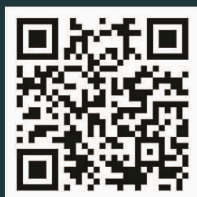
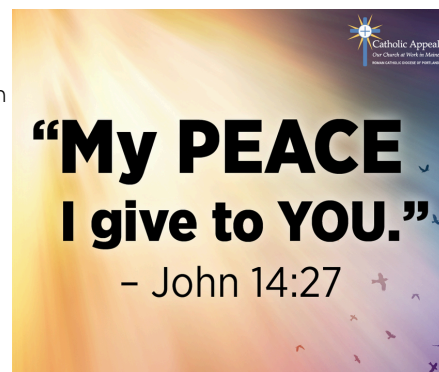
Contact: Claire Redden (207) 208.0584

Annual Catholic Appeal

The apostles don't know what's coming. Jesus will be crucified and leave them. Then He will return to them with His resurrection. Finally, His time on earth will once again end with the Ascension. Like us, they only understand what they know to be true, the here and now. Jesus is here with them now, so won't He always be?

Jesus tries to gently prepare them for His eventual departure from His earthly existence because He knows it will be upsetting. He says, "Peace I leave with you...Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." God helps us in times of confusion and distress. Our Lord can be a great source of comfort during trying times. We only need to remember to call on Him, and He will answer us with, "Peace I give to you." Perhaps this peace will come to us in an unexpected way, as in Jesus sending the Holy Spirit to guide the apostles after the Ascension, But we can trust that He will not abandon us.

As Christ sends us His peace in times of need, let us do the same for others by supporting the Catholic Appeal.



We invite you to join us in this year's Catholic Appeal as we unite with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the Diocese of Portland as a missionary Church carrying out the important work that Jesus calls us to live.

Appeal.PortlandDiocese.org

"On behalf of Zoe, A Women's Center board and staff, we say a HUGE thank you for your church's participation in our 2025 Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Because of your generous giving we are truly able to support our clients to Flourish in Life. We had a total of 39 churches participate, and distributed 955 baby bottles. With most of our bottles collected and returned, we have a total of \$29,286.33. We also have received matching funds for up to \$5,000, which gives us a grand total of \$34,286.33."



**A WOMEN'S
CENTER**



Thank you to all who have given input for our Jubilee Pilgrimage. We are collecting surveys through June 1st! Please see Jubilee tables or use the QR code to access surveys.



Excerpt from *Spes Non Confundit*

"Signs of hope. 7. In addition to finding hope in God's grace, we are also called to discover hope in the *signs of the times* that the Lord gives us. As the Second Vatican Council observed: "In every age, the Church has the responsibility of reading the signs of the times and interpreting them in the light of the Gospel. In this way, in language adapted to every generation, she can respond to people's persistent questions about the meaning of this present life and of the life to come, and how one is related to the other". We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope..." (*Spes Non Confundit*, 7)

Stay tuned for weekly Jubilee year of Hope activities, excerpts from the Papal Bull of Indiction and more!

Office Notes: Please be mindful of your personal items when at church and keep them close at hand.