

# St. Brendan the Navigator Parish



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## Our Churches ~ Mass Schedule ~ Eucharistic 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](mailto: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

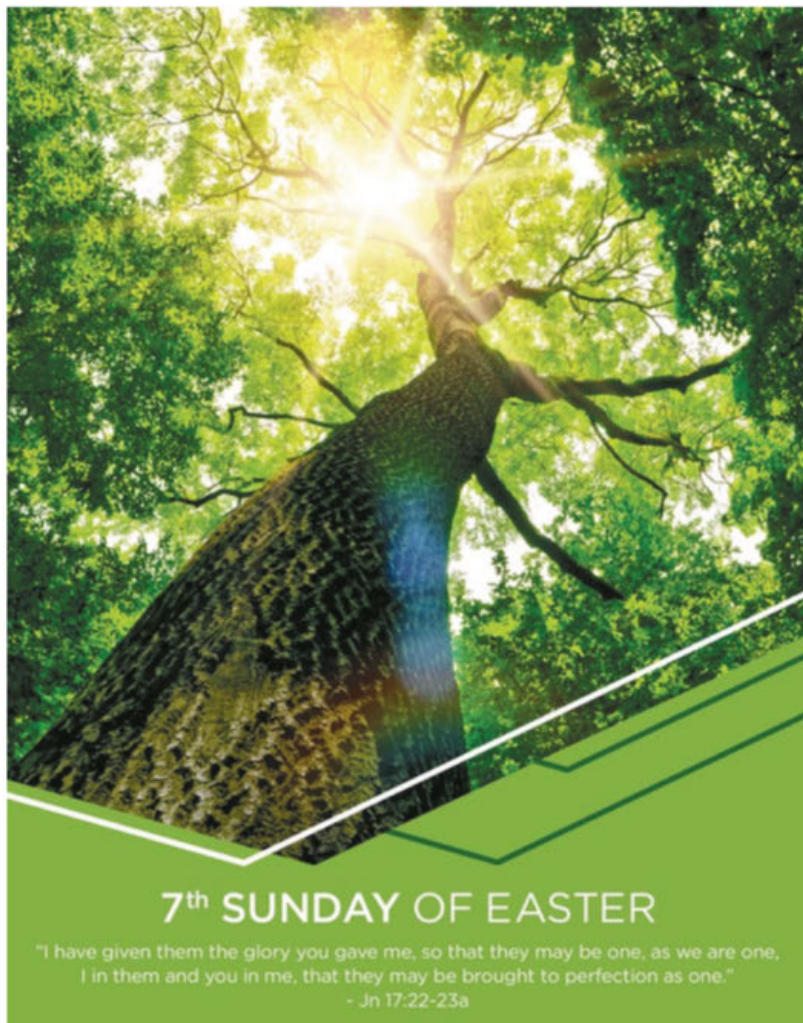
18 Pendleton Point Rd, Islesboro, ME 04848

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.



## 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one,  
I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one."  
- Jn 17:22-23a

JUNE 1, 2025 | 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 31, 2025 - Vigil of the 7th Sunday of Easter			
4:00pm	St. Francis <b>LS</b>	Fr. Javis	Liliane Sohns by Ann Robbins
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthanasius	Deceased & Living Priests of the Parish by Amanda Krenke
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	For Parishioners
Sunday, June 1, 2025 - 7th Sunday of Easter			
8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	Song-Ngo Nguyen by Teresa Le
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Javis <b>Rosary at 7:50am</b>	John Jacques by the parish
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Javis	Pauline Johnstone by Paulette & Russell Spera
11:00am	St. Bernard <b>LS</b>	Fr. Anthanasius	Living Intention for Siobhan & Alex Gilmore by The Gimores
Monday June 2	OLGH 8:00am <b>LS</b>	Fr. Anthanasius	Maria & Arthur Mohr by the family
Tuesday June 3	St. Bernard 8:00am	Fr. Anthanasius <b>Rosary at 7:30am</b>	Living Intention for John Bardon by David Bardon
Wednesday June 4	OLGH 8:00am	Fr. Javis	Ira Scheier by the family
	NH -Quarry Hill 10:00am	Fr. Javis	Mr. & Mrs. William Hartman by Maureen O'Donnell
	St. Francis 6:30pm	Fr. Anthanasius	Living Intention for Lydia Rocheleau by The Clarks
Thursday June 5	St. Bernard 6:30pm <b>LS</b>	Fr. Javis	Albert Hutchinson, Jr. by Michele Jones
Friday June 6	St. Francis 8:00am <b>LS</b>		Living Intention for Wendy O'Donnell by Maureen O'Donnell
Saturday, June 7, 2025 - Vigil of Pentecost			
4:00pm	St. Francis <b>LS</b>	TBA	For Parishioners
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Anthanasius	James and Joan Grant by the Gibbons Family
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	Robert Pietsch by the family
Sunday, June 8, 2025 - Pentecost Sunday			
8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	Living Intention for Elaine Smith by Children & Grandchildren
8:30am	St. Francis	TBA <b>Rosary at 7:50am</b>	Jay Johnson by Kathleen Farnsworth
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	TBA	William J. Wilson & Mark D. Wilson by Wayne & Patti Kelley-Clark
11:00am	St. Bernard <b>LS</b>	Fr. Anthanasius	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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seminarians!

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## 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.

## Prayer of Christian Unity



Help us to be one, Lord Jesus, as you prayed to the Father. Gather us all to you, diverse in culture, gift, call, way of life, and perspective. May the love we have for you overflow into the love we have for each other. Amen.

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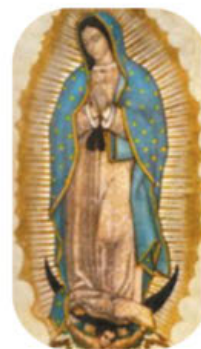


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## Ministerio Hispano/Hispanic Ministry

¡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!



## Bake Sale

The **Sisters of Transfiguration Hermitage** bake sale is **THIS WEEKEND** before and after all Masses @ **Our Lady of Good Hope**.

Next bake sale will be @ **St. Francis - June 14th/15th**

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



*Save The Date*



Friday, July 11th - 4 to 8 PM

Celebration for Fr. Javis' 5th priestly ordination.

Watch this space for more information and details.

## Newman Connections

The diocese has partnered with **Newman Connections** to help connect high school seniors with **Campus Ministry** at their chosen college before they arrive in the fall. Students going into the military can also connect with the chaplain of their branch. We currently have connections available for campus ministries at the University of Maine Orono, Colby College, Bowdoin College, and Bates College with more to come.

Many Catholic teens leave the church when they leave their families. With so many other groups vying for their attention in the first semester, it can be difficult for Campus Ministers to connect with students. When students (or their parents) "connect" with their school's ministry via Newman Connection, their campus minister receives their contact info and can reach out to each student directly. **This makes the transition to college easier for students since they're no longer alone in their faith.**



## Youth & Family Faith Formation



### GOSPEL

If pieces are missing from a jigsaw puzzle, you cannot see the whole picture. If keys are missing from a piano, you cannot hear a whole song. When Christians do not work well together, the world cannot see how great and loving God is. Jesus prayed that all of us would stay close to God and to one another. Do your part. Encourage other Christians.



### PRAYER

God, I want the world to see how good you are. Help me to be good and loving to all Christians.



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](mailto:Jacqueline.Biddle@PortlandDiocese.org)

## Vocations

**"You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:48-49)** Just as Jesus entrusted His disciples with the mission of sharing the Gospel, He may be inviting you to continue His work within the Church. Trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to equip you for this journey. 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

**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

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday: Morning:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:FSCGStB@gmail.com) if you would like to join a group or to receive further information.

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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.

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### Coming Soon! - Walk for Life

Mark your calendars for Zoe, A Women's Center annual walk taking place **June 7<sup>th</sup>** 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 207.691.6400

## 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](http://kofc.org).

**ESTATE PLAN**

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

Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 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](mailto: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.

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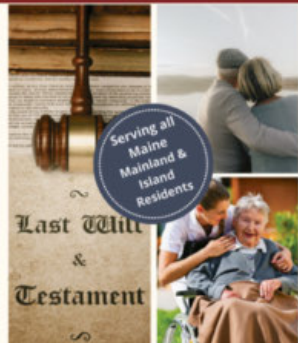
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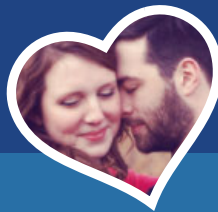
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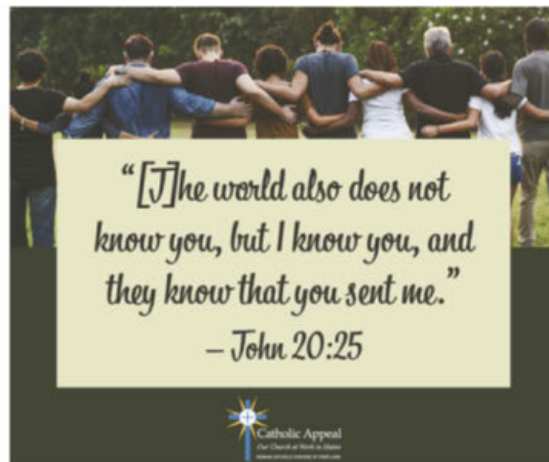
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## Annual Catholic Appeal

We often think of prayer as a one-way street. We pray to Jesus or God for a particular need, or we ask Mary and saints to intercede to the Father and Son on our behalf. Either way, prayer – supplication or thanksgiving – originates with us. But today's Gospel reminds us that we have another prayer partner – Jesus. Christ prays for us, too. He invites us to share unity with God and Himself: "As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us." "They" are the disciples Jesus sends into the world to preach His Good News and those who receive this life-giving gift.

We are today's disciples. As such, we can emulate the early disciples and continue to build the Church for Christ so that, as Jesus prays to His Father, "the world may believe that you have sent me." And one of the ways we can fortify God's kingdom on earth is to bring the Gospel to individuals who need to hear it most, such as those who benefit from the programs made possible by the Catholic Appeal. **Please consider a gift today.**



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**



Today is the last day to fill out a survey for our Parish Pilgrimage!



## Jubilee in the Bible

Join Dr. Mark Giszczak, associate professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as he answers some of the internet's most pressing questions about the Jubilee. What is a Jubilee year? What is a Holy Door? What are indulgences? Is the Jubilee year in Scripture? Find out answers to these questions and more in this episode of What Catholics Believe.

**Leviticus 25:10:** "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you."

**Isaiah 61:1-2:** "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me . . . to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

**Luke 4:18-19:** Jesus applies Isaiah's prophecy, linking the Jubilee to his mission of salvation.



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.