

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

Spanish Mass: 1:00 pm 3rd Sunday of the Month

Fr. Anthanasius Wirsy, 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

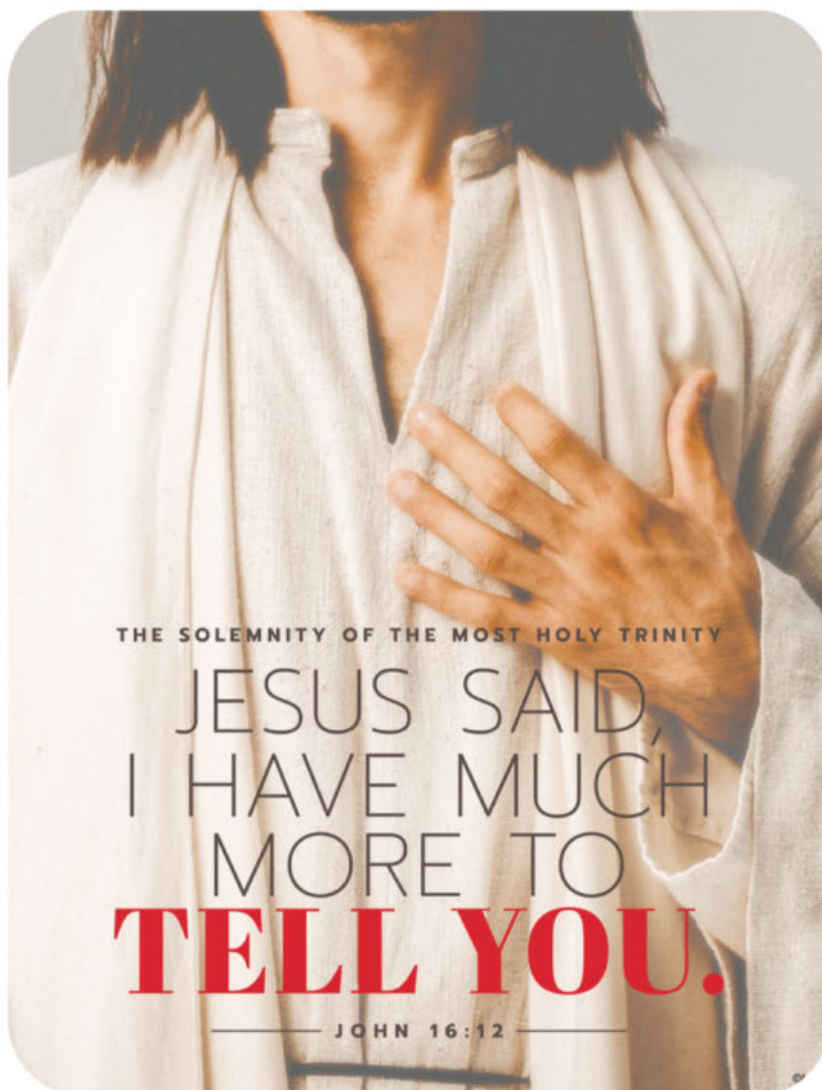
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Vinalhaven at Union Church

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.



JUNE 15, 2025 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 14, 2025 - Vigil of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Anthonasius	Walter Sohns by Ann Robbins
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope LS	Fr. Benjamin Simon	Mary Gricus by Sarah Zurek
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Benjamin Simon	For Parishioners

Sunday, June 15, 2025 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius	Mattha Khien Bui by Teresa Le
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Benjamin Simon Rosary at 7:50am	Michael Phelan by Karen Phelan
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope LS	Fr. Benjamin Simon	Marjorie, Albert, & Matthew Messer by the family
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius	Kendal Jones by Michele Jones
Monday June 16	OLGH 6:30pm LS	Fr. Anthonasius	Liam Deery by the family
Tuesday June 17	St. Bernard 8:00am	Fr. Benjamin Simon Rosary at 7:30am	Robert J. Rudolph by Tom and Fay Molloy
Wednesday June 18	OLGH 8:00am	Fr. Javis	John L. O'Donnell, Sr. by Maureen O'Donnell
	NH -Quarry Hill 10:00am	Fr. Javis	John L. O'Donnell, Sr. by Maureen O'Donnell
	St. Francis 6:30pm	Fr. Anthonasius	Stephan Hall by Nancy Whitcomb
Thursday June 19	St. Bernard 6:30pm LS	Fr. Benjamin Simon	Elmer Hart by Michele Jones
Friday June 20	St. Francis 8:00am LS	Fr. Javis	Tom Murray by Tom and Karen Kent

Saturday, June 21, 2025 - Vigil of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Anthonasius	Elmer & Shirley Lukacs by the Francis family
4:00pm	Our Lady of Good Hope LS	Fr. Benjamin Simon	Henry & Betty Bohndell by the family
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Benjamin Simon	Nathan Stevens by Takoda Peasely

Sunday, June 22, 2025 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius	Living intention for Health of Ann & Gary Seavey by Jeannie Coover
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Benjamin Simon Rosary at 7:50am	Fr. Thomas Coyne by Elaine Witt
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope LS	Fr. Benjamin Simon	for parishioners
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthonasius	Kendal Jones by Michele Jones

FUNERAL NOTE: There will be a Mass of Christian Burial for beloved St. Francis parishioner, Pat Roche, on Friday, June 20, 2025 - 11am at St. Francis in Belfast. You may read more about this remarkable parishioner at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/patrick-roche-obituary?id=56996864>

Parish Life & Faith Formation Staff

Contact staff via email:
firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org

FAITH FORMATION

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

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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.

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Second Collection

June 21st/22nd - Catholic Communications Campaign

Half of your contributions to this collection supports the national communications programs of the bishops of the United States, while the other half stays at home in your diocese to support local communications initiatives.

Corpus Christi Processions

On Sunday, June 22nd, we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We will have Corpus Christi processions after the Sunday morning Masses at each location. Please join in this beautiful witness to our faith where we celebrate the true presence of Christ by processing with the Blessed Sacrament and Monstrance through the streets near the church, sharing a visual sign of our faith, our prayers, and songs.

Prayer: Jesus, What a gift we have in your True Presence: the assurance of your friendship, your company, your grace, your love. Increase our thirst for you as you, also, desire to draw closer to us. Amen.



Ministerio Hispano/Hispanic Ministry

¡Nuevo! Habrá una Misa en Español cada tercer domingo del mes a las 1:00 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 Sunday of the month at 1:00pm at St. Bernard Church, 150 Broadway in Rockland. Starting THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 15th. More details to come!

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Hispanic Ministry. Please contact the Parish Office, we'd love to have you involved!

Bake Sale

The **Sisters of Transfiguration Hermitage** bake sale is THIS WEEKEND before and after all Masses @ St. Francis!

The following sale will be August 30/31st @ St. Bernard

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



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Our Lady of Good Hope Church has chosen Our Lady of Perpetual Help as its patron saint. We invite you to join us in a nine-day novena that focuses on seeking Mary's intercession. Copies of the prayer can be found in the entrance of each of three mainland churches. The novena will start on June 19th and end on June 27th. The feast celebration will take place in Cote Hall following the 11am Mass on June 29th at Our Lady of Good Hope church. Sign-ups for the feast event can be found at the entrance of each church. All are welcome!



Food Pantry - Camden

The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry will be collecting **toilet paper and toothpaste** for the month of June. In addition to food, they try to provide necessary self-care items. Please place items in the bin at the entrance of Cote Hall at Our Lady of Good Hope.



Welcome!

Reverend Benjamin Simon, HGN has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Brendan the Navigator Parish. This is his first assignment since arriving in Maine in May from India. Fr. Simon is a member of the Heralds of Good News, a missionary society of apostolic life. He has served in several roles since his ordination in 2001 including as rector in Herald's Minor Seminary, pastor of St. Antony's Church in Malligapuram, pastor of St. Antony's Church in Veppedu, pastor of St. Arockinathar Church in K. Morur, and pastor of Annai Velankanni Church in Annanur. He also served for 10 years in the Diocese of 's-Hertogenbosch in the Netherlands. He has earned several academic degrees including a Bachelor of Theology from St. Joseph Major Seminary, Institute of Theology, Andhrapradesh and a Master of Philosophy from Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram-Pontifical Athenaeum of Philosophy and Theology in Bagalore, India.



Welcome Fr. Ben! Thank you for joining us this summer!

Celebrate Fr. Javis

Friday, July 11th - 4 to 8 PM

Celebration for Fr. Javis' 5th Anniversary
of Priestly Ordination at
Camden Hills State Park

Cameroonian food will be part of the event.

This will be a potluck picnic with protein
(Goat & Chicken) provided.

Contact: Marie Kenne, (207) 323-3101

mariekeene0@gmail.com



Youth & Family Faith Formation



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) JULY 21ST-25TH FROM 9AM-12PM

Stop by one of the tables after Mass to get more information and register in person! Online Registration will be available next week.

Your kids will enjoy a week filled with fun as they Adventure to "Alaska" and learn more about their faith along the way! The campers will visit 7 different stations each day that reinforce key teachings from Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and truly immerses kids in unforgettable, life-changing faith formation.

We love help! Adult volunteers are needed, as well as youth leaders (grade 6th-12th). Decorating starts a week before camp. If you have never helped with VBS before, it is fruitful opportunity to evangelize and bring the light of Christ to kids through stories, music, crafts, games, and more. You do not have to commit to the whole week to help, but that is certainly a blessing if you can!



Daily Readings

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-1

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: Community of women supporting one another in the journey to know Christ personally through Scripture.

SAVE THE DATE - Fall study Tues. or Thurs. starting September 30th and October 2nd. **Watch the bulletin for more information and for our summer gathering details.**

Contact: Carol Brownawell: 410-714-4549
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.

Vocations

"Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that He will take from what is mine and declare it to you." (John 16:15) The unity of the Holy Trinity invites us to participate in God's life and love. How is God calling you to embody this unity through a vocation? Perhaps He is leading you toward the sacred union of holy matrimony.

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- Enter your name and email and follow the prompts.
- From then on you will just have to click the SIGN IN button in upper right, and you'll likely have to enter your email.



Holy Trinity - Word of Life
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St. Brendan Pro-Life Ministry



BEHOLD Children are a Gift of the Lord, the Fruit of the Womb is a Reward, Psalm 127 3:4

Pray a Rosary for Life

The Rosary for Life continues weekly at each Church as scheduled.

Weekly Event: Peaceful Prayer Vigil

Fridays @ Belfast Family Planning

Your prayers and presence are needed.

Contact: Edward Jones - mgtdocean@gmail.com

Paulette Spera - Paulette.spera@gmail.com.

Did you know? (Part 4)

- Abortion pill reversal treatment is available. Hotline #: 1-877-558-0333 Confidential; Must be accessed within 24 hours of taking the first abortion pill.
- Women facing an unwanted pregnancy deserve compassionate and thoughtful counseling and at women's health centers, like Zoe, women can receive thoughtful and caring support. Go to Zoeawomenscenter.org and check out all they have to offer. All services are free, including ultrasounds, support services, baby clothing and so much more.
- A note about Zoe's website: the fact that "abortion" appears at the top of the alphabetical pulldown under "Options" is unfortunate, and we brought this up with the center. Please know that Zoe never refers for abortion and only presents the cold hard truth of what abortion entails. Central to their mission is to steer abortion-minded women to the other truly viable options. Leaving out the word "abortion" makes it so that this pregnancy center does not readily appear on search engine results for Midcoast women - a truly sad commentary about our society and its presentation of abortion as a "viable" option.

Post Abortion Healing Resources

- Project Rachel: Diocesan Post Abortion Healing Ministry (207)321-7897 (confidential) or Email: projectrachel@portlanddiocese.org

Event: Abby Johnson in Maine
Learn more via the QR code below:



Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us.

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

Altar Serving

Fr. Jarvis will be offering an altar server training this summer for new and current servers. Contact the office for more information.



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: Kevin Bailey (978) 404-1594, kfb723@verizon.net

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.

Rockland Contact: John Redden (207) 720-0246
Rich Norman (207) 691-6400

Belfast Contact: Brian Beaulieu (207) 542-8967
Joseph Mathieu (207) 323-1436

St. Bernard Soup Kitchen

APPLY NOW

We are seeking a **Part-Time Assistant** for the Soup Kitchen. This "on call" role will help manage the daily activities when the regular team is unavailable.

Contact: laura.gibson@portlanddiocese.org

You are invited to the celebration of the ordination of candidates, **Evans and Ezekiel**, to the transitional diaconate.
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
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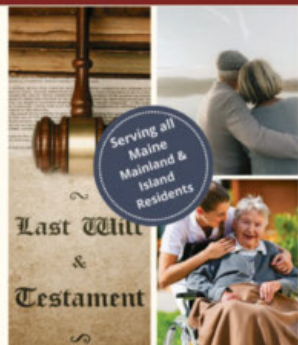
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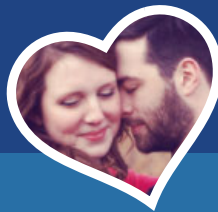
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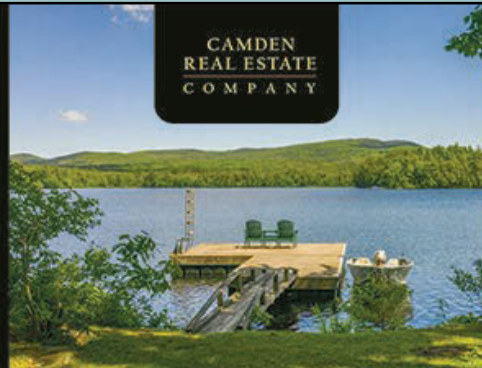
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A Prayer for Fathers by Pope St. John XXIII

Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life, your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over Him faithfully as you have done. **Amen.**



Thank you to all who showed interest in a parish pilgrimage and filled out the survey!
Details for the planned pilgrimage will be available soon!

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.