

# St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

Rockland - Camden - Belfast - Islesboro - Vinalhaven



JULY 20, 2025 | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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: 6:00 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month

## 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

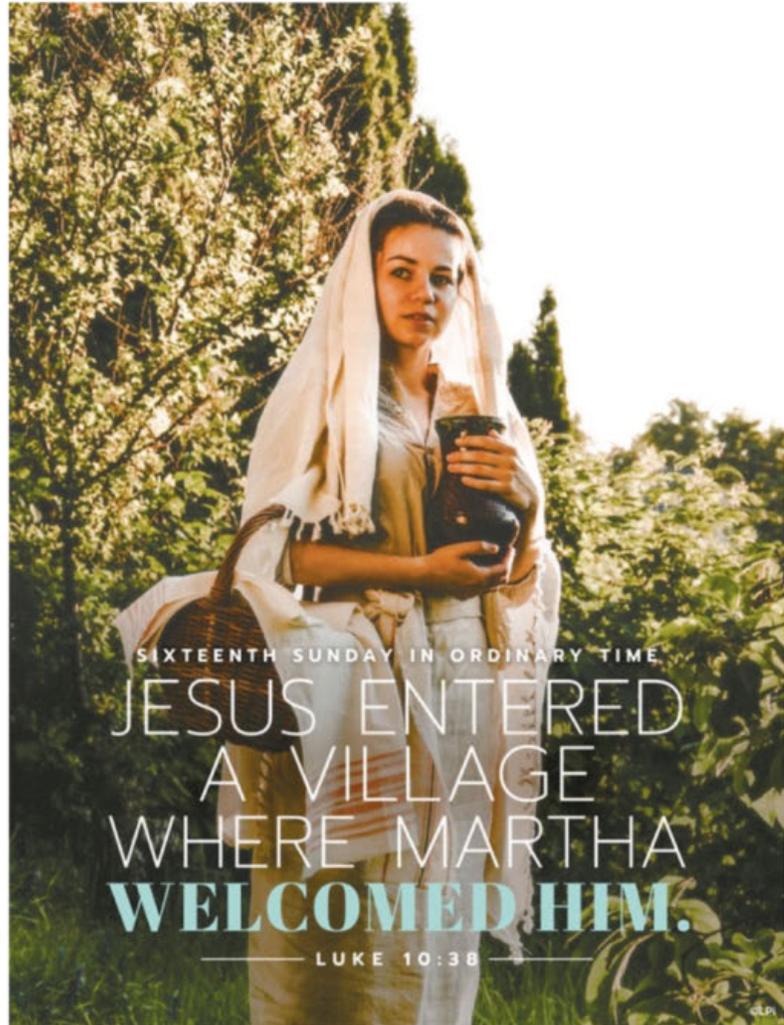
## St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

From July-Sept - Saturday: 9:00am

18 Pendleton Point Rd, Islesboro, ME 04848

Vinalhaven at Union Church

North Haven TBA



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

## Welcome to Catholic Life in Mid-Coast Maine!

We are a Roman Catholic community serving as a beacon that helps people encounter the transforming love of Jesus Christ through full, conscious, and active celebration of the Sacraments, with special attention to Reconciliation and Eucharist.

# Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamps

Contact the Parish Office to have a Mass or Sanctuary Lamp offered for a loved one.

Envelopes are also available in the vestibules of all church locations.

## Saturday, July 19, 2025 - The Vigil of the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am	St. M	Fr. Ben	David Blanton by Lucie Holmes
9am	Vinalhaven	Fr. Anthonasius	All Souls by the Parish
4pm	St. F	Fr. Ben	Ida Mae Perdrizet by Grace Perdrizet
4pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Intention Pat Gibbons by Maureen O'Donnell
6pm	St. B	Fr. Javis	Robert Houle by Faith Vautour

## Sunday, July 20, 2025 - The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Blaich & Gilligan Families by Jeannie Gover
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Ben	Mary Romano by Larry Kinsley
11am	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	for parishioners
11am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Becky Jones by Michele Jones

## Monday, July 21, 2025

6:30pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Denise DeMartini by Laurence Novotney
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## Tuesday, July 22, 2025

8am	St. B	Fr. Ben	Living Int. Barbara DuBay by Kathy Daley
10am	NH - BW	Fr. Ben	John Murgita by Michele Jones

## Wednesday, July 23, 2025

8am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Maria & Arthur Mohr by the family
10am	NH - WG	Fr. Javis	Living Int. Timothy & Esther O'Donnell by Maureen O'Donnell
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Int. of Fr. Hyacinth by the Clarks

## Thursday, July 24, 2025

6:30pm	St. B (LS)	Fr. Ben	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones
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## Friday, July 25, 2025

8am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Javis	Living Int. Mya & Talia Carlson
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## Saturday, July 26, 2025 - The Vigil of the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am	St. M	Fr. Javis	All Souls by the Parish
9am	Vinalhaven	Fr. Ben	All Souls by the Parish
4pm	St. F (LS)	Fr. Javis	Dr. Thomas Piel by Beck Piel
4pm	OLGH	Fr. Ben	Suzie McCormick
6pm	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	for parishioners

## Sunday, July 27, 2025 - The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Carol Kosmalski by the family
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Javis	John Jacques by Helen Kosmo
11am	OLGH	Fr. Ben	Preston Henderson by The Brownawell Family
11am	St. B (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Int. in Thanksgiving for Lou & Cathy Castellani by St. Bernard Pastoral Team

LS indicates Mass is livestreamed at [www.stbrendanparish.net/livestream](http://www.stbrendanparish.net/livestream)

St. Mary's on Islesboro - Saturdays, 9:00am

Union Church on Vinalhaven - Saturday, 9:00am

Next Spanish Mass at St. Bernard's - Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm

Sanctuary Candles are being lit at:

Our Lady of Good Hope

In Loving Memory of Leonard D. Piccari  
by Teresa Piccari

St. Francis

Living Intention for Larry & Velma Kinsley  
by the Clarks



## Our Clergy

Fr. Anthonasius Wirsiy, Pastor

Fr. Javis Laban, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Benjamin Simon, HGN (in residence)

Deacon Bob Cleveland

Deacon Ezekiel Yisi

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

## Giving

Laura Gibson, Business Coordinator

[Laura.Gibson@PortlandDiocese.org](mailto:Laura.Gibson@PortlandDiocese.org)

## Upcoming Second Collection:

Aug. 2nd/3rd, there will be a second collection for the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

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## Make Checks payable to:

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A special purpose or intention can be noted on the memo line.

## Job Openings:

APPLY NOW

We are seeking two Part-Time Assistants.

This "on call" role will help manage the daily activities when the regular team is unavailable.

Contact: [laura.gibson@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:laura.gibson@portlanddiocese.org)

# Liturgical and Sacramental Life

Penny Wolfe, Pastoral Life Coordinator - [Penny.Wolfe@PortlandDiocese.org](mailto:Penny.Wolfe@PortlandDiocese.org)  
Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Music, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers

## Baptisms

If you are planning to have a child baptized, please call the Parish Office, two months prior to the birth for preparation and scheduling purposes.

## Weddings

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.

## Funerals

The priests and parish staff are here to help, please call the parish office at (207) 236-4785 for funeral planning preparations for your loved one.

## Daily Readings

**Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

A half hour before weekend Masses or by appointment. Priests are also available during Adoration (schedule on front page of bulletin).

## Anointing, Communion to Homebound

Please reach out if you or a loved one is in need of Anointing of the Sick. Communion can also be brought on Sundays to those who can no longer attend the Celebration of the Mass in person.

## Liturgical Music Coordinators

Joani Mitchell, Our Lady of Good Hope  
Barbara Hendricks, St. Bernard  
Elisabeth Parker, St. Francis



# Parish News and Upcoming Events

**Bulletin Submissions** - [Jacqueline.Biddle@PortlandDiocese.org](mailto:Jacqueline.Biddle@PortlandDiocese.org)

**Parish Weekly Email** - [Penny.Wolfe@PortlandDiocese.org](mailto:Penny.Wolfe@PortlandDiocese.org)

## Parish Picnic

**SAVE THE DATE!** St. Brendan's Annual Parish Picnic will take place at the Camden Snow Bowl on **September 7th -12:30pm**. Hope to see you there! If you would like to volunteer on the planning committee please contact the office or Paula.Williamson@PortlandDiocese.org.



## Parish Pilgrimage

Join us **September 19<sup>th</sup>** as we visit the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul (Lewiston), a holy door in our diocese, as part of the Jubilee Year of Hope. During this pilgrimage, you will get a tour of the basilica, the celebration of the Mass, and the opportunity to eat together. Carpooling will be available, please see sign up for more details! You can sign up by visiting our Parish webpage at: [StBrendanParish.net/jubilee](http://StBrendanParish.net/jubilee)



## Hospitality

Join us after Mass on the first Sunday (StB/StF) or the second Sunday (OLGH) of each month for food and fellowship. The Knights also host a monthly breakfast at St. Bernard (last Sunday of the month) and St. Francis (third Sunday of the month). Please join us!



## Lobster Raffle

The Limerock Council of the Knights of Columbus will conduct a Lobster raffle to **benefit Seminarians and Religious in Maine**. There will be four chances to win a prize of 10 one-and-a-half pound lobsters delivered in the local area. Tickets will be sold at St. Bernard and OLGH after Mass on the weekends of **July 19/20, July 26/27 & Aug. 2/3**. The drawing will be held on Aug. 3rd. Suggested donation is \$1 per ticket or \$5 for a book of six tickets.

**Thank you in advance for your support!**



## Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all who have given generously! Our latest report:

\$62,506  
raised

\$88,073

90%

If you haven't had the time yet, please consider making a gift or pledge amount using the envelopes in the pew or the QR code below. For more information on the Catholic Appeal, the supported ministries, and how funds are used, please visit: <https://portlanddiocese.org/giving>



# Office of Faith Formation

Jacqueline Biddle, Parish Catechetical Leader - [Jacqueline.Biddle@PortlandDiocese.org](mailto:Jacqueline.Biddle@PortlandDiocese.org)

Faith Formation: Youth and Adult, OCIA, Sacrament Prep

Jennifer Parker - St. Francis' Faith Formation Coordinator

Rachel Vallance - St. Bernard's Faith Formation Coordinator

## Youth Summer Activities

### Vacation Bible School at OLGH

Campers: PK-5<sup>th</sup> Graders.

Volunteers: 6th-adult

July 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> (9am-12pm)



### Soccer Sundays at True Park

Children of all ages are welcomed to join the priests in a game of soccer and fellowship!

August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 2pm



### Altar Server Training

New and current servers invited to all three important and fun sessions

August 1<sup>st</sup> - 6pm (St. B)

Blindfolded Ice Cream Party

August 8<sup>th</sup> - 6pm (OLGH)

Sacramental Scavenger Hunt

August 15<sup>th</sup> - 9am (St. F)

Do-nut Slouch at the Altar



### Blast with the Bishop

Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's (Houlton, ME)

Registration Fee \$25/family



## OCIA

### Thinking about becoming Catholic?

Please contact the parish office to set up an appointment, ask questions, or obtain information on our upcoming OCIA program this fall. We will also have Inquiry Nights at the parish this summer - a no pressure, gathering where you can meet some people, ask questions, and come back for more or decide if this is the right time for you to inquire further. Details coming soon!

## Faith Formation Volunteers

Passionate about helping the next generation learn more about their faith? Consider joining our team of catechists! We are busy planning our **2025-2026 Faith Formation School Year** and would love to talk to you about ways that you can be involved as one of the many volunteers that share the love of our Catholic faith with children

**PK - High School.** All volunteers working with children are required to follow our Safety Environment protocols, including a background check, participating in Protecting God's Children, and following up with monthly Virtus bulletins that provide information on the safety and well-being of our parish children. These steps, provided by our diocese, help ensure the best environment for our youth.



## Adult Faith Formation

### Summer Men's Group Series:

#### Catholicism: The Pivotal Players

That Man is You is on break for the summer, but please enjoy our Summer Men's Group Series

on **Saturday mornings at 8:00am at Our Lady of Good Hope** to view and discuss the Bishop Robert Barron series on twelve pivotal people who personally demonstrated the dynamics of the Christian faith in their distinct time and place.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup>. **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](mailto:FSCGStB@gmail.com) if you would like to join a group or to receive further information.

## Streaming Service

Watch, listen and read **FREE** movies, audiobooks, audio dramas, talks, programs and teachings on your phone, iPads, electronic notebooks, and smart TVs with our parish subscription!

- Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) on a web browser
- Choose Formed for Parishes
- Choose Find Your Parish Subscription
- Under Create a New Account in the box, put in zip code of 04843
- Choose St. Brendan the Navigator, Camden, ME.
- 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.

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## Vocations

**"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her." (Luke 10:41-42)** Consider prioritizing time with God, following Mary's example. Are you being called to dedicate your life to prayer and service in the Church as a consecrated religious? 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).

# Get Involved - Parish Ministries

Contact information for each ministry can be found below.

If you would like your ministry featured, please contact the Parish Office.

## 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 at each church weekly.

### Weekly Event: Peaceful Prayer Vigil

Fridays @ Belfast Family Planning.

Your support and presence are needed!

Contact: Edward Jones - mgtdocean@gmail.com

Paulette Spera - Paulette.spera@gmail.com

### Do you recall?

On November 4, 2024, our Bishop, Most Reverend James Ruggieri, published a letter to the future 47th President of the U.S. in which he spoke of the sanctity of human life. Here is that excerpt from his letter, which you may have read in our parish bulletin:

*As a Roman Catholic, I believe in the inviolable dignity of the human person. I believe that we are loved unconditionally by God. No person is a mistake, as unintended his/her pregnancy may be. Please reconsider your position on abortion. Abortion is eroding our nation's soul. Abortion hurts the babies in the womb and the women and men who choose to abort their babies.*

- Auspice Maria: A Letter to the Future President

### The Remarkable Beginnings of Life

Scan the QR code below to follow the journey of a human person from the moment of conception, the very same journey we all took.



Did you know? Part 8, coming soon

**Our Lady of Guadalupe,**  
Pray for an end to abortion.

## St. Bernard Soup Kitchen

For the week of July 7th, we provided the following meals.

M - 45 , T - 59 , W - 65 , T - 72 , F - 60

Thank you to everyone who supports our Soup Kitchen through volunteering and financial support. Everyone is welcome to come down and see the good work we do. Thank you  
Rich Norman 691 6400

## 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



## 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 KOC 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meets every other month rotating the meeting place among all three churches. Please contact Faithful Navigator Gregg Turley at (702) 408-5996 for more information.

**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

## GBAM Food Cupboard - Belfast

St. Francis of Assisi has a bin for collecting canned and boxed food donations for the GBAM Food Cupboard. Thank you for donations of cereal, canned meats, soups, peanut butter & jelly, as well as adult diapers.



## Food Pantry - Camden



The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry will be collecting **canned tuna** for the month of July. Please place items in the bin at the entrance of Cote Hall at Our Lady of Good Hope.

## OLGH - Women's Club

The Women's Club at Our Lady of Good Hope meets in Cote Hall at 1:00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from April to December. All the women of the parish are invited to come to our meetings as we plan fundraisers for scholarships, have social activities, guest speakers, and demonstrations of crafts.

Contact: Pat Gibbons - (207) 785-6149



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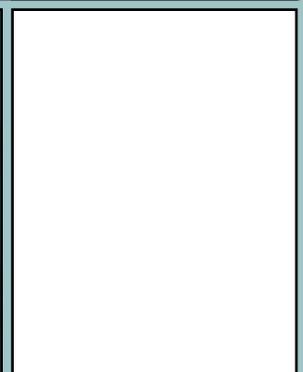
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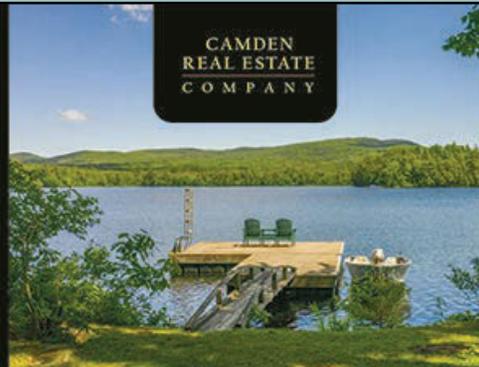
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# Growing with the Gospel

Color, listen, ask questions!

If you would like to receive a weekly children's bulletin, please email [Jacqueline.Biddle@PortlandDiocese.org](mailto:Jacqueline.Biddle@PortlandDiocese.org)

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 10:38-42

## PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

journey woman listening Martha chosen  
village Mary serving anxious better

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## MISSION

Ask your family to join you in reading the Bible or praying at meal time.

# Updated Diocesan Norms for the Reception of Holy Communion

### Ending the practice of presenting the pyx at the Communion Line:

Though it does not happen as often in our parish, it has been the practice for some to present a pyx in the Communion line in order to receive a host to bring to the homebound. No later than July 31, 2025, this will no longer be allowed. To arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to a loved one, please call the parish office or email [penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org) and we will arrange a way for your loved one to receive Communion from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the homebound on Sundays.

### Low-Gluten Hosts:

The parish will continue to provide low-gluten hosts as it is no longer necessary, nor will be accepted, for the faithful to bring their own low-gluten host. For those wishing to receive a low-gluten host, please see the Sacristan before Mass to arrange this.

## Catholic Vocabulary

### Do you know what a PYX is? (Pronounced "PIX")

Any metal box or vessel in which the Blessed Sacrament is kept or carried. The term is more aptly applied to the small, round metal case (usually gold-plated) that is used by a priest to carry a few hosts on his visitation to the sick. However, the larger ciborium is also called a pyx. (Etym. Greek puxis, box).

You can read more on [Catholicculture.com](http://Catholicculture.com).



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## Office Hours

- Monday - 8:30-3:30
- Tuesday - 8:30-3:30
- Wednesday - 8:30-12:00
- Thursday - 8:30-3:30
- Friday - closed

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